



# Public Accounts and Estimates Committee Minister for Victorian Communities

The Hon Peter Batchelor MP  
2007-08 Budget Estimates Hearing

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## *A Fairer Victoria – Building on the Commitment*

- An additional \$1.4 billion in *A Fairer Victoria* 2007 – 64 new initiatives
- \$3 billion total investment in *A Fairer Victoria* since 2005
- Priorities in 2007 include
  - Housing
  - Addressing the needs of people with a disability
  - Early childhood development
  - Helping older Victorians to stay independent
  - Indigenous affairs



# DVC Strategic Directions

- Increase opportunities for people to participate in the social, economic and civic life of their communities
  - Employment, skills development, volunteering, schools, councils, local committees, being active in their communities
- Focus efforts and resources to improve outcomes for specific population groups and places
  - Target investments to particular places and people groups – Community Renewal, Indigenous Framework
- Improve the way Government engages with citizens and communities
  - Making Government easier to work with - grants
  - Citizen engagement



## 2006-07 major achievements

- **Community Renewal** - \$11.5 million tackling place based disadvantage started in Frankston North, Laverton and Whittington
- **Volunteering & Community Enterprise** - strengthened support services with \$7.3 million, exceeded 750 small grants, developed of 76 enterprises, created 140 jobs and trained 250
- **Transport Connections** - \$8.3 million for 25 projects tackling transport disadvantage across the Victoria
- **Community Building Initiative** - \$10 million for 19 projects in 102 towns over 3300 participants in workshops
- **Community Support Fund** - \$366,750 for 18 Community Planning, \$1.2m for 11 Community Strengthening, \$8.7 million for 35 Community Infrastructure

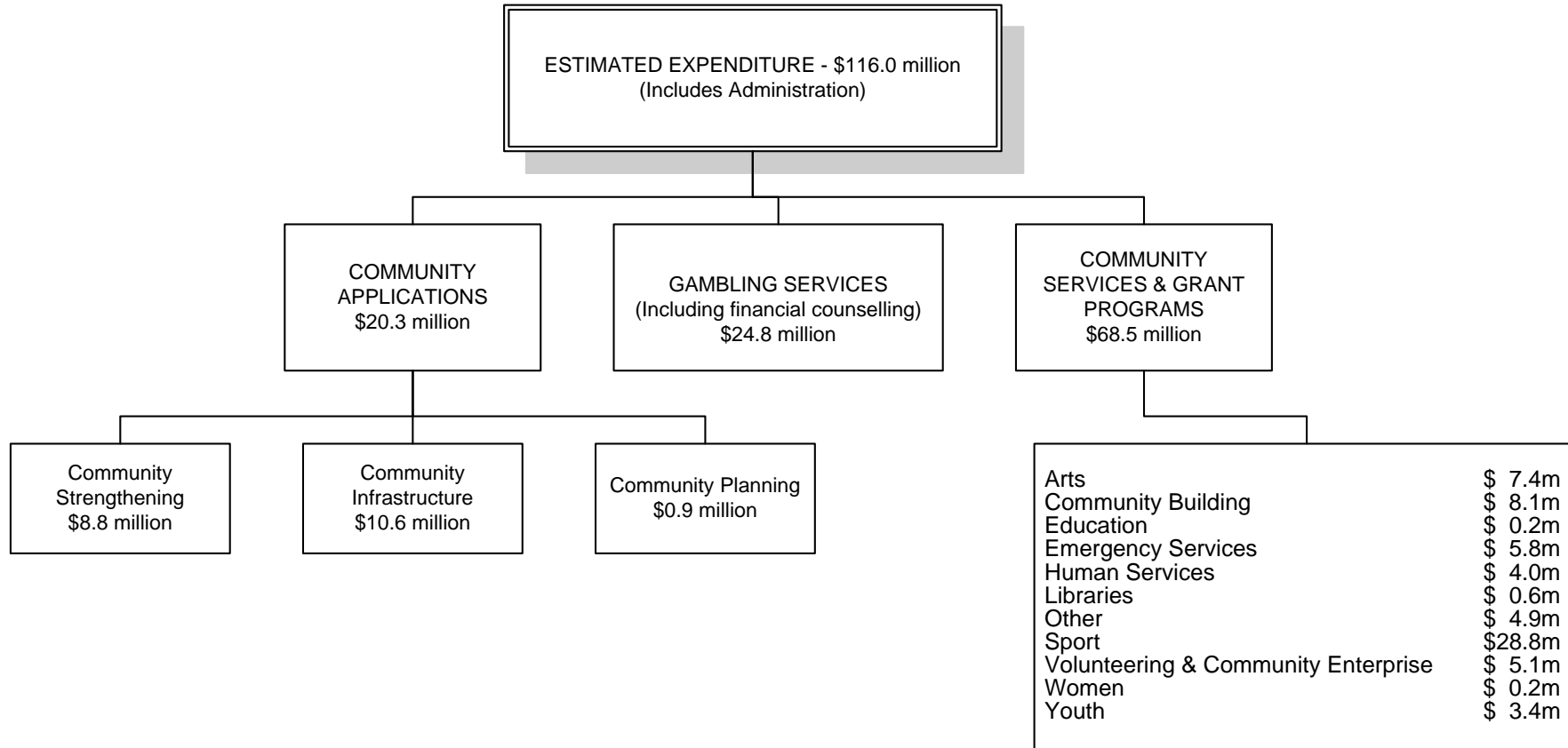


## 2007-08 budget initiatives – Victorian Communities

- **\$61.2 million** over four years to support community activities.
  - \$41.2 million for Victorian Community Support Grants
  - \$20 million to build and upgrade community centres
- **\$4.4 million** over four years to support volunteering
- **\$1.6 million** over four years for the Community Bus program
- **\$3 million** over four years for Community Enterprise
- **\$4 million** over four years for Community Renewal
- **1.6 million** for an Electronic Document Management System (Asset)



# Community Support Fund – Estimates 2006-07



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