Subject: Community Safety Emergency Support Program (CSESP) Grants 2010 – Round 8

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Action: Completed applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, 16 April 2010

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The Victorian Government has demonstrated commitment and support by almost tripling the emergency services budget since coming to Government in 1999 – from $254 million in 1999/00 to $704 million in 2009/10. Round 8 of the 2010 Community Safety Emergency Support Program (CSESP) has now commenced (see attached brochure).

Suggested items for inclusion would be lifesaving gear and equipment and building refurbishment/renovation as distinct from building maintenance. Clubs should note that the CSESP does not fund recurrent expenditure such as repairs or maintenance.

The following selection criteria will be applied when evaluating and prioritising each application:

- The asset falls within the organisation’s core responsibility
- The asset will enhance operational capability
- The organisation has the appropriate resources to operate and maintain the asset
- The organisation has the appropriate capacity to resource the asset
- The asset will be of net community benefit
- If the asset is significant, a risk assessment
- Funding for the asset has not been received under another program
- The organisation can meet their matched formula contribution, unless exceptional circumstances apply
- The relevant organisation supports the application

LSV has set the following priorities for applications (the below classification must be included on the application):

1. OH&S
2. Lifesaving Equipment
3. Building Works

PLEASE NOTE: Due to changes in government administration of the CSESP Grants Program, Clubs should ensure that all projects/equipment purchases that funding is being applied for can be fully expended within the 2010-2011 financial year (by 30 June 2011).

Application forms / closing date

CSESP Grant Application Form 2010 -

CSESP Building Grant Application Form 2010 -

(both forms must be completed if applying for building works)

Applications must be received by 5.00 pm on Friday, 16 April 2010 and marked to the attention of: Lifesaving Operations, CSESP Grant Applications – PO Box 353, South Melbourne DC VIC 3205
Equipment Grants
2010/11 Community Safety
Emergency Support Program

APPLY NOW!

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Victoria’s emergency services volunteers do a remarkable job.

As local volunteers you are the backbone of Victoria’s emergency services. The Government and the Victorian public value the crucial role you play in protecting lives and property across the state.

The Community Safety Emergency Support Program (CSESP) provides a unique way of recognising the work of local volunteer emergency services groups.

In recognition of these efforts, and the increased applications from last year, the pool of funds available for this round of the CSESP has more than doubled to $6.8 million.

Since 2001, the CSESP has delivered $24 million in grants directly assisting Victoria’s volunteer emergency services groups to purchase $52.7 million in equipment and assets to protect their local communities.

The CSESP helps build on successful partnerships between communities, volunteers, emergency services agencies and the Government. It contributes to communities by helping them better prepare for emergencies they may face.

I encourage you to consider taking part in this highly successful program.

I thank you for all your tireless efforts, particularly during and after Black Saturday – they are greatly appreciated.

BOB CAMERON, MP
Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Ensuring Victoria’s emergency services volunteer-base is well supported and sustainable is a continuing priority for the Government.

The Victorian Government has demonstrated continued commitment and support by almost tripling the emergency services budget since coming to Government from $254 million in 1999 to $704 million in 2009/10.

The dedication and commitment of all volunteers who give their time to help during an emergency response, and the families who support them, provide an invaluable service to communities.

In response, the Victorian Government is providing additional resources to help secure specialised emergency services equipment to support and protect local communities.
The 2010/11 Community Safety Emergency Support Program (CSESP)

The Victorian Government’s highly successful Community Safety Emergency Support Program (CSESP) provides emergency services volunteer groups access to grants for additional emergency equipment and assets.

The 2009/10 round of funding, totalling $3.3 million supported 90 successful grant applications from the Country Fire Authority, Life Saving Victoria, Victoria State Emergency Service, Australian Volunteer Coast Guard Association and a Community Emergency Response Team.

Country Fire Authority (CFA)

Since 2001 CFA Brigades have received 398 CSESP grants worth almost $12.08 million enabling the purchase of more than $31.5 million in trucks and other equipment.

In 2008/09 the CSESP provided a special one-off initiative to assist CFA brigades seeking Slip On Tankers. Due to the success of this initiative, where 16 new tankers were funded, further funding for the ‘next generation’ Ultra Light Tanker was made available in the 2009/10 program.

This year the CFA has identified the following project types as priorities for funding:
- Field Command Vehicles
- Specialist Equipment
- Big Fill
- Ultra Light Tanker
- 1.2.4D Light Tanker
- 2.4C Medium Tanker (recycled back)
- 3.4C Heavy Tanker (recycled back)
- Field Operations Vehicle.

Life Saving Victoria (LSV)

To date, LSV Clubs have received 138 CSESP grants worth almost $2.6 million enabling the purchase of almost $6.4 million in equipment and other assets.

LSV’s priorities for 2010/11 are:
- Occupational Health & Safety
- Lifesaving Equipment
- Building Works.

Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES)

Since the program began, VICSES Units have received 288 CSESP grants worth $7.5 million enabling the purchase of $12.8 million in equipment, assets and upgrades to Units.

VICSES priorities this year will focus on:
- Vehicles
- LHQ Extensions
- Trailers - Storm and Lighting.

Australian Volunteer Coast Guard (AVCG) Association

AVCG Flotillas have received 60 CSESP grants worth more than $1.1 million enabling the purchase of more than $1.5 million in equipment, including a one-off special $300,000 purchase of new uniforms for volunteers.

AVCG’s emphasis for this round will be:
- Safety Equipment
- Tow Vehicles
- Replacement of Outboards
- Secondary Vessels.

Other Volunteer Emergency Services Groups

Twelve other emergency services volunteer groups have received grants worth almost $232,000 enabling the purchase of $454,500 in equipment and assets.
Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for a CSESP grant, an emergency services volunteer group must, within the two years prior to the applications being made:

• have performed a role or discharged a responsibility of an agency, as defined by the Emergency Management Act 1986, or

• be able to demonstrate a history of emergency services in Victoria.

Emergency services volunteer groups must also obtain independent expert confirmation that they meet this definition.

Funding

The maximum grant under the CSESP is $100,000.

The CSESP funding formula is as follows: CSESP provides $2 for every $1 funding to the first $75,000 of all projects. If the project is greater than $75,000 the funding split is $1 for every $1 to a maximum CSESP contribution of $100,000.

The program cannot be used as a replacement for, or a source of, budgetary requirements and does not cover recurrent expenditure such as repairs and maintenance.

Application Process

Agency representatives will distribute grant application packs and guidelines to all brigades, units, clubs and flotillas.

There is an application assessment process in place which involves consultation at local, regional and state levels. The final assessment is undertaken by a CSESP Panel, which is chaired by the Department of Justice, Emergency Services Policy and Support Unit, and consists of representation from various emergency services volunteer groups.

The Minister for Police and Emergency Services has the discretion for final approval of grant applications.