



Creating liveable neighbourhoods and communities

Neighbourhood Renewal

\$17.18 million over four years will be used to continue and expand Neighbourhood Renewal, a place based approach that seeks to address the high levels of disadvantage and social exclusion that some communities face.

The Government's highly-regarded response to place based social exclusion has already brought about significant improvements to the communities that have been targeted. This funding will benefit 19 Neighbourhood Renewal communities with concentrations of public housing.

Of this funding, \$13.02 million will fund existing Neighbourhood Renewal sites. The areas selected for Neighbourhood Renewal experience very high levels of disadvantage and entrenched social exclusion. As a result of the concentrations of public housing, Neighbourhood Renewal areas have very significant levels of high needs tenants. For these areas four years is not a sufficient time to embed sustainable change to create a socially inclusive community.

The remaining funding of \$4.16 million will go towards two additional Neighbourhood Renewal sites. Breaking up concentrations of disadvantage and creating pathways to jobs and other forms of social and economic participation continue to be necessary. In order to extend the achievements of renewal, the Victorian Government will tackle disadvantage and social exclusion and invest \$4.16 million in two more communities that have not previously been targeted for renewal.

Community Renewal

The State Government is funding \$8.9 million for Community Renewal in addition to the \$17.18 million investment being made for Neighbourhood Renewal.

This initiative will provide \$8.9 million to extend eight current Community Renewal projects to six years so these communities can consolidate and build on early gains, and embed initiatives and effort into local structures. Funding will also allow an emphasis on education and training, reflecting community priorities developed in early stages of Community Renewal projects.