

Media Release

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INVESTING IN ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

The Andrews Labor Government is supporting Aboriginal organisations by helping fund new building projects, repair works or maintenance.

Aboriginal groups are invited to apply for the third round of the \$14.6 million *Aboriginal Community Infrastructure Program*, delivering the facilities and equipment they need to support their communities.

Groups can apply under three different categories for grants of up to \$1.5 million, for projects ranging from small electrical or plumbing repairs, to the construction of additional buildings or carparks.

Up to \$50,000 is available for organisations that want to conduct a feasibility study investigating areas for infrastructure growth. One group successfully received a grant to assess the feasibility of running a boarding house program out of an existing facility.

Boosting Aboriginal community infrastructure is a vital part of self-determination and improving social and economic development for Aboriginal Victorians.

In the two previous rounds, \$8.7 million has been invested for 39 Aboriginal groups across the state.

Applications for round three are now open and will close at 2pm, Monday, 9 September. More information is available at go.vic.gov.au/acip19.

Quotes attributable to Acting Minister for Aboriginal Affairs James Merlino

“We want to strengthen Aboriginal organisations so they have the facilities and services they need to support their communities – this is vital work.”

“I encourage Aboriginal groups to consider what might make their work easier, or how they might expand their services – and apply for funding.”