

Reimagining Health: A VicHealth Partnership Grant

What's on offer?

Apply for grants of up to **\$3,000**, up to **\$10,000** or up to **\$50,000** for local and community-led ideas and solutions that support the health and wellbeing of Victorians.

These grants allow funded partners to respond and adapt to emerging priorities in ever-changing physical and social environments.

Ideas can be brand new, or an expansion of existing work that will support priority population groups.

Priority population groups and idea focus areas

We are accepting applications that support better health and wellbeing for:

- Victorian children and young people (aged 0-25); and/or
- Victorian population groups fighting an uphill battle: those experiencing disadvantage or barriers to enjoying a healthy life.

All applications should focus on at least *one of the following themes*:

- Increasing access to healthy and affordable food
- Finding ways to get people more physically active
- Building meaningful social connection for those experiencing isolation or loneliness

Detailed information about the priority population groups, idea focus areas and why these groups and areas are the focus for this grant round will be available via the [Reimagining Health funding web page](#).

Who can apply?

Community, sporting, cultural, recreational, creative and other not-for-profit organisations planning to undertake activity in Victoria are encouraged to apply.

To be eligible, organisations must have an active Australian Business Number (ABN) and be registered as one of the following organisation types:

- Incorporated body (legal name commonly includes 'Association' or 'Cooperative' or 'Inc.')
- Company limited by guarantee (legal name commonly includes 'Ltd.')
- Victorian Local Government Entity

Please see VicHealth's [Information for all applicants](#) for more general eligibility conditions.

Not eligible: Organisations with links to tobacco industry, individual/sole trader business types, for-profit organisations and government entities (except Victorian Local Government) are *not eligible* to apply.

Important dates

Milestone	Date
Applications open for six weeks	Wednesday 16 September to Tuesday 27 October 2020
Applications under assessment	Rolling eligibility checks and assessments from 30 September to late November
Funding notifications	Rolling notifications for successful applications from mid-October to late-November. All applicants notified of outcome by 30 November
Delivery of funded ideas	From 1 December 2020 Projects must be delivered before 30 November 2021

Funding is available for essential goods or services directly relating to your idea. This may include:

- Equipment, materials or other items (including sporting equipment and uniforms)
- Participant or volunteer support expenses, including costs to reduce barriers to participation
- Short-term project staffing or sub-contracting
- Organisational capacity-building that will contribute to sustained benefit to the community

Funding is not available for:

- Equipment, materials, staffing costs or overheads not directly related to implementation of the idea
- Health service delivery, early intervention, treatment, rehabilitation or prevention of specific diseases
- Reimbursement for expenses already incurred, or funded by another source
- Infrastructure, capital works or purchase of land
- One-off events, fundraising or activities with no sustained benefit to participants or community
- Tertiary education qualifications
- Activities better placed for support through more suitable local, state or federal funding sources

If you're from an eligible org but not sure if these grants are for you, we encourage you to go for it!

Applications are much simpler than they have been before and you'll know the result by 30 November at the latest, so there's little time wasted.

Your application

The application form has been kept as brief as possible to make it easy to apply. No attachments are required, and it can take as little as 30 minutes to complete if you have the following information ready to go:

- Organisation details, including ABN and organisation type
- Contact details for the application (day-to-day contact) and authorised contact (head of the organisation)
- Project title and brief idea statement (3 sentences)
- Description of what will change in your community as a result of your idea (5-6 sentences)
- List of activities you will do with the funding, or items you will purchase, to enable you to create the change
- Project location – an address that best represents the actual location of funded activity
- Victorian local government area or areas that the project will benefit
- Start and end date of your project
- Funding amount you need from VicHealth to implement your idea

Note: if applying for over \$35,000 we require a declaration of any current, planned or past 12-month relationships with food, sugary drink, alcohol or gambling industries. This does not affect your eligibility to apply, but declarations will be assessed by VicHealth for potential risk. Review VicHealth's [Harmful Industry Relationship Funding and Procurement Policy](#) for more information on the types of relationships that need to be declared.

