

2021–22 Victorian State Budget

Strengthening Victoria's LGBTIQ+ communities

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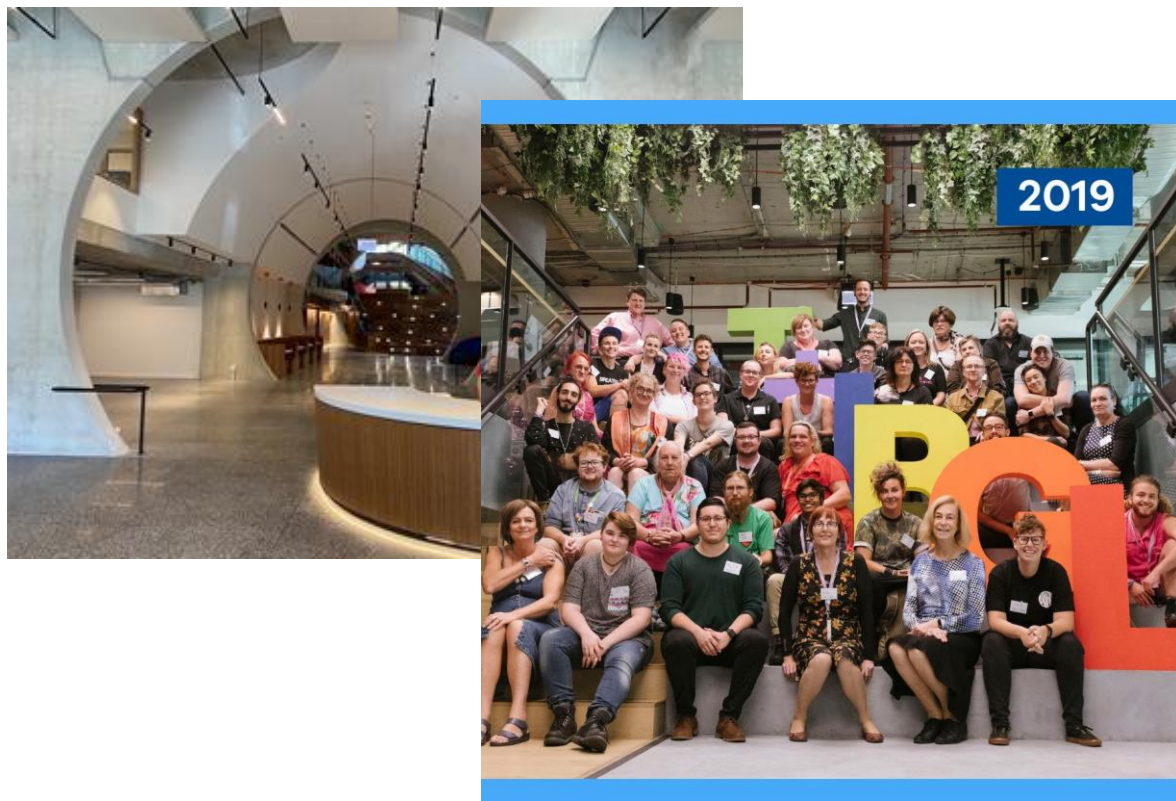
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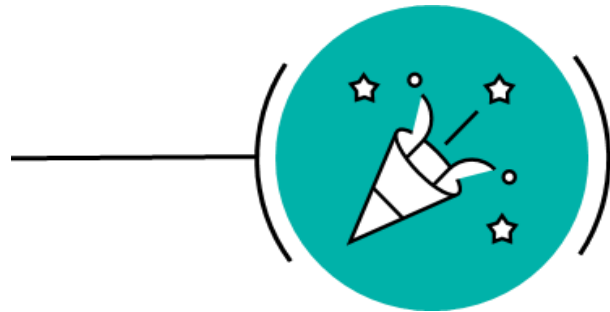
Championing diversity to improve outcomes for LGBTIQ+ Victorians



- ▶ Removing discrimination from Victorian laws, services and broader society
- ▶ Promoting LGBTIQ+ inclusion and celebrating diversity through whole of government policies, initiatives and programs
- ▶ Strengthening the LGBTIQ+ sector to support LGBTIQ+ communities in Victoria

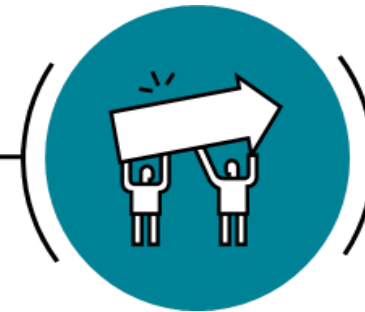
2021–22 Investment for LGBTIQ+ Victorians

