

Information Session

Free from Violence Local Government Program (2023-26)

Tuesday, September 5, 2023



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country
throughout Victoria and pay respects to their Elders past
and present

What will be covered today?

- **Background**
- **Program snapshot** - project objectives and partnerships
- **Eligibility** - eligible organisations, ineligible organisations and funded activities
- **Co-contribution**
- **Assessment** - criteria and assessment
- **How to apply** – application checklist and key dates
- **Questions**

Background

- The Victorian Government launched the first round of the Local Government Program (2022 – 2025) in December 2021, with successful recipients announced in April 2022.
- The *Local government guide for preventing family violence and all forms of violence* was launched in May 2023.
- The reach of the program's second round will expand from 15 to 25 councils, resulting in the program and guide being implemented in a third of all Victorian councils – **10 new councils will receive funding in this grant round.**

Program objectives

- Support Victorian councils through the community programs and services they deliver, to prevent family violence and all forms of violence against women.
- Increase awareness and understanding across Victorian councils and their communities of the drivers of family violence and all forms of violence against women, and how to stop this violence before it starts.
- Test the appropriateness, useability and effectiveness of the guide as a tool to support councils to implement and embed a whole-of-council approach to preventing family violence and all forms of violence against women.

Program snapshot



Characteristics of a whole-of-council approach to primary prevention

Shared understanding
of purpose and goals

Leadership
commitment

Organisational fluency
in primary prevention



Councils' domains of influence

Council as a
workplace

Council as a
service provider

Council as a
connector

Councillors as leaders
and decision-makers

Focus areas for implementation (examples)



Critical elements required for successful primary prevention

- a. Internal communication and engagement
- b. Community communication and engagement
- c. Aboriginal self-determination
- d. Applying intersectional practice and inclusion of diverse groups
- e. Inclusion of people with lived experience
- f. Anticipation and response to resistance and backlash
- g. Connection to the response sector and support for victim-survivors
- h. Support from specialists
- i. Internal and external partnerships

Partnerships

- **Family Safety Victoria**, Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, manages and funds the program.
- **Local Government Victoria**, Department of Government Services, administers the grants process and oversees funding agreements with successful applicants.
- The **Municipal Association of Victoria** provides implementation support to funded councils, and support to Victoria's 79 councils more broadly.
- **Victorian councils**

Eligibility

Category A	Category B	Category C	Category D
Metro and interface councils	Regional councils	Large rural councils	Small rural councils
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banyule • Bayside • Boroondara • Cardinia • Darebin • Frankston • Glen Eira • Greater Dandenong • Hobsons Bay • Kingston • Knox • Manningham • Maribyrnong • Moonee Valley • Merri-bek • Mornington Peninsula • Nillumbik • Port Phillip • Stonnington • Whitehorse • Whittlesea • Wyndham • Yarra 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballarat • Greater Geelong • Greater Shepparton • Horsham • Latrobe • Warrnambool • Wodonga 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baw Baw • Campaspe • Colac-Otway • Corangamite • East Gippsland • Glenelg • Golden Plains • Macedon Ranges • Moira • Moorabool • Mount Alexander • Moyne • South Gippsland • Southern Grampians • Surf Coast • Swan Hill • Wellington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alpine • Ararat • Benalla • Buloke • Central Goldfields • Gannawarra • Hepburn • Hindmarsh • Indigo • Loddon • Mansfield • Pyrenees • Queenscliffe • Strathbogie • Towong • West Wimmera • Yarriambiack

Co-contribution

Year	State contribution	Council: Total required council contribution	Council: Minimum monetary requirement	Council: Remaining contribution that can be in-kind or monetary	Total program value
Category A					
1	\$87,500	\$12,500	\$3,125	\$9,375	\$100,000
2	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$6,250	\$18,750	\$100,000
3	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$12,500	\$37,500	\$100,000
Category B					
1	\$100,000	\$0	n/a	n/a	\$100,000
2	\$83,000	\$17,000	\$4,250	\$12,750	\$100,000
3	\$67,000	\$33,000	\$8,250	\$24,750	\$100,000
Category C					
1	\$100,000	\$0	n/a	n/a	\$100,000
2	\$87,500	\$12,500	\$3,125	\$9,375	\$100,000
3	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$6,250	\$18,750	\$100,000
Category D					
1	\$100,000	\$0	n/a	n/a	\$100,000
2	\$90,000	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$100,000
3	\$80,000	\$20,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$100,000

Eligible program activities

Activities that **can** be funded through the program include:

- **Staffing**, including hiring new staff or extending the contracted hours of existing staff
- **Activity costs** associated with delivering training, workshops, or community events
- 5 to 10% of **overhead costs** associated with implementing activities

Activities that **cannot** be funded through the program include:

- Activities occurring **outside of the funding period**
- **Existing staff salaries**, although extending hours of existing staff can be funded
- Activities **without a primary prevention focus** – see Questions and answers for comprehensive list
- Interstate or international travel

The Gender Equality Act 2020

- There will inevitably be some cross over in the activities that councils are carrying out as part of meeting their obligations under the **Gender Equality Act** and activities that councils may wish to carry out as part of this grant program.
- Funds from this grant program should only be used on activities that have a **primary prevention focus** and aim to address the drivers of family violence and all forms of violence against women as outlined in Change the Story.
- You may wish to draw on data and learning from workplace gender audits to inform the work your councils undertake as part of this grant program, implement existing actions in the GEAP, or undertake or support GIAs **as long as these activities have a primary prevention focus**.
- Funding should not be used for staff to lead workplace gender audits, Gender Equality Action Plans (GEAPs), progress reporting, nor to coordinate Gender Impact Assessments (GIAs) across council.

Assessment

All applications will be assessed against set criteria and reviewed by a panel with expertise in primary prevention of family violence and all forms of violence against women, and expertise in local government contexts.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate all submissions and determine successful grant recipients:

1.	Demonstrated understanding of current capabilities and needs	20%
2.	There are favourable conditions for implementation	20%
3.	Demonstrated commitment to implementing the guide and aligning with the whole-of-council approach	20%
4.	Applies an intersectional approach	20%
5.	Demonstrated approach towards sustainability.	20%

How to apply

DJSIR Grant Portal, accessible from [Local Government Victoria's Free from Violence Local Government Program webpage](https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/grants/free-from-violence-local-government-program)
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The following supporting documents must be included in your application:

- confirmation of executive endorsement, such as a letter of support from your council's CEO
- high-level project budget that explains the intended use of funding (budget template is included on the application form)
- if applicable to your council, evidence of partnership arrangements with other organisations.

Application Checklist

- Is your council eligible?
- Read the Guidelines, the FAQs document and the Guide carefully
- Does your approach and your activities align with the program objectives?
- Start your application well in advance to leave time to get support or answers to any questions
- Upload all required documents and relevant supporting materials
- Submit your application by the closing date: **27 September 5.00PM**

Key dates

Applications open: **Wednesday August 9**

Last date for questions: **21 September 2023**

Applications close: **Wednesday September 27**

Applicants contacted for further information if applicable: **28 September – 3 October**

Successful recipients announced: **From November 2023**

Victorian Common Funding Agreements prepared: **December 2023**

Initial funding paid: **From December 2023**

Questions

If you would like to ask a question:

- Use the 'raise hand' button on your top tool bar and when your name is called and unmute your microphone
- Type your question in the chat

Thank you

Resources and support:

- Program Guidelines
- FAQs
- Copy of this presentation
- Email [**freefromviolence@dfvh.vic.gov.au**](mailto:freefromviolence@dfvh.vic.gov.au)