

# Rights, Responsibilities and Consequences Program

## Guidelines for Applicants

### Background

Released in 2017, the Multicultural Policy Statement (MPS), *Victorian. And proud of it*, outlines the Victorian Values Statement and outlines the following values for all Victorians:

- One law for all
- Freedom to be yourself
- Discrimination is never acceptable
- A fair go for all
- It is up to all of us to contribute to a Victoria we can be proud of

The Victorian Government is supporting the delivery of the Rights, Responsibilities and Consequences Program (the Program) as an initiative of the MPS.

The Program will promote the Victorian Values Statement and ensure Victorians are aware of their rights and responsibilities in society and the community.

The Program will target young people aged between 12-24 and utilise the Victorian Values Statement as a vehicle for program design and delivery, with a focus on the individual values targeted at youth.

### Program Objectives

The Department of Premier and Cabinet is seeking proposals to deliver on a program to support community and youth-led initiatives that increase the empathy of young people, their obligation and responsibility to their communities, and empowers young people through building awareness of rights as community members.

Proposals should be innovative and creative in engagement approaches and delivery, supported by an evidence based approach, and increase young people's understanding of:

- Individual rights and responsibilities, and how these connect back to their role as citizens and contributors to community
- The consequences to individuals, communities, and society more broadly, when limited civic engagement leads to rights and responsibilities not being respected and upheld.

All proposals will need to demonstrate how the proposed activities will achieve these objectives.

### Outcomes

Proposals should demonstrate how the Program will support young people to achieve an increased awareness of:

- Respecting mutual rights and responsibilities
- The consequences of civic disengagement for individuals, the community, and wider society

- An individual's actions and choices, and the resulting impact on social cohesion
- The power of connection and contribution to community to reduce feelings of social isolation and improve people's sense of belonging
- The benefits of engagement in active citizenship.

Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate a commitment to implement an evaluation approach to measure outcomes and impacts. All applicants are required to provide an evaluation plan with their application.

## Program Structure

The Program will be delivered in community settings, outside of schools, in two streams:

- **Stream One** will focus on a broad audience of young people, aged 12–24, with initiatives centred on local and global citizenship, and civic participation. Program material should be explicitly based on the Victorian Values Statement.
- **Stream Two** will require the adaption and tailoring of materials developed for the delivery of Stream One, to create a targeted program. Stream two will target young people who, due to a number of circumstances, may be at risk of being drawn to anti-social behaviour. The applicant will need to engage with community representatives (individuals and organisations) and local government authorities to identify and deliver program material and facilitate the delivery of the Program.

Preference will be given to applications that demonstrate a clear commitment to partner with and fund various community organisations and/or local government authorities to deliver this component.

Proposals must address both streams of work. The streams will not be split between applicants.

Note that communications strategies may be developed to complement and support this Program, and the successful applicant may be asked to participate in this work.

## Program participants

Proposals should consider the delivery of Streams One and Two across regional and metropolitan locations within Victoria.

Using an evidence based approach, the successful applicant will be required to identify key communities, local government areas, and cohorts to engage to best achieve the outlined objectives and outputs. Proposals should explain how these groups will be engaged.

Proposals should use a partnership model for the delivery of both Stream One and Stream Two. Partner community organisation and local government authorities in the proposed locations should also be identified.

## Funding

Between \$400,000 and \$550,000 per annum over two years will be awarded to an individual organisation, or a partnership of organisations to deliver on the Program.

Proposals should provide a detailed budget breakdown based on robust cost estimates that represent value for money and clearly demonstrate how funds will be allocated between Stream 1 and Stream 2 of the Program.

Community led input is critical. Applications need to articulate a clear rationale for funding allocation awarded to organisations responsible for the development and delivery of the program components.

## Application process

Applicants should complete and submit the application form, evaluation plan and other relevant documentation to [Danielle.haultain@dpc.vic.gov.au](mailto:Danielle.haultain@dpc.vic.gov.au) by **5pm, Friday 11 May, 2018**. Proposals received after this deadline will not be considered.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the process no later than 30 June 2018.

## Selection Criteria

Applications will be assessed based on the following selection criteria:

Criteria	Weighting
The quality of the proposal and whether it meets the outlined objectives and outcomes, and commits to implementing a strong evaluation framework through the duration of the program	25%
Demonstrates a collaborative approach to the Program by engaging key community organisations, local government authorities, and stakeholders for both Program development and delivery.	25%
Demonstrated experience in working with youth, multicultural, and priority communities.	25%
The organisational capacity to deliver the services required to meet the prescribed objectives and outputs of the program, including proven experience in developing, designing, delivery, measuring and evaluating similar programs.	25%

Applicants must demonstrate that the proposal represents value for money. The identification of alternate sources of funding or in-kind support is also encouraged.

## Engagement with the Department of Premier and Cabinet

The successful applicant will be engaged through the standard form Victorian Government Common Funding Agreement (CFA). It is recommended that applicants review the standard form CFA before submitting an application. You can view the CFA standard terms and conditions at <https://providers.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorian-common-funding-agreement>