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| Changing Places and Universal Design grants |
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The purpose of this document is to outline communications resources for you to share information about the Changing Places and Universal design grants and policy.

# Background

Two Victorian Government grant rounds are now open to build new Changing Places and accessible community infrastructure. The Victorian Government is also making publicly available the whole-of-government universal design policy. The policy guides government departments and partners to apply universal design to its projects.

We welcome your support to help promote these funding opportunities with eligible organisations.

To find out more: https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/make-victoria-more-inclusive-accessible

# Website links

* Changing Places grants: <https://www.vic.gov.au/changing-places-funding-round>
* Universal design grants and policy: <https://www.vic.gov.au/universal-design-funding-round>
* Inclusive Victoria: State Disability Plan 2022–2026:<https://www.vic.gov.au/state-disability-plan>

# Social media posts

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| Facebook / LinkedIn | Applications are now open for two grant rounds to make Victoria more inclusive and accessible.  Grants of up to $180,000 are available to build 30 new Changing Places accessible toilets across the state.  New universal design grants are also open to make existing community facilities and public spaces more accessible. Both small grants up to $100,000 and large grants up to $500,000 are available.  Applications close on 2 September.  To find out more: https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/make-victoria-more-inclusive-accessible |  |
| Twitter | Two Vic Gov grant rounds are open to build new 30 Changing Places toilets and improve access in community facilities and public spaces across the state.  The grants will make Victoria more inclusive and accessible.  #ChangingPlaces  #InclusiveVictoria  Link: https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/make-victoria-more-inclusive-accessible | As above |

# News article

## New grants open to make Victoria more inclusive and accessible

Two Victorian Government grant rounds are open to build new Changing Places and accessible community infrastructure across the state.

### Changing Places grants

Grants of up to $180,000 are available to build 30 new Changing Places in Victoria.

The funding will go to building 20 new Changing Places in Local Government areas, and 10 in popular tourist attractions and destinations.

Changing Places are larger than standard accessible toilets with extra features to meet the needs of people with disability and their carers.

Changing Places grants are open to Victorian local government and not-for-profit organisations.

To find out more and apply [go to the Changing Places grants page](https://www.vic.gov.au/changing-places-funding-round) <https://www.vic.gov.au/changing-places-funding-round>

### Universal design grants

Universal design grants are also available to make existing community facilities and public spaces more accessible. The grants will help improve access so that more people can take part in activities. This includes people with disability, autism and dementia.

Organisations can apply for small grants (10,000 to $100,000) for minor fit outs or upgrades, and large grants ($100,001 to $500,000) for major upgrades.

Universal design grant funding is open to Victorian local and state government entities and not-for-profit organisations.

To find out more [go to the Universal design grants page](https://www.vic.gov.au/universal-design-funding-round) <https://www.vic.gov.au/universal-design-funding-round>

### Grant applications and eligibility

Eligible organisations are invited to apply for the grants. This includes community centres and hubs, libraries, community halls, Neighbourhood Houses, Men’s Sheds, parks, gardens, and playgrounds.

Applications for both grants close on 2 September.

### Victoria’s Universal design policy

The Victorian Government is also making publicly available its Universal design policy that guide its infrastructure projects, so they cater to everyone. To read the policy [go to the Universal design page](https://www.vic.gov.au/universal-design-funding-round): https://www.vic.gov.au/universal-design-funding-round>

Universal design is one of six whole of government systemic reform priorities under Inclusive Victoria: State disability plan 2022-2026. Inclusive Victoria outlines actions the government will take to ensure our community is inclusive and accessible for everyone. This includes building Changing Places, an example of universal design best-practice.

You can [read the plan on the Inclusive Victoria website](https://www.vic.gov.au/state-disability-plan) <https://www.vic.gov.au/state-disability-plan>

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