

## OVERVIEW

Volunteering Victoria recently secured \$300K of state funding to support Volunteer Support Organisations (VSOs) through COVID-19. The conditions of this funding are that:

**Volunteering Victoria will identify 12 Volunteer Support Organisations to provide targeted practical assistance with engaging volunteers, in the context of COVID-19.**

Successful VSOs will be provided with \$25K in funding to be used over a six month period to achieve the State Government's objective.

It is important to note that this funding is not designed to support business as usual activities and/or current daily activities already in place to support volunteers locally during COVID-19. As a result, we are requesting that organisations wishing to participate identify their number one local COVID priority and detail how they will address this within the scope of the \$25K funding available.

## SELECTION PROCESS

To ensure transparency and accountability in the application selection process Volunteering Victoria has convened a judging panel to include Anthony Carbin's MP together with representatives from DHHS and Volunteering Victoria. The panel will assess applicants' eligibility based on the selection criteria and weighting scale proposed below.

Additional scoring is also available for collaborative applications submitted by more than one VSO and where outcomes support the engagement of CALD communities and/or people with disability

## TIMEFRAME

Applications are open from 7 September 2020 and **will close on 20 September 2020**. Successful applicants will be notified by 30 September 2020.

Funding will be distributed to successful VSOs on 1 October 2020. Projects are to conclude with submission of final report and recommendations by 30 April 2021.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any questions about the funding and/or the application and selection process please contact Tanya Di Michele at Volunteering Victoria on 0411 442 698 or via email at [tanya@volunteeringvictoria.org.au](mailto:tanya@volunteeringvictoria.org.au).

Applications can be submitted online at [VSO Funding Application](#).

Scoring of VSO funding applications will be completed by a judging panel using the following metrics. The 12 applications with the highest overall score will be selected to receive the state funding available.

<b>Criteria 1</b> <b>40%</b>	<p>Outline your number one priority, including the expected outcomes and how they provide targeted practical assistance to support local volunteer engagement through COVID-19.</p> <p>According to the information provided in the application please evaluate the expected outcomes in line with the project objective giving them a score according with the scale provided below.</p>
<b>Exceptional 21-30</b>	<p>Outcomes are clearly defined and show strong links to supporting volunteer engagement through COVID-19.</p>
<b>Good 11-20</b>	<p>Outcomes are clearly defined and show some links to supporting volunteer engagement through COVID-19.</p>
<b>Poor 0-10</b>	<p>Minimal outcomes defined for supporting volunteer engagement through COVID-19.</p>

<b>Criteria 2</b> <b>40%</b>	<p>What are the perceived outcomes of addressing your number one priority to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your organisation</li> <li>• Local volunteers</li> <li>• Other local volunteer involving organisations</li> </ul> <p>According to the information provided in the application please evaluate the perceived benefits of the project giving them a score according with the scale provided below.</p> <p>N.B. Applications should provide a proposed method of evaluation for determining project success.</p>
<b>Exceptional 21-30</b>	<p>Significant benefits to the organisation and/or local community, including a well-defined method of evaluation for determining project success.</p>
<b>Good 11-20</b>	<p>Some benefits to the organisation and/or local community, including a method of evaluation for determining project success.</p>
<b>Poor 0-10</b>	<p>Minimal benefits to the organisation and/or local community.</p>



<b>Criteria 3 20%</b>	<p>Engagement of Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) community connectors.</p> <p>According to the information provided in the application please evaluate the level of engagement of CASI community connectors in line with project outcomes giving it a score according with the scale provided below.</p> <p>NB. Engagement with CASI community connectors ensures that volunteer engagement initiatives are directly supporting the needs of local communities through COVID. For more information on CASI please visit <a href="https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/community-services-all-sector-coronavirus-covid-19">https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/community-services-all-sector-coronavirus-covid-19</a>.</p>
<b>Exceptional 21-30</b>	Engagement of community connectors directly supports the achievement of one or more expected outcomes.
<b>Good 11-20</b>	Engagement of community connectors shows some influence for supporting the achievement of one or more expected outcomes.
<b>Poor 0-10</b>	Engagement of community connectors shows minimal influence for supporting the achievement of one or more expected outcomes; or there is no evidence of proposed engagement.

In addition to the selection criteria, additional points will be awarded for expected outcomes and/or perceived benefits outlined in the application that support:

	<b>Score (if yes)</b>
A collaborative application with one or more VSOs to achieve the project objective	10
The engagement of CALD communities and/or people with disability	10