

Inquiry into the 2019/20 Budget Estimates

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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Premier
and Cabinet

Equality Portfolio - Key Goals

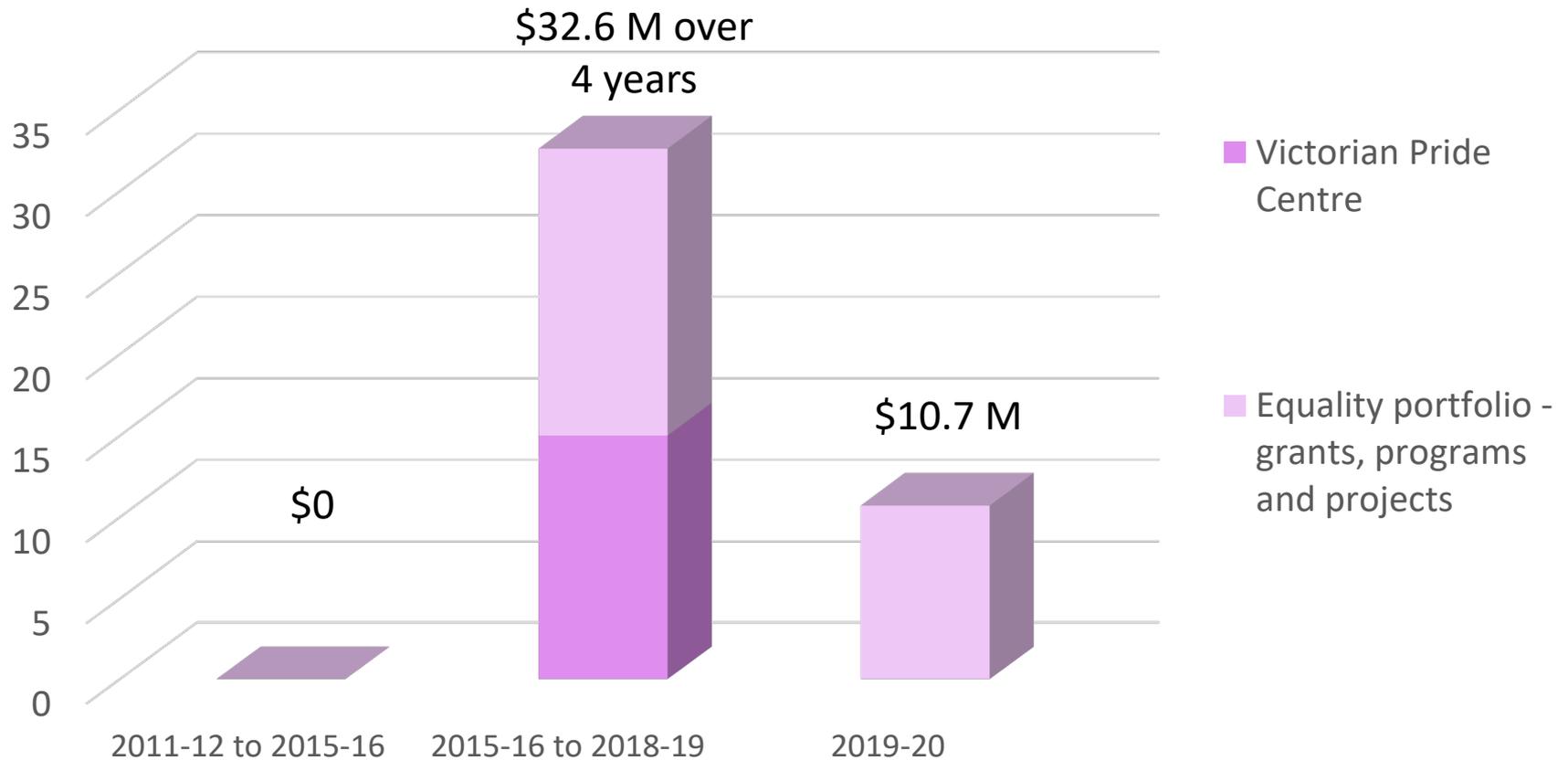
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Gender Diverse, Intersex and Queer (LGBTIQ) Victorians have a right to equality, fairness and full inclusion.

