DELIVERING FOR LGBTIQ+ VICTORIANS

2020-21 VICTORIAN BUDGET

The Hon. Martin Foley MP Minister for Equality

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2020-21 INVESTMENT IN EQUALITY

A FURTHER \$3 MILLION SUPPORTS COVID-19 RECOVERY FOR LGBTIQ+ COMMUNITIES



\$2 million to establish the new LGBTIQ+ Sector Economic Recovery Grants program

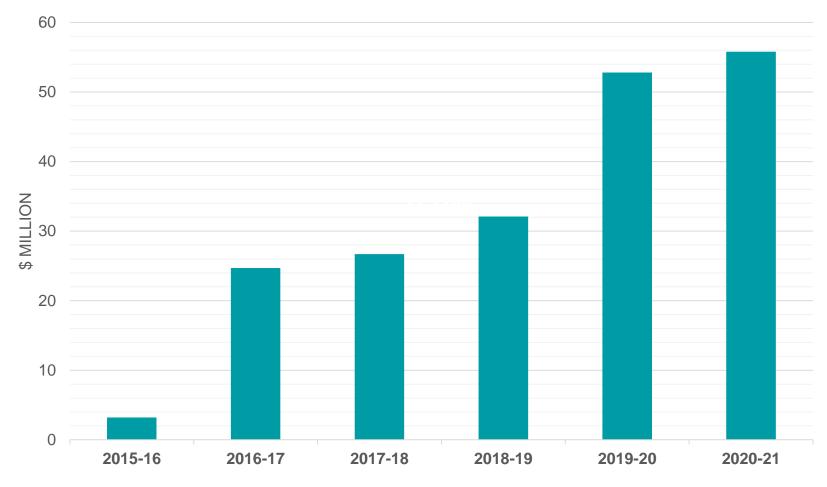


\$1 million to continue the LGBTIQ+ Community Grants program

LGBTIQ+ COVID-19 PRIORITY INITIATIVES

- \$729,000 in targeted funding from the existing 2019-20 and 2020-21 Equality portfolio budget to well established LGBTIQ+ organisations to support LGBTIQ+ communities impacted by COVID-19. Organisations included JOY 94.9, Switchboard Victoria, Drummond Street Services, Thorne Harbour Health, Celebrate Ageing and Pride Cup.
- Nine initiatives support LGBTIQ+ communities through providing emergency, financial and housing assistance, counselling and support services, social and community connection and health and wellbeing resources online.

WE HAVE DEMONSTRATED OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS



CUMULATIVE INVESTMENT FROM 2015-16

PROGRESS TOWARDS ACHIEVING EQUALITY IN 2020

DELIVERING ON REFORMS AND INITIATIVES TO IMPROVE EQUALITY IN VICTORIA – KEY HIGHLIGHTS

> Delivered priority initiatives to support LGBTIQ+ Victorians during the COVID-19 pandemic

Increased mental health support for LGBTIQ+

> communities through Switchboard Victoria, including the establishment of Rainbow Door

Implemented **birth certificate reforms**, with more than

340 people applying to have their registration changed since May 2020

Established the **third LGBTIQ+ Taskforce**, including

the introduction of associate members to represent Aboriginal, intersex and rural and regional communities

Expanded support for rural and regional LGBTIQ+

> pride events and festivals, including adapting activities in line with COVID-19 restrictions



CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY

2020-21 KEY PRIORITIES INCLUDE DELIVERING ON OUR ELECTION COMMITMENTS



1. OPEN THE VICTORIAN PRIDE CENTRE

Opening of Australia's largest LGBTIQ+ community hub, which brings together LGBTIQ+ communities to support Victoria's recovery from COVID-19

2. DELIVER ON OUR COMMITMENT TO BAN CHANGE OR SUPPRESSION PRACTICES

Passing the bill in Parliament to ban harmful LGBTQ+ change and suppression practices in Victoria.

3. SUPPORT RECOVERY AND BUILD A VIBRANT LGBTIQ+ SECTOR

Implementing new programs which support the economic and social recovery of the LGBTIQ+ sector, commencing the new family counselling service for LGBTIQ+ Victorians, and launching the EOI process to establish the LGBTIQ+ homelessness program.

4. RELEASE THE WHOLE OF VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT LGBTIQ+ STRATEGY

Finalising and releasing the first whole of Victorian Government LGBTIQ+ Strategy to provide a coordinated and ambitious approach to Victoria's commitment to achieve equality.

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