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The 2020-21 Budget – Key Initiatives

We are building on the success of Jobs Victoria and Working for Victoria to support unemployed Victorians during this economic downturn

- A **\$250 million** job subsidy fund to support the creation of around 10,000 jobs
- This includes at least **\$150 million** extra funding to create jobs for women
- A **\$266.5 million** investment to treble Jobs Victoria deliver face-to-face advice and support to those who need extra help.

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- **JobsBank** will receive a **\$15 million investment** to strengthen its focus on inclusive employment and leveraging the social procurement framework.
- We're also investing **\$64 million** in the **Innovation and Digital Jobs Program**, which will reskill unemployed workers to transition into digital careers by providing high-quality training, paid digital internships and digital studentship places.

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- We've also committed **\$8.8 million** to focus on local initiatives like the **Local Jobs Champions**, who work in areas of high unemployment with flexible funding to unlock local job opportunities and pathways.
- **\$10.9 million** will support a **flexible pathways fund** to address the specific needs of jobseekers, such as additional personal support.

Supporting jobseekers into work throughout the pandemic

- We have provided **key support to Victorians during the pandemic**
 - The **\$587.5 million Working for Victoria initiative** has helped people who have lost their jobs to find paid work that supports the Victorian community
 - It has created more than **11,000 new jobs** for Victorians in quick pandemic-response short term roles and longer-term jobs supporting local communities – **3,500 additional candidates** have been **matched into jobs without funding support**.
 - Targeted support for young people, via the **Youth Employment Program** and the **Victorian Apprenticeships Recovery** package which are helping young people gain traineeships, apprenticeships and other roles in the public and private sectors
- We are continuing to support long-term jobseekers who face employment barriers:
 - **Jobs Victoria** has supported **13,900 jobseekers into work since October 2016**
 - This includes more than **3,900 young people** connected to jobs