

Dear Community Representatives,

Given community organisations are the social fabric in any town, now more than ever I am sure you are all working tirelessly, creatively and finding new ways to reach out to your members, maintain those vital connections and supporting where you can those that are struggling amongst us during these challenging time.

A new funding opportunity crossed my desk and I thought it may be of interest to your organisation/networks. It's really wide reaching and certainly worth having a look at:

Let's Stay Connected Fund

<https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/lets-stay-connected-fund>

Amount: \$5,000 and \$200,000

What is it:

To support innovative, community-led and community-based initiatives that:

- build connection
- reduce feelings of loneliness and isolation
- and can be implemented quickly.

Who can apply:

Incorporated community organisations, LGA's, incorporated not-for-profits and industry groups including:

- chambers of commerce and business associations
- industry peak bodies
- business and industry clusters and networks
- cooperatives or associations
- social enterprise organisations.

Applications due: 31 August 2020

Got an idea or need advice?

Cardinia and Casey community groups to email: metropolitanpartnerships@ecodev.vic.gov.au

Bass Coast and South Gippsland community groups to email: rdv@rdv.vic.gov.au

My team are also here to assist.

Please consider a submission and feel free to circulate this info through your networks.

Or share via my Facebook post: <https://www.facebook.com/1239428076201110/posts/2105581619585747/?d=n>

If you do submit an application I would love to know.

Also, if there is a different email address that you would prefer I send information such as this to, please let me know and I will update my contact list.

Kindest Regards,

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