Applying for a grant

1. Read these guidelines thoroughly and make use of the links provided
2. Complete a basic plan for your idea and work out how much funding you need from VicHealth
3. Register and log in to the new [VicHealth Stakeholder Portal](#) from 9:00am on 16 September. Click *My Opportunities* and select the application form: *Reimagining Health Grants*. Click the arrow and 'Apply Now'.
4. Fill out the online application form. If you are unable to complete the form in one session, you may click *Save & resume later* to pause. When it suits you, log back into the Portal, navigate to *My Applications, Draft applications*, click the arrow and select 'edit' to resume your application.
5. Submit your completed application form no later than 11:59pm Tuesday 27 October 2020. You will receive an email to confirm your application has been received. Once submitted, your application cannot be changed.

Hot tip: Submit in September or by mid-October for early assessment of applications. If not immediately successful, your application will be carried through to subsequent assessments. If successful, you may be notified and receive funds ahead of those who wait until the application bottleneck on the closing date. So apply ASAP!

Assessment and funding conditions

A team comprising VicHealth staff and external assessors will perform an initial assessment and shortlist applications based on how they meet the program aims and assessment criteria.

To be eligible for assessment, the primary focus of the idea must directly align with a priority group and focus area listed on the front page of these guidelines.

Eligible applications will be scored against three main criteria:

- **Impact:** The vision for change is clear and has potential to create health and wellbeing impact in the short, medium or long-term
- **Feasibility:** Activities are appropriate, link clearly to the vision for change, and are feasible within the intended timeline
- **Value for money:** Funding amount requested is realistic and represents value for money.

An Advisory Panel will review shortlisted applications and recommend ideas that have the best collective potential to achieve the intended Partnership Grant outcomes.

Grants are ultimately approved by the VicHealth CEO and will be awarded based on a combination of factors including application merit, community need, value for money and distribution of grants across Victorian population groups, geographic areas and project types.

Importantly, VicHealth Partnership Grants are extremely competitive, and we expect to receive far more eligible applications than can be funded. Due to such high volumes, many applicants will be unsuccessful. Generalised feedback will be provided on notification to unsuccessful applicants; however, we are unable to provide individualised feedback.

Working with VicHealth

Successful organisations will be required to:

- **Enter into an Agreement** with VicHealth and satisfy any conditions of funding which will be detailed in a Letter of Offer (up to \$10,000) or Funding Agreement (above \$10,000).
- Provide **bank account** details for payment of funds.
- Adopt **COVID-safe** methods for carrying out your idea, be flexible in approach, and if any COVID-related dangers or incidents arise, let VicHealth know as soon as possible.
- Maintain adequate **insurance cover**, including professional indemnity or public liability insurance, for the purpose of this project and agree to provide insurance certificates if requested by VicHealth.
- **Publicly acknowledge** VicHealth's support throughout the partnership period using approved logos and text.
- **Permit** VicHealth to share images or samples of your project in our reporting or social media activities.
- **Meet basic reporting requirements**, including a progress and/or final report and financial acquittal at the end of the project. These will be part of your Agreement and VicHealth will supply a template so you can let us know what you did with the funding and how it went.

Questions?

If these guidelines and links within are not clear, more information can be found in our recorded online briefing and FAQs which you'll find on the [Reimagining Health funding web page](#). You can submit a question via the VicHealth Stakeholder Portal after you've registered, or get in touch at partnershipgrants@vichealth.vic.gov.au

Note: Due to volume of enquiries and in fairness to all applicants we cannot provide feedback on individual ideas. If your organisation is eligible to apply, and you think your idea meets the intention of the grants – please submit!



If you require translation in other languages, you can let us know by:

- Calling TIS National on 131 450 and asking them to call VicHealth on (03) 9667 1333
- Calling us using your preferred interpreter on (03) 9667 1333
- Emailing us at partnershipgrants@vichealth.vic.gov.au

Help for people with hearing or speech difficulties

Contact VicHealth through the National Relay Service (NRS). For more information, visit the NRS website (communications.gov.au/accesshub/nrs) to choose your preferred access point or call the NRS Helpdesk on 1800 555 660. This is a free service.

Our business hours are 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).