To: Club Presidents, Club Treasurers, Club Secretaries
Cc: District Officers, Regional Officers

From: Darren McLeod – Director, Lifesaving Services
Date: 7 May 2014

Subject: Reminder – Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) Grants 2014

Action: Completed applications must be submitted electronically by 5:00 pm Monday, 19 May 2014

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The Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) is an equipment grants program for local emergency services volunteer groups. The program aims to enhance the capability and safety for local volunteers when responding to emergencies, and provide the State with assets to continue to respond to the increase in significant events such as drowning, bushfires, floods and heatwaves.

In order to help recognise the selfless contributions emergency services volunteers make to the safety and wellbeing of Victorians, $12.23 million has been allocated for the fourth round of the VESEP, the Victorian Government has matched last year’s record funding. The program provides volunteers with funding for additional equipment, which includes trucks, tankers, vehicles, boats, trailers and other emergency equipment.

Funding
The maximum grant under the VESEP is $100,000 excluding GST. The VESEP will contribute $2.00 for every $1.00 of funding up to $100,000.

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

The following selection criteria will be applied when evaluating and prioritising each application:
- The asset will enhance operational capability
- The group has the appropriate resources to house, operate and maintain the asset
- The asset will be of net community benefit
- Funding for the asset has not been received under another program
- The group must meet their matched funding formula contribution
- The group can demonstrate that the make and model of all equipment meets agency standards

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
4. Other
PLEASE NOTE: Clubs should ensure that all projects/equipment purchases that funding is being applied for can be fully expended within the 2014-2015 financial year (by 30 June 2015).

State and Regional initiatives that require state wide coordination and management may be deemed as fully funded projects.

Application forms / closing date
VESEP Grant Application Form 2014–
https://lifesavingvictoria.wufoo.com/forms/quxdm8m0vz1qhs/

VESEP Building Grant Application Form 2014–
https://lifesavingvictoria.wufoo.com/forms/qfutiv81djzd2o/

VESEP Brochure 2014 –

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

Applications must be submitted electronically by 5:00 pm Monday, 19 May 2014 by the forms above.