

Inquiry into the 2018/19 Budget Estimates

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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Premier
and Cabinet

2018/19 State budget

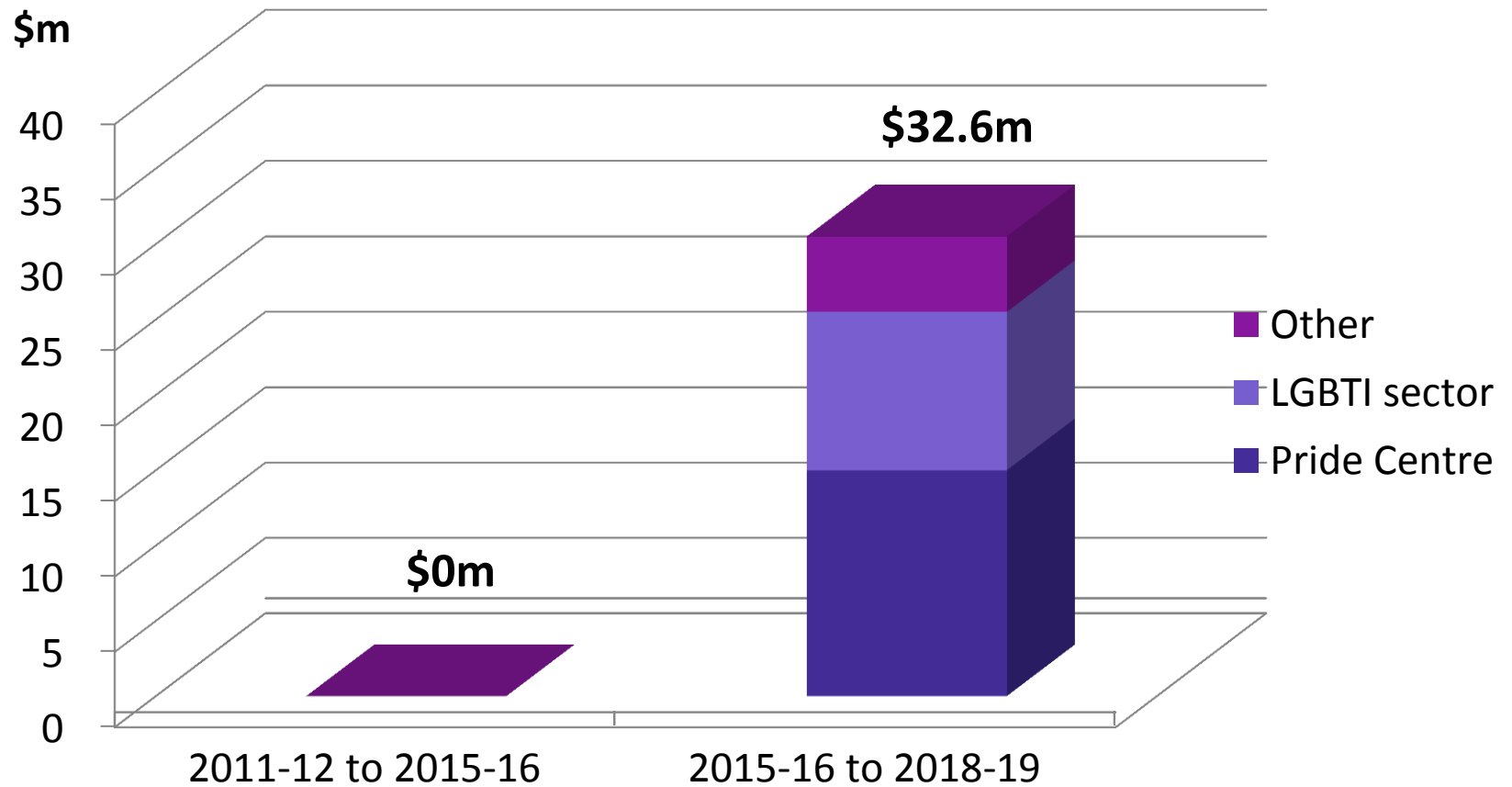
\$5.4 million investment in Equality portfolio



