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SUPPORTING VICTORIAN BUSINESSES THROUGH LOCKDOWN

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) a range of new supports to bolster communities and businesses most affected by the current restrictions.

An injection of \$282.5 million means 90,000 businesses and sole traders will now share in up to \$484.3 million in support for the 12 days of the current restrictions.

In summary:

- Eligible Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 recipients will receive \$4,200, taking total payment to \$7,200.
- Eligible Business Costs Assistance Package Round Two recipients will receive \$2,800, taking total payment to \$4,800.
- Businesses that had not previously applied, or have become eligible to apply, will be welcome to apply for July lockdown support payments and will be considered outside the automatic top-up process.
- The vast majority of microbusinesses not registered for GST will be eligible for the Commonwealth Government *COVID-19 Disaster Payment* of \$600/\$375 per seven-day period. Our department will establish a concierge service to help these businesses access support.
- Alpine businesses that were eligible for grants of up to \$15,000 will receive an extra \$3,000 through a fresh \$1.2 million injection, on top of any entitlements under the Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 or Business Costs Assistance Package Round Two.
- Eligible public events and public events suppliers affected by lockdown will receive support of up to \$25,000 and \$10,000 respectively through an extension of the Impacted Public Events Support Program.
- A new round of Live Performance Support programs will provide up to \$7,000 for presenters and up to \$2,000 for suppliers.
- The Sporting Clubs Grants Program will provide \$2,000 grants for community sport and active recreation organisations for events unable to proceed.
- The Victorian Government has provided almost \$7 billion in direct economic support for businesses over the course of the pandemic, including more than \$500 million through the May/June restrictions period. Some \$180 million was paid on 19 and 20 July 2021 to more than 86,000 Victorian businesses eligible for the first five days of the current lockdown.

Regards

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