

## Volunteer Management Activity 2022-26 Grant: Frequently Asked Questions

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## About this document

This document answers Frequently Asked Questions about the *Volunteer Management Activity 2022-26 Grant* being administered in Victoria. The document has organised by the different reader groups:

- Organisation applying for funding
- Volunteer
- Organisation in the community offering volunteer opportunities.

This document should be read in conjunction with *Volunteer Management Activity 2022-26 Grant: Guidelines for applicants*.



## Organisation applying for funding

### What is the Volunteer Management Activity (VMA)?

- The VMA is a current stream of federal funding aimed at strengthening volunteering across Australia. Support for volunteering has been funded federally most recently by the Department of Social Services (DSS). The program has been known under different names over time and was previously referred to as the Volunteer Management Program.

### What are the key components of the VMA 2022-26 program?

- The program will focus on:
  - Breaking down barriers to volunteering faced by three identified priority groups: People with Disabilities, First Nations People, and Newly Arrived Migrants;
  - The delivery of online services to build the capacity of Volunteer Involving Organisations (VIOs) within their relevant jurisdictions, and;
  - An increase in coverage across regional, rural and remote areas.
- The **prime focus of this funding** is breaking down barriers to volunteering faced by the three identified priority groups. This should be reflected in the workplan and resourcing.

### What are the funding regions?

- The funding will be divided based on the eight Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) regions. Information about the EMV regions can be found on the Emergency Management Victoria website – <https://www.emv.vic.gov.au/>.

### What requirements does the consortium need to meet?

- Requirements of the consortium are outlined in the *Volunteer Management Activity 2022-26 Grant: Guidelines for applicants*.

### When will the funding application be released?

- The funding applications will open on 22 February 2022.

### How long will the funding application be open for?

- The application will be open for from 22 February until 12noon on 6 April 2022.

### How much funding will be provided?

- Funding amounts by Emergency Management Victoria (EMV) regions are listed in the table below.

**Table 1: Available funding (by region)<sup>1</sup>**

Region	Funding - year 1	Funding - years 2 - 4
Barwon South West	\$112,100	\$82,100
Eastern Metro	\$120,200	\$90,200
Gippsland	\$112,100	\$82,100

<sup>1</sup> Funding amounts have been determined based on the DSS methodology.

Region	Funding - year 1	Funding - years 2 - 4
Grampians	\$112,100	\$82,100
Hume	\$112,100	\$82,100
Loddon Mallee	\$112,100	\$82,100
North West Metro	\$120,200	\$90,200
Southern Metro	\$120,200	\$90,200

### Who is eligible for funding?

- The eligibility criteria and minimum consortium composition requirements is outlined in the *Volunteer Management Activity 2022-26 Grant: Guidelines for applicants*.

### I have never been a VMA partner, how do I apply to form a consortium?

- An organisation does not need to have been a previous recipient of VMA funding in-order to apply.
- Organisations seeking to apply will need to:
  - meet the eligibility and hurdle requirements
  - compose a consortium and prepare a Memorandum of Understanding in collaboration with consortium partners
  - meet the requirements outlined in the *Volunteer Management Activity 2022-26 Grant: Guidelines for applicants*.

### Can I apply for multiple regions?

- Yes, consortia or individual organisations forming part of consortia may apply for multiple regions.
- A separate application for each consortium is required for each EMV region.

### What types of activity can be funded?

- Eligible activities are outlined in the *Volunteer Management Activity 2022-26 Grant: Guidelines for applicants*.
- More specific guidance on in and out-of-scope activities is provided in the *Volunteer Management Activity 2022-26 Grant Information Sheet: In and out of scope activities*.

### What will be the process from release of applications to awarding of funding?

- The process from release of applications to awarding of funding is outlined in the *Volunteer Management Activity 2022-26 Grant: Guidelines for applicants*.



## Volunteer

### What is the Volunteer Management Activity (VMA)?

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### What are the key components of the new VMA 2022-26 program?

- The new program will focus on:
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  - The delivery of online services to build the capacity of Volunteer Involving organisations (VIOs) within their relevant jurisdictions;
  - An increase in coverage across regional, rural and remote areas.

### I am a volunteer looking for local volunteer opportunities – what will change in my area?

- Volunteering Victoria and all Volunteer Support Services remain committed to helping people who wish to volunteer to find meaningful roles and opportunities online. While this commitment remains, it is possible that some VSSs may have to change their services to align with the redesigned VMA funding guidelines.
- Volunteering Victoria, Volunteer Support Services and all its partners will continue to advocate for other sources of funding to be able to lead the development of a collaborative, sustainable, thriving volunteering community and movement in Victoria.
- Volunteer opportunities can be found by visiting GoVolunteer website <https://govolunteer.com.au/>

### How will I be able to find volunteer opportunities?

- Information on finding volunteer opportunities is provided on:
  - Go Volunteer website – <https://govolunteer.com.au/>
  - Volunteer Victoria website – <https://www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au/for-volunteers/search-for-volunteer-roles/>.



## **Organisations in the community offering volunteer opportunities**

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- The prime focus of this funding is breaking down barriers to volunteering faced by the three identified priority groups. This should be reflected in the workplan and resourcing.

### **I am a local Volunteer Involving Organisation – what will change in my area?**

- VSSs will continue to engage with VIOs via online technologies and focus their efforts on breaking down barriers in your organisation across the three priority groups (People with Disabilities, First Nations People, and Newly Arrived Migrants) in a meaningful and respectful manner. The narrower focus of the VMA program may result in restrictions on what face to face services your VSS may provide to you.

### **I am a local council – what will change in my area?**

- The aims of the revised VMA program are narrower than the previous iteration and funded VSSs will need to focus on online capacity building for VIOs, breaking down barriers to volunteering faced by priority groups and increase coverage of services in regional, rural, and remote areas. VSSs who wish to continue to assist other cohorts are encouraged to do so, but they may need to secure further funding from other sources of funding to help them with this engagement. Local councils are encouraged to check in with their specific VSS to ascertain what may change in their local workplan.

