



Help Grow Your Social Enterprise

Supporting Victorian Social Enterprises to build and develop their business capabilities

Deloitte Private is proud to be a Registered Service Provider for the Social Enterprise Capability Voucher Stream, administered by the Victorian Government



Program Overview

The Social Enterprise Capability Voucher Stream is a key initiative of the Victorian Government; aligned with building business capacity and skills action areas to support the viability, sustainability and growth of social enterprises



Applications open on
25 March 2019

At a glance

The Social Enterprise Capability Voucher Stream will support capability development projects within individual Victorian social enterprises. Projects supported under the Stream will:

- Improve organisational efficiencies through implementation of new-to-the-firm business systems and processes that increase firm productivity;
- Increase new market development through identifying new market opportunities and developing workable plans to access those markets;
- Increase financial readiness, better equipping social enterprises to identify and manage investment and funding opportunities;
- Increase contract readiness, better equipping social enterprises to access government and corporate procurement opportunities.

Potential value of support

Vouchers are capped at a maximum of \$25,000 (excl. GST) towards an eligible business capability project under the following service activities:

- Business Process and Systems Improvements
- Business Transformation
- Financial Management Planning
- Industry Standards Implementation & Certification
- Tender Guidance



The project

Projects funded through a Social Enterprise Capability Voucher are expected to be growth orientated activities undertaken by the social enterprise that, through using the expertise of Registered Service Providers, will assist the social enterprise to become more productive, employ more people, create market access and in general, increase their scale, profitability and impact. Social Enterprise Capability Voucher Projects will ideally combine advice and planning, as well as capability development and implementation aspects.

Voucher funding is not for 'business as usual' activities. The applicant organisation is required to articulate how their proposed project is likely to lead to the program's long term goals.

What do I get?

A Voucher of up to 80 percent of the total cost of services towards an eligible business capability project, provided on a cash co-contribution basis, with successful applicants contributing a minimum value of 20 percent towards the project. The maximum value of a voucher is \$25,000 (excluding GST).

Payment up to the face value of the voucher (excluding GST) will be made by the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR) to the service provider following provision of services, advice or expertise and upon the completion of work.

Applications for Vouchers will be administered through rounds with defined open and closed dates. Eligible applications will be assessed on a competitive basis relative to the merit of other applications received in a funding round.

Vouchers are issued in the name of the applicant, have no cash value, and are non-transferable.

How to apply

Applicants need to read the Boost Your Business Voucher Program Guidelines, referring to the appendices for information specific to the Social Enterprise Capability Voucher Stream.

The first round of applications open from Monday, 25 March 2019 to midnight on Sunday, 12 May 2019. Applications can be submitted online during this period.

Is this Voucher Program of interest?

If this Program is of interest, we encourage you to get in contact with Frank Kelloway (Partner, *For Purpose* Advisory) in Deloitte Private – fkelloway@deloitte.com.au



Information sourced from Business Victoria: <http://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/Boost-Your-Business/Social-Enterprise-Capability-Voucher-Stream>

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Eligibility

The Social Enterprise Capability Voucher Stream is open to social enterprises operating in Victoria who require specialist assistance to undertake growth orientated activities.

Not-for-profits and charitable organisations are eligible to apply, on the proviso that they already operate as a social enterprise; are looking to start a social enterprise; or move to a social enterprise model.



Eligibility Criteria

For the purpose of this voucher, a 'social enterprise' demonstrates the following:

- Supports an economic, social, cultural or environmental mission consistent with a public or community benefit;
- Derive a substantial portion of their income from trade-based activities;
- Re-invest the majority of their profit surplus in the fulfilment of their mission.

Applicants must meet the following criteria to be eligible for assistance under the program:

- Be a legally structured business registered in Victoria with an Australian Business Number (ABN);
- Meet any co-contribution requirements with eligible cash expenditure;
- Be a legal entity that the applicant can clearly evidence is a "social enterprise" or able to demonstrate a business model that is underpinned by an economic, social, cultural, or environmental mission consistent with a public or community benefit;
- Meet all industrial relations obligations as an employer in accordance with the National Employment Standards;
- Have an operating presence in Victoria and undertake the project in Victoria;
- Conduct the majority of proposed project activities in Victoria in partnership with an approved Registered Service Provider;
- Agree to participate in future program evaluation activity.

Social Enterprises of any size are eligible for this program (no minimum or maximum employee numbers or turnover.)

NOTE: Commonwealth, State and Local Government agencies and bodies are not eligible to apply.