The Equality portfolio sets out to:

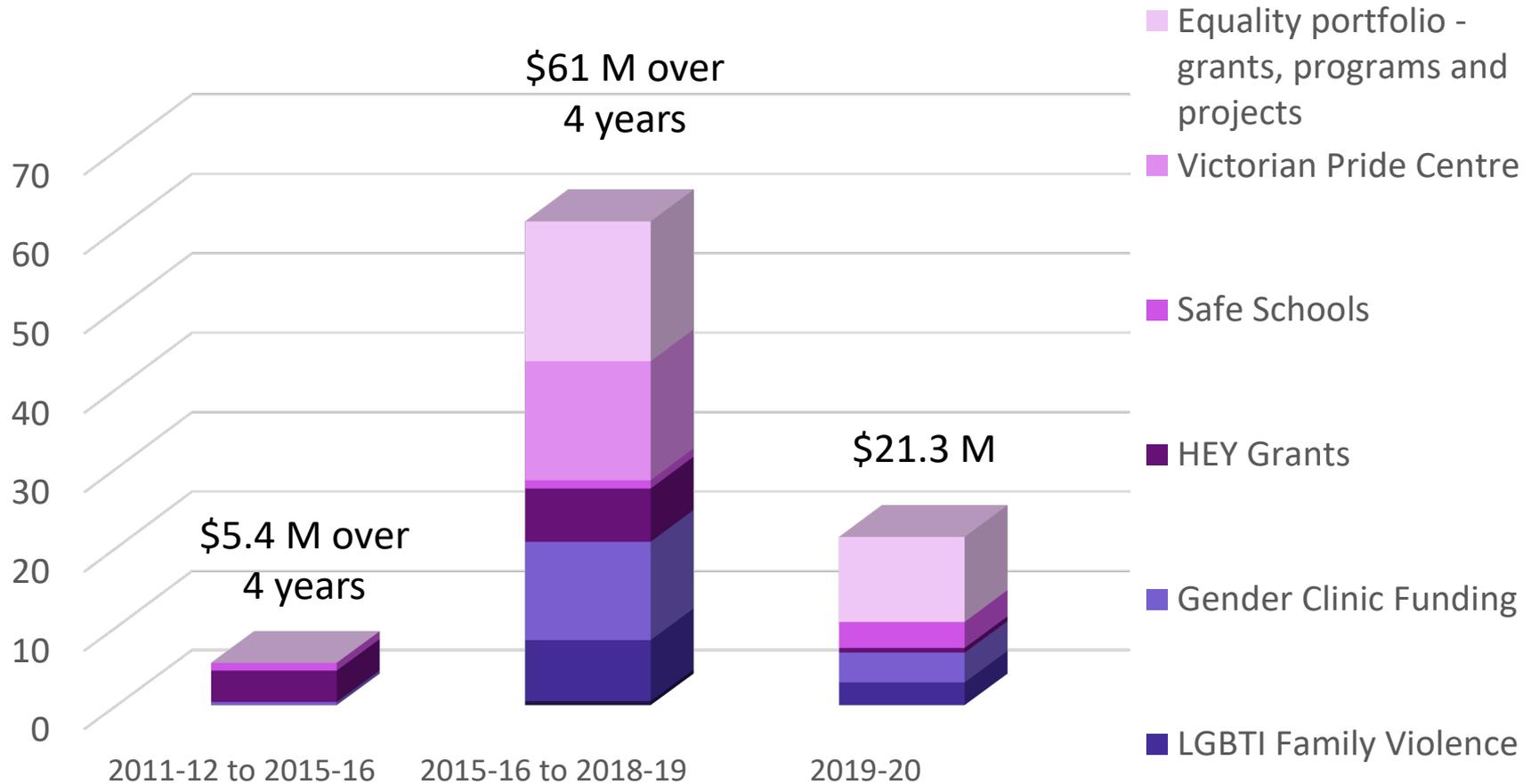
- Remove discrimination from Victorian laws, services and society.
- Promote inclusion and celebrate diversity.



Investment in the Equality Portfolio



Investment in LGBTIQ Programs and Initiatives



2018/19 LGBTIQ Equality Highlights

- **Intersex** resources, research and peer support
- **Trans and gender diverse health** and peer support
- **LGBTIQ grants and leadership program**
- Victorian **Pride Centre** construction
- **Rural and Regional LGBTIQ** program
- Aboriginal LGBTIQ roundtable
- **Ban conversion practices**



2019/20 State budget



\$10.65 million investment in Equality portfolio

2019/20 Budget initiatives for LGBTIQ Victorians include:

- \$0.2 million for 2019/20 towards planning for **Melbourne Pride 2021**
- \$0.2 million over four years boosting **Pride Events and Festivals** Fund for regional/rural events
- \$0.25 million for 2019/20 to support victim survivors of ‘**conversion therapy**’
- \$3 million for 2019/20 to assist **homelessness** providers to improve LGBTIQ inclusion
- \$2.5 million over four years boosting **counselling** for LGBTIQ Victorians and their loved ones
- \$0.5 million for 2019/20 to increase **mental health support** through existing services
- \$0.8 million over four years to support **JOY FM's** relocation to the Victorian Pride Centre
- \$3.2 million over years for funding of the **Equality branch**