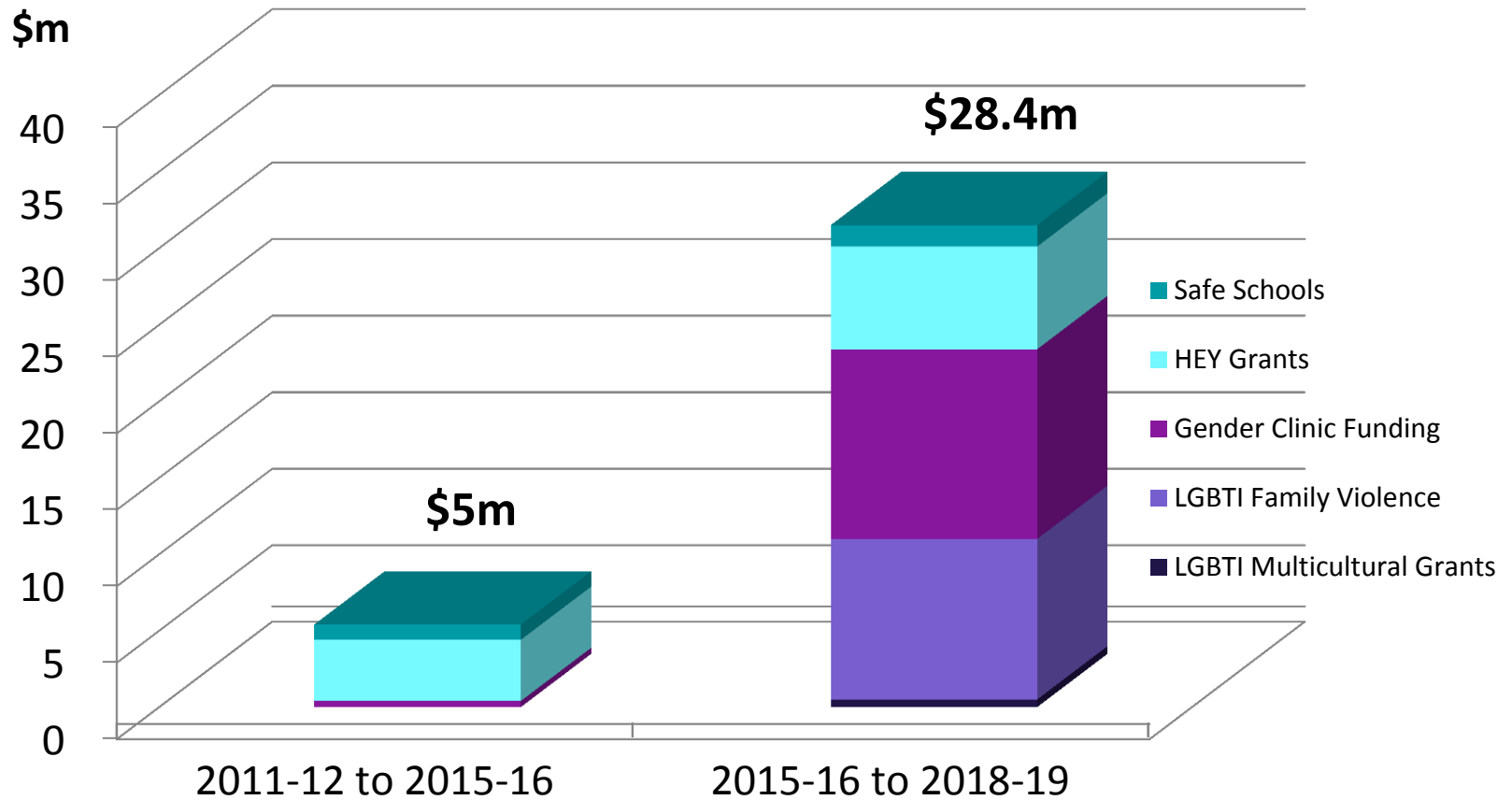
The 2018/19 Budget initiatives for LGBTI Victorians include:

