

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 Victorian communities in their journey to building back better from the impacts of coronavirus and Victorian bushfires.

Deliver your ideas between July 2021 and June 2022.

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

What are the priority population groups and idea focus areas?

VicHealth is accepting applications that support better health and wellbeing for:

- Victorian children and young people (aged 0-25), including families; and/or
- Victorian population groups facing the greatest barriers to reaching their full health potential because of socially determined circumstances such as income, cultural background, gender, disability or where they live.

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

Healthy and affordable food:	Local solutions that address gaps in the food system exposed by coronavirus, to build a sustainable food system that ensures all Victorians have access to healthy and affordable food.
Meaningful social connection:	Local solutions that create ongoing and meaningful social connection opportunities.
Physical activity:	Increasing opportunities for sport and active recreation whether it be through structured activities (teams and competitions) or supporting unstructured activities (social sport and encouraging people to walk, run, ride and skate).

Applicants should review the supporting information available on the [Reimagining Health website](#) to understand the priority population groups, and focus areas or themes, in greater detail.

Important dates

Milestone	Date
Applications open	Wednesday 3 March 2021, 9am
Applications close	Tuesday 23 March 2021, 2pm
Funding notifications	All applicants to be notified of outcome by 30 June 2021
Funded activity	Between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022

Who can apply?

Eligible applicants

VicHealth wants to hear from a range of eligible local organisations who can support Victorians hardest hit by the health and wellbeing impacts of coronavirus and Victorian bushfires.

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

Eligible applicants

Organisation type	Eligible to apply?	Requirements
Incorporated Association	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABN • Registration number with Consumer Affairs Victoria
Company Limited by Guarantee	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABN • ACN (Australian Company Number)
Victorian Local Government Entity	<u>Yes</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABN
Social Enterprise, Not for Profit	Yes*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Eligible only if registered as Incorporated Association or Company limited by guarantee. See requirements above.
Auspice organisation	Yes*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *Eligible if registered as Incorporated Association, Company limited by guarantee or Victorian Local Government entity. See requirements above.

Auspice applications

Ineligible applicants with an idea for funding may apply through an auspice arrangement. An auspice arrangement involves partnership with an eligible organisation (Auspice). The Auspice takes legal and financial responsibility for the grant, receiving and distributing the funding, while grant activities can be delivered by the otherwise ineligible partner (Project Delivery Organisation). Written confirmation of the arrangement between the Auspice and Project Delivery Organisation must be attached to the application.

What can funding be used for?

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 e.g. upskilling staff in short courses
- Minor capital works, infrastructure (including IT infrastructure), building works or assets, not exceeding 20% of the total grant value*
- Modification of existing environment or infrastructure to support delivery of COVID-safe project activity, not exceeding 20% of the total grant value*.

* purchase must directly facilitate the outcomes of the idea/project/activity. Review FAQs on the [Reimagining Health website](#) for more.

Funding is not available for:

- Equipment, materials, staffing costs or overheads **not directly related** to implementation of the idea
- Purchase of land
- Health service delivery, early intervention, treatment, rehabilitation or prevention of specific diseases
- Reimbursement for expenses already incurred, or funded by another source
- One-off events, fundraising or activities (note: events that support the delivery of an idea are permitted, however events delivered in isolation and without connection to other health promotion activities are not eligible for funding)
- Tertiary level education qualifications, e.g. enrolment costs of a diploma or degree at the tertiary level
- Activities better placed for support through more suitable local, state or federal funding sources
- Projects that support activities where the head is a deliberate target or where activity involves striking or kicking another individual with intent to injure
- Applications with 20% or more of the total grant budget allocated to capital works, infrastructure (including IT infrastructure), building works, or assets.

How to apply

1. Visit the [Reimagining Health website](#):

- Read supporting information
- Download the **Reimagining Health Application Drafting Tool** from the [Reimagining Health website](#) to review application questions, draft your application and collaborate on it with colleagues
- Download the **Budget Template** (all applications) and **Work Plan Template** (applications over \$10k only)

2. Submit your application online via the **VicHealth Stakeholder Portal**, which can be accessed from the [Reimagining Health website](#).

- A completed **Budget** must be uploaded with all applications
- A completed **Work Plan** must be uploaded with applications over \$10,000
- If applying under an auspice arrangement, please review the **Reimagining Health Application Drafting Tool**, available from the [Reimagining Health website](#), for specific instructions on how to enter information on your auspice arrangement
- See the [Reimagining Health website](#) for Stakeholder Portal support, including FAQs, how to guides, and log-in/IT assistance

Note for applicants applying for over \$35,000: a declaration of any current, planned or past 12-month relationships with food, sugary drink, alcohol or gambling industries is required by VicHealth. This declaration 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.

Assessment process

A team comprising VicHealth staff and external assessors will score and shortlist applications based on how they meet the assessment criteria. To be eligible for assessment, the primary focus of the idea **must** directly align with one or more priority groups, **and** one or more focus areas listed on the front page of these guidelines.

Eligible applications will be scored against the following assessment criteria:

- **Community need:** Does the idea address a demonstrated need in the community and is the proposal driven by insights into the chosen priority population group?
- **Vision for change:** Is the intended outcome clear and can health and wellbeing outcomes be directly linked to the project activity or purchases funded by a *Reimagining Health* grant?
- **Capacity to deliver:** Are the proposed activities or purchases appropriate and feasible within the intended timeline? Is the organisation well placed to deliver the idea?
- **Impact:** How many people will the project reach? Will your project have an ongoing impact?
- **Value for money:** Does the idea represent overall value for money?

Grants will be awarded based on a combination of factors including application merit, community need and distribution of funds across Victorian population groups, geographic areas and project types. Funding recommendations made by the Advisory Panel will be subject to VicHealth CEO approval.

Importantly, VicHealth 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 – including Auspice organisations, if applicable – 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)
- Accept funds via Electronic Funds Transfer
- Ensure all activities are delivered using **COVID-safe** methods and if any COVID-related dangers or incidents arise, let VicHealth know as soon as possible.
- Maintain and hold all necessary and adequate **insurance cover** for the purpose of this project. For grants \$10,001 and above, agree to provide insurance certificates if requested by VicHealth including:
 - Certificate of Currency for **public liability** insurance of at least \$2,000,000
 - Certificate of Currency for Workers Compensation (**WorkCover**) or letter from WorkSafe providing an exemption
 - If the idea involves people under 18 years of age, all persons involved in the delivery of the idea must comply with the *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005 (Vic)*, and *Working with Children Act 2005 (Vic)*
 - Other insurance as directed by VicHealth
 - If insurance is not currently held, commit to purchasing all necessary insurances before commencing the project
- **Participate in an evaluation** if requested to do so by VicHealth. Participation in the evaluation may include involvement of the funded organisation, partner organisations or project participants.
- **Publicly acknowledge** VicHealth's support in all public communications about funded idea 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 all templates so you can let us know what you did with the funding and how it went.

Questions?

Please review the [Reimagining Health](#) website for up to date information about this funding opportunity. To speak with someone at VicHealth, you can submit a question via the VicHealth Stakeholder Portal, or you can get in touch via email at partnershipgrants@vichealth.vic.gov.au.

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

Note: Due to volume of enquiries, and in fairness to all applicants we **cannot provide feedback on individual ideas or provide advice**. If your organisation is eligible to apply, and you think your idea meets the intention of this grant – 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.



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VicHealth is committed to health equity, which means levelling the playing field between people who can easily access good health and people who face barriers, to achieve the highest level of health for *everyone*.



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VicHealth acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land. We pay our respects to all Elders past, present and future.