

Dear Member,

The Minister for Health, David Davis, has announced that 26 rural health services across Victoria will receive a \$5 million Victorian Coalition Government boost to upgrade facilities in the first round of grants from the *Rural Capital Support Fund*.

These funding grants are aimed to help hospitals, aged care facilities, and community health services upgrade amenities, implement new models of care, and increase service capacity and efficiency. The *Rural Capital Support Fund* is seen as an important part of the *Rural and Regional Health Plan*, the Victorian Coalition Government's vision to support access to quality health services in rural areas.

A list of upgrade and improvement projects to be funded in this round of grants is included below:

TABLE: Health services receiving funding from Rural Capital Support Fund

Health Service	Project	Funding
Barwon Health	Community rehabilitation facility kitchen and bathroom upgrade	\$200,000
Portland District Health	Enhancement of security, functionality, and safety of Accident and Emergency	\$50,000
Portland District Health	Harbourside Lodge – replacement of the existing stairs and installation of a suitable ramp to the emergency exit of the aged care facility	\$50,000
South West Healthcare	Removal or existing and installation of a new septic tank	\$30,000
Terang and Mortlake Health Service	Recovery suite/Urgent Care waiting room development	\$120,000
Western District Health Service	Building management control system upgrade	\$220,000
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	Contribution to fit-out of on-site GP practice	\$50,000
Bairnsdale Regional Health Service	Replacement of existing suction equipment at Bairnsdale Regional Health Service Dental Clinic	\$20,000
Bass Coast Regional Health	Bass Coast Regional Health public dental clinic redevelopment	\$1.19 million
Central Gippsland Health Service	Centralised Intake and Patient Services Re-development	\$470,000
South Gippsland Hospital	Nurses' station, medication room upgrade and Urgent Care expansion	\$280,000
Dunmunkle Health Services	Construction of storage room at Rupanyup campus	\$120,000
Dunmunkle Health Services	Improvement to car park facilities at Rupanyup campus	\$50,000
Dunmunkle Health Services	To provide a separate archive room at Rupanyup campus	\$10,000
Dunmunkle Health Services	To improve storage facilities used by health service in Minyip	\$10,000
East Grampians Health Service	Education facility	\$300,000
East Grampians Health Service	Upgrade of roof and fascia at hospital	\$200,000
East Wimmera Health Service	Removal of an underground water tank and water tower to improve patient and staff safety	\$60,000
East Wimmera Health Service	Community health office administration	\$90,000



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Beechworth Health Service	Enhancing primary care – Bantick House refurbishment	\$90,000
Beechworth Health Service	Enhancing primary care – new Beechworth Community Health space	\$90,000
Benalla and District Memorial Hospital	To facilitate the standardisation of overhead patient lifting systems throughout the hospital to achieve 100% coverage	\$70,000
Goulburn Valley Health	Allied Health and Ambulatory Care Refurbishment	\$90,000
Indigo North Health, Inc.	To provide roof anchor points for site maintenance	\$30,000
Indigo North Health, Inc.	Replacement of aged care floor covering	\$80,000
Kilmore and District Hospital	Environmentally refurbished roof – Caladenia Nursing Home	\$220,000
Mansfield District Hospital	Solar Power and Energy Efficiency Savings Project	\$150,000
Northeast Health Wangaratta	Lightning strike and surge protection	\$40,000
Tallangatta Health Service	To provide appropriate security fencing to ensure the safety of high care residents	\$40,000
Tallangatta Health Service	Laundry upgrade	\$70,000
Bendigo Health	Expansion of CRC Gym Space at Anne Caudle Centre	\$20,000
Castlemaine Health	Improvements to air-conditioning infrastructure	\$190,000
Cobaw Community Health Services Limited	Environmental and Risk Management Improvements, including the resurfacing of external access areas, flooring replacement, remodelling of the reception areas, replacement of a sink with sluice, installation of chemical storage and air conditioners and installation of courtyard shade sail	\$110,000
Maryborough District Health Service	Dialysis unit expansion to increase service capacity from 4 to 6 dialysis chairs to meet local service demand through the reconfiguration of internal spaces	\$80,000
Mildura Base Hospital	Telemedicine – Mental Health Rural Remote Access	\$60,000
Swan Hill District Health	Accident and Emergency Department upgrade works	\$50,000
Total		\$5 million

Kind regards,

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