

2024–25 Victorian State Budget

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Portfolio overview



+\$56m

provided since 2020
to deliver more food relief
to Victorians in need.



400

neighbourhood houses:
over **580,000 hours** of support
to communities in 2023-24



360

men's sheds across Victoria
487 grants have been provided
since 2015.



13,250

unpaid carers supported
annually with **261,250 hours**
of respite, counselling, and
support in 2023-24



Key achievements over the past 12 months

The portfolio is focused on supporting local communities and Victorians in need:

- › More than **\$43 million** annually for the Neighbourhood House Coordination Program
- › **\$22.4 million** annually for the Support for Carers Program, and a further **\$9.5 million** to provide additional respite for carers.
- › **\$7.4 million** to **57** community and volunteer-based organisations across the state, delivering on the Victorian Government's 2022 election commitments
- › **\$10 million** for two new Foodbank Hubs which are now open in Ballarat and Morwell
- › Grants of up to **\$100,000** awarded to **28** men's sheds



Continuing to invest in local communities in 2024-25

- › **The 2024-25 Victorian State Budget delivers \$3.5 million to:**
 - › continue support for operations of regional food relief hubs in Albury-Wodonga, Shepparton, Mildura, Bendigo, Warrnambool and Geelong
 - › provide grants to support state-wide food relief providers and improve distribution of food relief into regional areas
 - › deliver a new grants program to help volunteer-based and community-led organisations meet local demand for food relief.
 - › An additional **\$2.5 million** in the Budget will provide direct grants to neighbourhood houses for food relief activities.



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