



2008 SEPTEMBER GRANT RECIPIENTS

The RACV Community Foundation Committee approved a total of 24 grants worth \$178,395.62 for the September 2008 round of applications. Details of these grants are summarised below. Since the establishment of the Foundation, over 300 grants have been approved and close to \$1.5M distributed to community-based groups in Victoria. The grants were allocated within three key areas of support: Mobility & Safety, Emergency Services and Environmental Sustainability.

MOBILITY & SAFETY		
Organisation / Location	Amount \$	Project/Activity
Bendigo Special School - Bendigo	10,000	To fund the equipment for modifications to the bus to ensure safe and secure travel for disabled students, enabling them to participate in outside activities and enhancing their communication and social skills.
Bendigo Youth Choir - Bendigo	5,000	To purchase uniforms, including jackets, dresses and jumpers, for the members of the choir, helping local disadvantaged children to continue participating in choral singing and related activities with dignity.
Brosnan Youth Service, Jesuit Social Services - Melbourne	10,000	To assist marginalised and disadvantaged youth by supporting them to obtain driving skills and licences, enhancing their job opportunities and self-esteem. The program is part of an integrated approach, involving both the Victoria Police and Department of Human Services.
Brotherhood of St Laurence - Melbourne	9,782.80	To support disadvantaged young refugees to enhance their independence by providing them with driving education, enhancing their knowledge of Australian driving rules and their job prospects.
Brunswick Industries Association - Melbourne	5,000	To conduct a "Healthy Living" pilot program to improve the emotional and physical wellbeing of a group of people with intellectual disability. The program complements existing support programs and builds on developing healthy eating and exercising habits.
Murray Human Services - Murray	10,000	To purchase sensory equipment for people with multiple disabilities, helping them gain personal sensory experiences and helping them more secure and able to cope with different situations.
Odyssey House Victoria - Melbourne	9,544	To assist prisoners in their transition into outside life as part of a broader transitioning program "Stepping Up, Stepping Out". Specifically the program aims to provide driving training and courses to help with the integration back into the community.
Paraquad Victoria - Coburg and Williamstown	8,000	To undertake internal modifications to the bus for residents with high-level disabilities, allowing them access to transport, social interaction and various activities.
Victoria Women's Housing Association (VWHA) - Roxburgh Park and Cairnlea	10,000	To install security doors to the back and front of affordable rental housing provided by VWHA to disadvantaged women and their children, providing additional safety and security to them.

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Organisation / Location	Amount \$	Project/Activity
Apsley CFA - Apsley	7,733	To purchase a 7,500-litre floating collar dam and a purpose-built trailer for it, to support better emergency response capacity of the brigade.
Casterton Urban CFA - Casterton	4,025.22	To purchase basket stretchers and other equipment to effectively and safely respond to rescue incidents in isolated and inaccessible locations.
Country Fire Authority, SWA - South-West Victoria	10,000	To purchase Bullex Fire extinguisher Stimulator equipment to train local community groups and industry in fire safety and techniques to combat fire, both outdoors and indoors.
Craigieburn and District First Response Team - Craigieburn	802.50	To purchase an FR2 training battery, allowing the team to conduct training with the defibrillator unit.
Darraweit Guim CFA - Darraweit Guim	2,128.60	To purchase a small generator and portable lighting to use when responding to night-time emergencies.
Echuca Moama Search & Rescue - Echuca	4,400	To purchase two hydraulic hoses and reels to use with the pump, helping with extracting people trapped during motor vehicle accidents.
French Island CFA - French Island	7,910	To equip and train personnel to provide interim emergency medical response and support until the professional paramedic support is available.
Jan Juc Surf Life Saving Club - Jan Juc	9,590	To purchase equipment – an inshore rescue boat – and patrol uniforms to provide efficient and effective life-saving services to swimmers at the Jan Juc beach.
Lancefield CFA - Lancefield	4,290	To purchase a lightweight, high-flow monitor – the Blitzfire Monitor, to help effectively fight fires which require large volumes of water to be delivered quickly and safely.
Neerim CFA - Neerim	7,000	To purchase a Portable Field IT (PFIT) Kit to install into the support vehicle, helping enhance the safety and protection of fire-fighters and helping provide updated information to the Incident Management Team.
SecondBite - Melbourne	9,800	To fund research and development of the Food Angels project, helping ensure that families facing financial stress have access to fresh nutritious food and children have access to a healthy nutritious breakfast.
SES Kerang - Kerang	10,000	To purchase a Storm Trailer, which carries equipment to assist people who have lost their roof or suffered a building collapse due to storm or flood damage. The trailer carries items such as power and hand tools, rolls of plastic, timber and a generator.
The Advisory Council for Children with Impaired Hearing (Victoria), Taralye - Blackburn	4,889.50	To purchase an AED machine (defibrillator) and train 10 staff in First Aid, ensuring better safety for the centre's children and better self-reliance for the staff caring for them.
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY		
Anglican Aged Care (Benetas) - Eaglehawk	10,000	To fund the installation of 12 rainwater tanks to collect rainwater for irrigation purposes, supporting the residents of aged-care facility and saving an estimated 498,000 litres of water every year.
Mount Alexander Sustainability Group - Mount Alexander	8,500	To purchase equipment for an environmental wash-up service for festivals and community events, helping prevent large quantities of waste going to landfill and promoting renewable energy use and sustainability practices.
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