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FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of Schedule	
Parties	Commonwealth Victoria
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2022.
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of business support packages (the packages) to eligible Victorian businesses financially impacted by lockdowns due to COVID-19. Details of each package can be found in the appendices to this Schedule. Implementation and compliance will be managed by Victoria.
Reporting arrangements	On jointly funded packages Victoria will provide to the Commonwealth for all elements set out in the appendices to this Schedule: - aggregate level data weekly, in accordance with payment timing, including total number of applications received, total number and dollar value of payments approved, total support paid, number of unique businesses that have received a payment, and support paid in the last week; and - detailed data fortnightly on entity types, employing/non-employing status and ANZSIC classes for payment recipients where information is collected. The Commonwealth will pay Victoria monthly in arrears based on the fortnightly reporting provided by Victoria. Victoria will provide a statement of assurance confirming that the fortnightly reports are an accurate representation of the money has been disbursed under each package. The Commonwealth may request additional data on the support packages in writing. The supply of additional data will be subject to availability of information already collected. Additional data requests will not affect the Commonwealth contributions under this agreement.

Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth's financial contributions under each package will be set out in the appendices to this Schedule. Payments to Victoria will be made each month based on the fortnightly reports provided by Victoria.
Additional terms	Victoria agrees to implement the packages in accordance with the parameters outlined in the appendices that detail the terms, conditions and eligibility criteria for each package. Victoria is responsible for all elements of implementation including processing applications, determining eligibility, managing compliance, and making payments to eligible applicants. Where businesses that received a payment are later found to have been ineligible, Victoria will repay the Commonwealth's financial contributions towards those businesses where the funding has been recovered. Repayments to the Commonwealth will be managed by a reconciliation process either at the end of the financial year, or following the final payment, to adjust for variances. Variances will be rectified by the Commonwealth invoicing Victoria for the relevant amount or vice versa. The reconciliation process will include funds Victoria has recovered from ineligible grant recipients. Sole traders who receive business support through the programs listed in the appendices will not be eligible to receive the COVID-19 Disaster Payments for the same relevant period.

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this Schedule as follows:

Signed *for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by*

The Honourable Josh Frydenberg MP
Treasurer of the Commonwealth of Australia

5 November 2021

Signed *for and on behalf of the State of Victoria by*

The Honourable Tim Pallas
Treasurer of the State of Victoria

9 November 2021

Appendix A: Terms, Conditions and Eligibility Criteria – Victorian Business Support – Joint Package 1 announced 28 July 2021

1. This appendix to the *Business support payments* – Victoria Schedule (the Schedule) supports the delivery of the Victorian Business Support Package announced on 28 July 2021 (Joint Package 1). This is a demand-based package that will give Victorian small and medium sized businesses the support and confidence they need to recover from the recent lockdown.
2. The Commonwealth will reimburse Victoria 50 per cent of all payments made to eligible businesses under this package, estimated to be $400 million (total package size) for applications made before 11:59 pm 20 August 2021.
3. Payment to Victoria will be made following the provision of a report in relation to this package that satisfies the requirements outlined in the Schedule.
4. In agreeing to this appendix, Victoria agrees to implement this package for the listed programs, in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed in the table below.

Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
Business Continuity Fund $155.67 million	$5,000 grants for around 30,000 small and medium sized businesses that continued to be directly impacted by lockdown restrictions past 27 July 2021 including hospitality businesses, events and entertainment sites, personal care businesses and gyms and fitness centres. An additional $2,000 was provided to eligible businesses located in Melbourne CBD.	Only successful recipients of a Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two (BCAP2) or BCAP2 – July Extension (BCAP2e) grant are eligible to receive this top-up. Must be registered as operating in one of the 24 ANZSIC classes identified as eligible to receive $5,000 top-up (see Attachment A). Eligibility for $2,000 CBD top-up was determined based on location within 4 CBD postcodes below: 3000 (Melbourne) 3005 (World Trade Centre) 3006 (Southbank) 3008 (Docklands)
Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 (LHVF21): Top Up $70.3 million	$5,000 to $20,000 per premises to eligible liquor licensees based on venue patron capacity, plus an additional $2,000 per premises located in the Melbourne CBD.	All recipients must have received or been eligible for an initial LHVF21 or LHVF21 – July Extension grant. Grant amount based on premises capacity: • $5,000 if 0-199 or not specified • $10,000 if 200-499 • $20,000 if 500+ Additional fixed payment for premises located in the CBD, with reference to the same CBD postcodes as the Business Continuity Fund.

