

Supporting Victoria's Volunteers and Building Resilient Communities

2020 Supplementary Volunteer Grants round now open

24 August 2020

Volunteering Victoria is pleased to be administering the 2020 Supplementary Volunteer Grants, which is funded by the Australian Government. This program will provide grants of between \$1,000 - \$5,000 to community organisations to support volunteers and increase volunteering across Victoria.

This funding round has a particular focus on assisting organisations to re-engage volunteers and adapt their practices to support volunteer safety in relation to COVID-19.

"The decline in volunteering during COVID-19 has been substantial, with 65.9 per cent of volunteers estimated to have stopped volunteering between February and April 2020," Says Scott Miller, Chief Executive of Volunteering Victoria.

"Funding can be used for: Small equipment items; Transport costs of volunteers with disability; Fuel costs; Training for volunteers; Background screening checks and documentation requirements and other items to support volunteers," adds Miller

Funding of between \$1000- \$5000 is available under the 2020 Supplementary Volunteer Grants Program to help community organisations to support the efforts of Australia's volunteers. The grants can be used to buy small equipment for volunteers or for the reimbursement of volunteer fuel, transport or training costs, amongst other things.

Applications close 20 September 11:59pm

For more information about the Volunteer Grants, please go to the [Volunteering Victoria's website](https://www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au).

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