

Disability Self Help   
Grants Program 2023–2025

Easy read

# What is this book about?

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| Dollar sign | The Victorian government is giving money to help **disability self-help groups**.  It is called the Victorian Disability Self Help Grants Program. |

# In this book we will tell you

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| Two women sit at a table talking. A form is on the table in front of them | * how you can ask for money |
| [A person giving a thumbs down and holding a card with a red X. Then the same person is giving a thumbs up and holding a sign with a green tick to show things getting better](https://www.photosymbols.com/products/improve) | * things that we can give money to |
| Man with hand up to ask question | * how you can get more information. |
| A ring-bound book with the word 'rules' and purple tick on the front cover | There are rules for this money.  Only some groups can ask for money. |
| Group of hard words | In this book hard words are in **blue**.  We say what the hard words means after the first time we use it. |

# Who can get the money?

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| Dollar sign | We can give money to **disability self-help groups** which: |
| Group of people with different disabilities | * are about disability |
| Group of people with megaphones | * are controlled by people with disability   or |
| A mother and daughter waving | * are controlled by families of people with disability |
| Dollar sign | Groups can ask for up to $7000 each year. For two years. |

# Important groups to get money

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| Dollar sign | We would like to make sure that some groups of people get money, for example: |
| Aboriginal woman | * groups of Aboriginal people |
| A group of three young people | * groups of young people who are  12 to 25 years old |
| A group of women and girls | * groups of women or girls |
| A group of people from different cultures | * groups of people from other countries |
| Two gay men holding each other and looking into each other's eyes | * groups of people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, gender diverse or intersex. |
| neurodiverse symbol | * people who are neurodiverse   This can include autistic people, people with ADHD, people with dyslexia, and more. |

# Who is not allowed to ask for money?

Your group can’t ask for money if the main thing it does is:

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| A group of people with their hands up and speech bubbles in the background | * advocacy |
| A man holding a basketball | * sport |
| A woman lifting weights | * exercise or therapy |
| A man and a woman signing | * singing |
| Two men holding up paintings they have done | * painting |
| A group of people playing different instruments in a band | * making music |

# Things your group can use money for

## Everyday things like

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| A meeting room | * rooms to have meetings in |
| A bus | * getting to meetings |

## Things that support people to be involved like

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| A woman talking with a language interpreter | * interpreters |
| A woman talking to a child | * childcare |
| A support worker helping someone use an iPad | * support workers. |

## Small things for your group’s office or building like

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| A woman pulling a book from a shelf | * furniture |
| Laptop computer | * computer or laptop |

## Getting more people to join your group

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| A laptop with the word welcome and a group of people | * webpages about your group |
| A man sitting in front of a laptop with people who are in a online meeting | * running online meetings of the group. |

## Letting people know about your group

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| A leaflet | * leaflets, newsletters or posters |

## Promoting disability pride within the disability community

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| Disability Pride | Groups celebrating important days related to disability. |

## Building the skills of the members of the group

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| Two people standing in front of a whiteboard | * training or conferences |
| A man in a suit holding a microphone | * paying guest speakers. |

# Things your group can’t use money for

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| A hotel room | * staying in hotels |
| A man standing in front of an office chair | * paying staff  (but you can pay for support workers) |
| A wheelchair | * equipment personal use, for example wheelchairs |
| A car | * buying or renting cars |
| A wrapped up present | * gifts for people |
| A woman filling in a form | * paying someone to write the form to get money. |

# How to ask for money

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| A laptop with a web page on it. The web page has the word 'click' on it with a hand. | There is an online form you need to fill out.  The online form is on the [Disability Self Help Grants web page](https://providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/disability-self-help-grants-program)  https://providers.dffh.vic.gov.au/disability-self-help-grants-program |
| A bank statement | **Groups need to have**   * a bank account for the group * an Australian Business Number   or   * provide a completed Australian Tax Office form (Statement by a supplier)   or   * be supported by a group that has an Australian Business Number |
| 27 October | Groups can start the online form anytime  from 27 October 2023 |
| December 14 | Finish the online form by 14 December 2023 |

# If you need help

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| A man on the phone | * you can talk to someone by calling  1300 880 043 |
| A lap top with an envelope on it. The envelope has a piece of paper in it with the word 'email'. | * you can email the Office for Disability   [disabilityshg@dffhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:disabilityshg@dffhs.vic.gov.au) |
| People at an online information session | * you can attend an information session   Date: Week starting 21 November 2023  (to be confirmed)  Time: 10:00 to 11:30 am  Platform: Zoom webinar  To register your interest, please email email the Office for Disability  [disabilityshg@dffh.vic.gov.au](mailto:disabilityshg@dffh.vic.gov.au) |

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**Help for people with hearing or speech communication difficulties**

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