

# Media Release

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Minister for Child Protection  
Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers



**DELIVERING  
FOR ALL VICTORIANS**

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## GRANTS NOW OPEN TO HELP VICTORIANS WITH A DISABILITY

Organisations across regional Victoria are invited to apply for one-off grants to build up the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) workforce so it can best meet the needs of Victorians with a disability.

The Andrews Labor Government is providing \$1.3 million to the Victorian Regional Readiness Fund for grants of up to \$130,000 each.

These grants will help deliver services to regional and rural communities, generate local solutions to workforce issues and better support the choices of people with a disability on the NDIS.

The funding will help address the particular challenges faced by rural and regional Victoria in transitioning to the NDIS, including recruiting qualified staff such as therapists and other specialists, and managing services across large areas with small populations.

Applications for grants are welcome from not-for-profit services, community groups, businesses, higher education and training institutions, local government and other organisations.

For the grant guidelines and application form, go to: <https://dhhs.vic.gov.au/news/grants-open-help-victoria-ndis-readiness>

Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday 12 June 2019.

The Labor Government is investing a total of \$26 million to boost and support Victoria's disability workforce as the state transitions to the NDIS.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Luke Donnellan

*"These grants will help rural and regional areas with the transition to the NDIS, building capacity and strengthening the workforce in these areas."*

*"This is another fantastic initiative delivered by the Andrews Labor Government, which will help support Victoria's disability service providers and their highly-skilled workers, through the NDIS transition."*