



2011 AUGUST GRANT RECIPIENTS

The RACV Community Foundation Committee approved a total of 23 grants worth \$157,562 for the August 2011 round of applications. Details of these grants are summarised below. Since the establishment of the Foundation, more than 370 grants have been approved and approximately \$1.9M has been 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	Amount	Project/Activity
Capability Building Inc	\$4,368	To purchase 12 new bicycles, helmets and safety vests for EdSpace's bicycle education program for people with medical or developmental disorders.
Lions Visual Independence Foundation	\$10,000	To fund the pilot program of the Kapten Plus voice recognition GPS mobility aid, designed to ease the mobility and enhances the travel safety of people living with blindness and low vision.
Maroondah Addictions Recovery Project	\$10,000	To fit out the organisation's bus with the required seating, seat belts, hand rails, luggage cage, radio, registration and to provide driver education for four staff.
Migrant information centre	\$9,792	To cover Metropolitan Traffic Education Centre sessions for newly arrived driving students, many of whom have little or no experience of driving in their own countries.
St Kilda Youth Service	\$9,861	To give economically disadvantaged young people the opportunity to gain their probationary licence to increase their employment opportunities and improve their social connectedness in their communities.
Sunraysia Residential Services Inc	\$7,369	To install safety equipment in the SRS wheelchair accessible vehicle.
Uniting Care Werribee	\$6,900	To provide driver education as part of the broader Equipped Independent Living Skills Program. Lessons will be provided to prepare clients for their probationary licence test.
Vermont South Special School	\$3,248	To supply students involved in the bike education program with high visibility jackets, and windproof/waterproof vests and pannier baskets to enable them to ride more safely during bike education.
Wantirna Heights School	\$9,956	To expand the school's existing bike education program to cater for students up to 18 years of age.
Yarrabah Specialist School	\$2,587	To purchase eight geared bikes for the expansion of the recently introduced bike education program to enhance the prospects of students attending camps and participating in leisure activities.

EMERGENCY SERVICES		
Organisation	Amount	Project/Activity
Australian Volunteer Coast Guard/ CFA Werribee Coast Guard Brigade	\$9,669	To purchase an A.I.S tracking system which allows for live updates of the Coast Guard's position, and to purchase HID floodlights which are wired into the vessel's electrical system.
Cape Paterson SLSC	\$3,000	To purchase a light weight trailer to transport the club's IRB behind their all terrain vehicle.
Casterton CFA	\$4,840	To purchase a Stabfast stabilisation system and a glass management system for the Brigade's rescue unit.
Gunnamatta SLSC	\$3,000	To purchase soft rescue boards for new and younger trainees.
Lakes Entrance SLSC	\$10,000	To purchase a Polaris All Terrain Vehicle to assist the club to significantly expand its roving patrolling areas.
Langwarrin CFA	\$9,800	To purchase low pressure lifting air bags to assist in the stabilisation and lifting of vehicles following vehicle accidents.
Seaspray SLSC	\$3,800	To purchase a purpose-built equipment trailer.
St John Ambulance Bendigo Division	\$4,379	To provide emergency response equipment including Oxygen Response Units, Response First Aid Kits, a defibrillator and a 'Disaster Box' containing first aid supplies in large quantities for storm response, bushfire response etc.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY		
Organisation	Amount	Project/Activity
Bestchance Child Family Centre	\$6,050	To fund the Greening of Cheshire School program, which offers all students the chance to be part of the growing of fruits and vegetables, expand the school's recycling and cooking programs, and introduce energy saving technology and practices.
CareWorks Sunranges	\$5,270	To expand the centre's community garden by installing a water tank and constructing more raised garden beds. Produce is used in the centre's emergency food parcels and client themselves assist in the garden, helping them to gain some skill and education about food choices.
CERES Community Environment Park	\$7,344	To purchase an electric bike to be used as part of a broader education program focusing on sustainable transport, safety and mobility.
Multicultural Aged Care Services Geelong	\$7,985	To build a wheelchair accessible greenhouse for elderly residents in order to enhance wellbeing and expand current gardening programs.
YMCA Camp Manyung	\$8,344	To develop the Children's garden, where children follow the journey of recycled food scraps from the kitchen and capturing rain water to produce vegetables from the garden and eggs from the chickens with a view to participants understanding the cycle of the garden and their role within that cycle.

Total 23 grants	\$157,562
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