The 2021-22 Victorian Budget provides an additional \$2.0 million to implement key priorities for LGBTIQ+ Victorians



Melbourne Pride 2021

\$1.0 million to **deliver the 2018 election commitment** and expand the large scale event to mark the 40-year anniversary of Parliament decriminalising homosexuality in Victoria

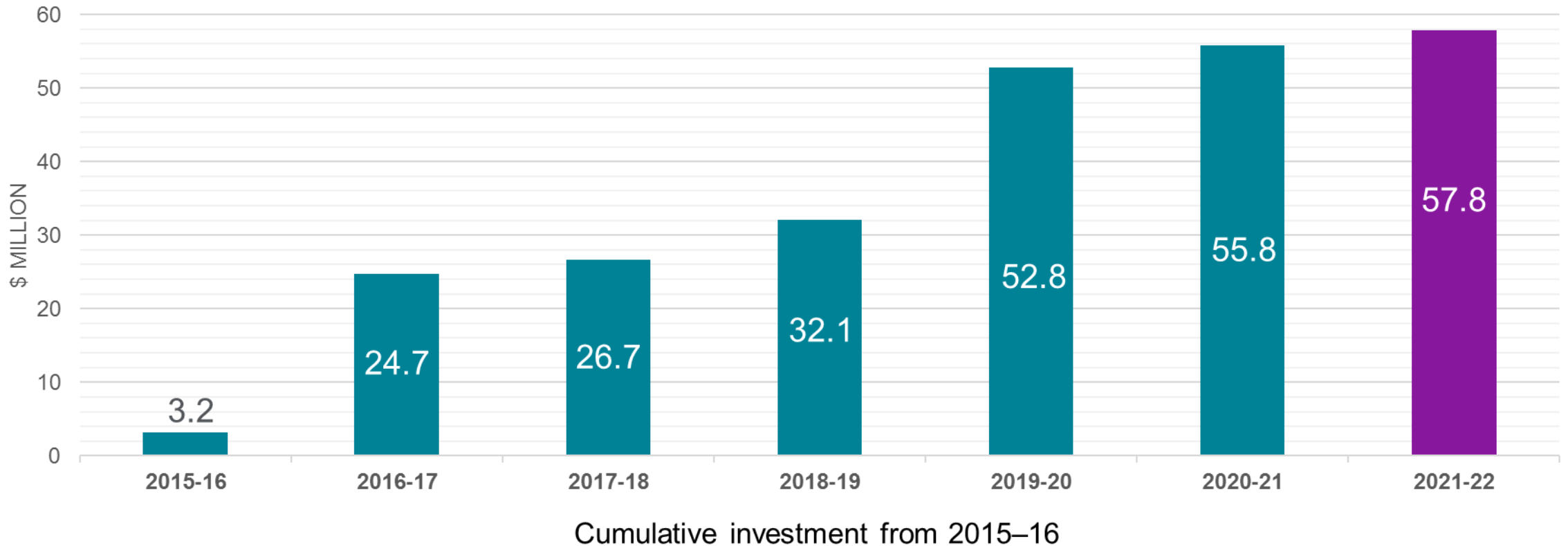


LGBTIQ+ Grants Program

\$1.0 million to **continue the flagship grants program** strengthening capability of LGBTIQ+ leaders and organisations to support LGBTIQ+ Victorians

Our investment in Equality

Our ongoing commitment towards an Equality state since 2015



Key achievements in 2020-21

Delivering reforms and initiatives to progress LGBTIQ+ equality in Victoria

▶ Revitalising the LGBTIQ+ sector

\$1.2 million in grants supporting 25 LGBTIQ+ businesses and organisations impacted by COVID-19

▶ Building the capability of LGBTIQ+ organisations

\$0.5 million worth of grants distributed through 2021 LGBTIQ+ Organisational Development Grants Program

▶ Establishing the Victorian Pride Centre

Australia's first purpose-built LGBTIQ+ community hub, to serve and engage diverse LGBTIQ+ communities in Victoria.



Key achievements in 2020-21 (continued)

Delivering reforms and initiatives to progress LGBTIQ+ equality in Victoria

- ▶ **Delivering on our 2018 election commitments**
including passing the Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Bill in February 2021 and progressing the delivery of LGBTIQ+ family counselling and homelessness services
- ▶ **Developing the whole of government LGBTIQ+ Strategy**
Over 1,600 individuals and organisations were consulted throughout 2020 and early 2021 about Victoria's roadmap to improve outcomes for LGBTIQ+ Victorians.



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