- A new **Pride Events and Festivals Fund** - \$2 million over four years
 - Includes funding of \$600,000 over three years for Midsumma.
- **Supporting LGBTI Victorians in our healthcare system:** capacity to support **trans and gender diverse people** - \$3.4 million over four years:
 - two new gender clinics
 - skill development and training for healthcare professionals
 - a peer support program.

Investment in the Equality portfolio



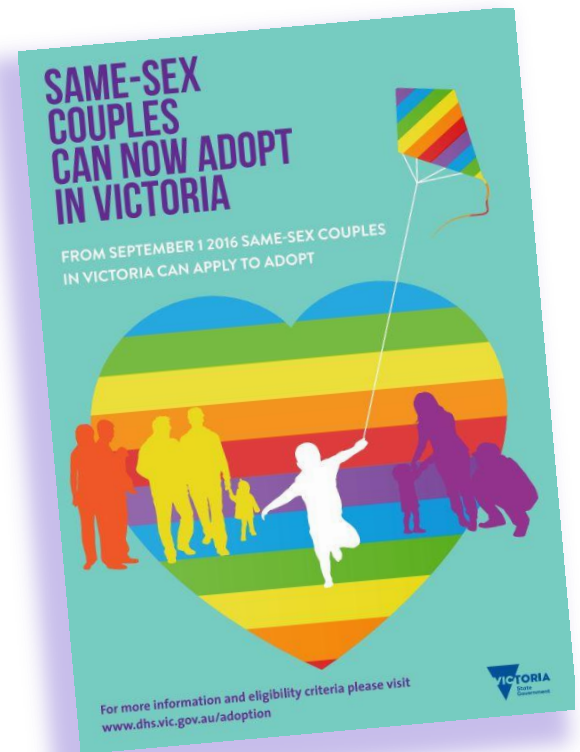
Other Victorian government portfolio targeted LGBTI investment examples



Legislative reform

This Government has a proud record of **legislative reform** to make Victoria fairer for LGBTI people, including:

- Repealing the offence of intentionally infecting someone with HIV
- Expunged historical convictions for homosexual activity
- Adoption equality for LGBTI Victorians
- Making it easier for LGBTI couples to register their domestic relationships
- Establishing powers to investigate and act on 'gay conversion therapy'
- Ensuring trans people can register their sex without being forced to divorce.



Equality Highlights: Pride Centre

- The Government is proud to support the establishment of the **Victorian Pride Centre** with foundation funding of \$15 million for its design and construction.
- The Pride Centre is being developed by and for LGBTI communities through the independent Victorian Pride Centre Limited (VPC) led by June Munro AO.
- In January 2018, I announced the winning design for the Pride Centre which will form part of a revitalised St Kilda precinct.



Equality Highlights: LGBTI Community Grants Program

- The 2016/17 Budget invested \$4 million over four years for an **LGBTI Community Grants Program**.
- The 2017/18 round announced in April 2018 - 18 organisations sharing \$700,000.
- In February 2018, I announced that we will establish a groundbreaking LGBTI leadership program with Leadership Victoria costing \$200,000 per annum.



Equality Highlights: Rural and Regional LGBTI Roadshow

- The **Rural and Regional LGBTI Roadshow** - funded from the \$2.5 million allocated in the Combatting Homophobia Initiative



○ A co-designed project, it has visited more than 23 towns, hosted over 220 engagement activities with over 2500 attendees.

○ In April 2018 a first ever Community of Practice brought together nearly 80 LGBTI regional and rural leaders.

