



DHS 2011-12 Budget Submission Women's Affairs Portfolio

Investing in issues that matter to women

The 2011-2012 budget delivers to families and women by:

- supporting vulnerable women and their families
- delivering more responsive maternity services
- supporting women's economic participation
- improving community safety
- easing the cost of living
- improving health services
- supporting local communities and improving public transport



Supporting vulnerable women and their families

The Victorian Budget provides:

\$17.8 million over four years to assist vulnerable mothers and their families, including intensive ante and post natal support services up until their child is four

\$4 million over four years to improve the safety of women in psychiatric facilities, through defined female areas and other improvements

\$400,000 for an intensive eating disorder program at the Royal Children's Hospital to support young Victorians with an eating disorder

\$41.4 million for respite services and supported accommodation to support primary caregivers and **\$1 million** for the School Holiday Respite Fund.

Delivering more responsive maternity services

An additional new five-bed mother baby unit at the Bendigo Hospital (with more mother and baby units to be set up through the Health Infrastructure Fund).

\$3.7 million over four years to continue the maternal and child health line

\$300,000 over three years for maternal and child health scholarships

\$400,000 over four years to raise awareness about the benefits of breastfeeding

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\$2.4 million over four years to support women's economic participation.

Funding in 2011-2012 continues to support:

The Victorian Honour Roll of Women
The Victorian Women's Register
The Rural Women's Network and Network Magazine
Queen Victorian Women's Centre and Women's Information and Referral Exchange
Consultation forums on issues that matter to women and development of a Women's Policy Framework.

Family Violence Reforms

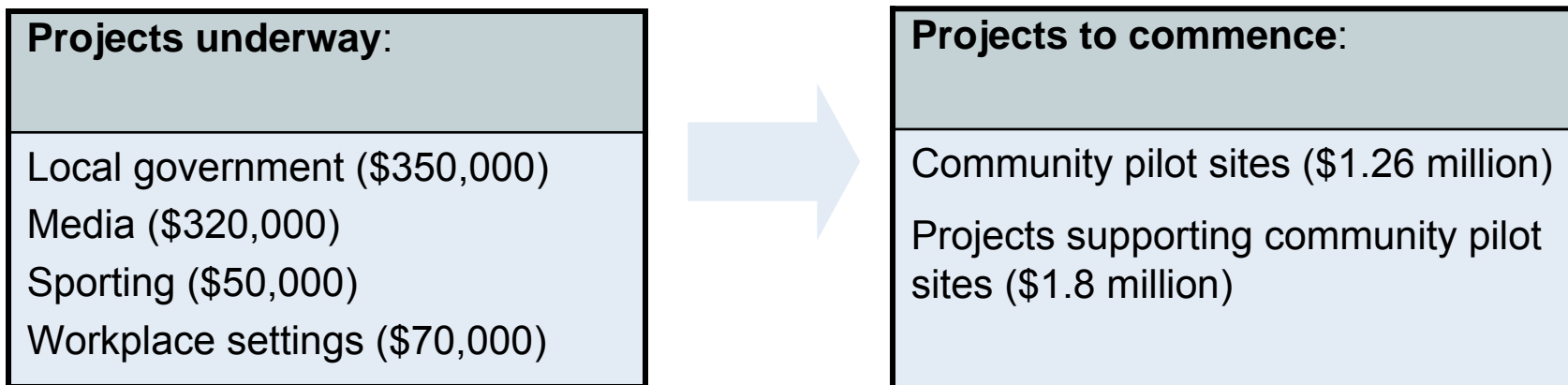
\$1.653 million committed to family violence reform over the next two financial years

Family Violence and Risk Assessment and Risk Management training
On-line Family Violence and Risk Assessment and Risk Management training
Practice guide for the family violence sector
Supporting pilots for integrated Family Violence Risk Assessment and Risk Management

Preventing Violence Against Women

Endorsed the National Plan to Reduce Violence against women and their Children.

A further **\$12.62 million** committed over the next three years to prevent violence against women



Further projects to be developed over next three financial years

Improving community safety

A stronger police presence is fundamental to reducing violence and crime and enhancing the safety of community spaces.

The Victorian Budget provides:

\$602 million to fund an additional **1600** frontline police and 100 transit safety police

\$1.2 million to fund nine new brawler vans in public places

\$5.5 million in 2011-12 for the management of serious sex offenders

\$25 million over four years for the Community Crime Prevention Program

Easing the cost of living

The Victorian Budget provides:

\$382 million boost in concessions for electricity bills

\$62.9 million to increase the cap on water and sewage concessions

\$242 million to reduce the cost of ambulance memberships by 50 per cent

Carer Card – travel and other discounts

Improving health services

The Victorian Budget provides:

800 new hospital beds.

\$259 million to upgrade regional health services in Echuca, Mildura, Geelong and Bendigo

\$34 million to improve palliative care services

Supporting local communities and improving public transport

The Victorian Budget provides:

\$484 million for public transport renewal

\$212 million over four years to deploy **940** protective services officers for railway stations

\$42 million over four years to boost community participation in civic activities, community infrastructure and amenity

\$5 million over four years for Scouts and Guides Victoria, including **\$4 million** for scout and guide facilities