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Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
Alpine Business Support Program: Top Up $9.8 million	$5,000 to $20,000 to around 430 alpine-based businesses. This includes an additional $5 million fund to support alpine resort operators and management boards.	Grants based on business type: • $5,000 if off-mountain • $10,000 if on-mountain (non-employing) • $20,000 if on-mountain (employing)
Small Business COVID Hardship Fund $84.23 million	$5,000 grant to small businesses who have experienced a reduction in turnover of at least 70 per cent due to COVID but cannot access other Victorian avenues of financial support.	To be eligible a business must: • have a payroll of up to $10 million • be GST-registered • have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 70 per cent as a result of COVID-19 restrictions for a minimum consecutive two-week period comparable to a benchmark period in 2019 • not have received funding under any of the Victorian Government COVID-19 support packages launched on or after 27 May 2021.
Commercial Landlord Hardship Fund 3 and Land Tax Relief Total $80 million announced (subsequently increased to $20M for CLHF3 and $100m for land tax relief) **This program is fully funded by the Victorian Government.**	Eligible small landlords and their tenants must have agreed a rent waiver or non-payment of at least 50 per cent of the agreed rent relief provided between 28 July 2021 and 15 January 2022. Eligible landlords will be able to apply for grants of up to $6000 per eligible tenancy. For landlords that waive rent in excess of $6000 and can demonstrate acute hardship, the grant may be increased to a maximum of $10,000 per eligible tenancy. Land tax relief of 25 per cent is available for landlords who have provided rent relief to commercial tenants under the Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme.	The Commercial Landlord Hardship Fund 3 offers grants to small commercial landlords with total taxable landholdings of less than $3 million that are experiencing hardship as a result of waiving rent for their tenants under the Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme.

This appendix was agreed by the Commonwealth and Victoria when the overarching Schedule was signed.

Appendix B: Terms, Conditions and Eligibility Criteria – Victorian Business Support – Joint Package 2 announced 6 August 2021

1. This appendix to the *Business support payments – Victoria* Schedule (the Schedule) supports the delivery of Victorian Business Support announced on 6 August 2021 (Joint Package 2). This is a demand-based package assisting businesses adversely affected by the Victorian lockdown beginning on 5 August 2021.
2. The Commonwealth will reimburse Victoria 50 per cent of all payments made to eligible businesses under this package estimated to be $400 million (total package size) for applications made before 11:59 pm 20 August 2021.
3. Payment to Victoria will be made following the provision of a report in relation to this package that satisfies the requirements outlined in the Schedule.
4. In agreeing to this appendix, Victoria agrees to implement this package, for the listed Programs, in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed in the table below.

Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
Business Costs Assistance Program Round 3 (BCAP3) $266 million	$2,800 grants for small and medium sized businesses that have incurred direct costs as a result of the July COVID-19 Restrictions and the business cannot predominantly operate remotely.	Only successful recipients of a Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two (BCAP2) or BCAP2 – July Extension (BCAP2e) grant are eligible to receive this top-up.
Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021: 6 August Top Up $68.8 million	$5,000 to $20,000 per premises to eligible liquor licensees based on venue patron capacity.	All recipients must have received or be found eligible for the initial Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 or Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 – July Extension grant. Grant amount based on premises capacity: • $5,000 if 0-199 patrons or patrons not specified • $10,000 if 200-499 patrons • $20,000 if 500+ patrons
Alpine Business Support Program: August Top Up Total: $10.6 million Including: Payments to businesses - $5.6 million and Fund for operators/ management boards - $5 million	$5,000 to $20,000 to around 430 alpine-based businesses. Additional $5 million fund to support alpine resort operators and management boards.	Grants based on business type: • $5,000 if off-mountain • $10,000 if on-mountain (non-employing) • $20,000 if on-mountain (employing)
Small Business COVID Hardship Fund – August Extension	Grants of $8,000 (total) to small businesses that are not eligible for support under other Victorian	To be eligible a business must: • have a payroll of up to $10 million. • be GST-registered

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Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
$54.6 million	COVID-19 related support programs and have experienced at least a 70 per cent reduction in turnover due to COVID.	• have an annual turnover greater than $75,000 • have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 70 per cent as a result of COVID-19 restrictions for a minimum consecutive two-week period comparable to a benchmark period in 2019 • not have received funding under any of the Victorian Government COVID-19 support packages launched on or after 27 May 2021.

This appendix was agreed by the Commonwealth and Victoria when the overarching Schedule was signed.

Appendix C: Terms, Conditions and Eligibility Criteria – Victorian Business Support – Joint Package 3 announced 12 August 2021

1. This appendix to the *Business support payments* – Victoria Schedule (the Schedule) supports the delivery of Victorian Business Support announced 12 August 2021 (Joint Package 3). This is a demand-based package assisting businesses adversely affected by the extension of the lockdown in Melbourne (restrictions eased in regional Victorian on the 9 August 2021).
2. The Commonwealth will reimburse Victoria 50 per cent of all payments made to eligible businesses under this package estimated to be $367 million (total package size) for applications made before 11:59 pm 20 August 2021.
3. Payment to Victoria will be made following the provision of a report in relation to this package that satisfies the requirements outlined in the Schedule.
4. In agreeing to this appendix, Victoria agrees to implement this package, for the listed programs, in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed in the table below.

Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
Business Costs Assistance Program Round 3 (12 August top-up) $271 million	A further $2,800 grant for small and medium sized businesses located in metropolitan Melbourne that have incurred direct costs as a result of the July COVID-19 Restrictions and cannot predominantly operate remotely.	Only successful recipients of a Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two (BCAP2) or BCAP2 – July Extension (BCAP2e) grant are eligible to receive this top-up. Must be based in metropolitan Melbourne.
Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021: 12 August Top-up -Metro $55 million	A further $5,000 to $20,000 per premises to eligible liquor licensees in metropolitan Melbourne with payment tiers based on venue patron capacity.	All recipients must have received an initial Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 or Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 – July Extension grant. Grant amount based on premises capacity: • $5,000 up to 99 patrons or patrons not specified • $10,000 if 100-499 patrons • $20,000 if 500+ patrons Premises must be located in metropolitan Melbourne, as per Victoria Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) data.
Small Business COVID Hardship Fund – August Top-up No.2 $41 million	Grants of $10,000 (total) to small businesses that are not eligible for support under existing Victorian programs and have experienced at least a 70 per cent reduction in turnover due to COVID.	To be eligible a business must: • have a payroll of up to $10 million. • be GST-registered • have an annual turnover greater than $75,000 • have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 70 per cent due to COVID restrictions

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Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
		• not have received funding under any of the Victorian Government COVID-19 support packages launched on or after 27 May 2021.

This appendix was agreed by the Commonwealth and Victoria when the overarching Schedule was signed.

Appendix D: Terms, Conditions and Eligibility Criteria – Victorian Business Support – Joint Package 4 announced 19 August 2021

1. This appendix to the Business support payments – Victoria Schedule (the Schedule) supports the delivery of Victorian Business Support announced 19 August 2021 (Joint Package 4). This is a demand-based package assisting small and medium businesses most affected by the extension of public health restrictions in Melbourne.
2. The Commonwealth will reimburse Victoria 50 per cent of all payments made to eligible businesses under this package estimated to be $806.7 million (total package size) for applications made before 11:59 pm 20 August 2021.
3. Payment to Victoria will be made following the provision of a report in relation to this package that satisfies the requirements outlined in the Schedule.
4. In agreeing to this appendix, Victoria agrees to implement this package, for the listed programs, in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed in the table below.

Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
Business Costs Assistance Program Round 3 (19 August top-up) $624.7 million	A further $5,600 ($2,800 per week) grant for small and medium sized businesses that are significantly affected due to the lockdown but continue to incur costs.	Only successful recipients of a Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two (BCAP2) or BCAP2 – July Extension (BCAP2e) grant are eligible to receive this top-up. Must be based in metropolitan Melbourne.
Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021: 19 August Top-up -Metro $110 million	Automatic payments of $5,000 to $20,000 per premises per week to eligible liquor licensees in metropolitan Melbourne with payment tiers based on venue patron capacity.	All recipients must have received an initial Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 or Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 – Extension grant. Grant amount per week based on premises capacity: • $5,000 up to 99 patrons or patrons not specified • $10,000 if 100-499 patrons • $20,000 if 500+ patrons Premises must be located in metropolitan Melbourne as per Victoria Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) data.

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Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
Small Business COVID Hardship Fund (SBHCF) – August Top-up No.3 $72 million	Grants of $14,000 (total) to small businesses that are not eligible for support under existing Victorian programs and have experienced at least a 70 per cent reduction in turnover due to COVID.	To be eligible a business must: • have a payroll of up to $10 million • be GST-registered • have an annual turnover greater than $75,000 • have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 70 per cent due to COVID restrictions • not have received funding under any of the Victorian Government COVID-19 support packages launched on or after 27 May 2021.

This appendix was agreed by the Commonwealth and Victoria when the overarching Schedule was signed.

Appendix E: Terms, Conditions and Eligibility Criteria – Victorian Business Support – Joint Package 5 announced 22 August 2021

1. This appendix to the *Business support payments – Victoria* Schedule (the Schedule) supports the delivery of Victorian Business Support announced 22 August 2021 (Joint Package 5). This is a demand-based package assisting businesses adversely affected by the extension of the lockdown to include businesses operating in regional Victoria.
2. The Commonwealth will reimburse Victoria 50 per cent of all payments made to eligible businesses under this package estimated to be $146.6 million (total package size) for applications made before 11:59 pm 20 August 2021.
3. Payment to Victoria will be made following the provision of a report in relation to this package that satisfies the requirements outlined in the Schedule.
4. In agreeing to this appendix, Victoria agrees to implement this package, for the listed programs, in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed in the table below.

Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
Business Costs Assistance Program Round 3 (22 August top-up) $100.9 million	A further $5,600 ($2,800 per week) grant to small and medium sized businesses located in regional Victoria that are unable to trade due to COVID restrictions.	Only successful recipients of a Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two (BCAP2) or BCAP2 – July Extension (BCAP2e) grant are eligible to receive this top-up. Must be based in regional Victoria.
Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021: 19 August Top-up – Regional $34.5 million	Automatic payments of $5,000 to $20,000 per premises per week to eligible liquor licensees in regional Victoria with payment tiers based on venue patron capacity.	All recipients must have received an initial Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 or Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 – Extension grant. Grant amount per week based on premises capacity: • $5,000 up to 99 patrons or patrons not specified • $10,000 if 100-499 patrons • $20,000 if 500+ patrons Premises must be located in regional Victoria as per Victoria Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation (VCGLR) data.
Alpine Business Support Program: August Top Up $11.2 million	$10,000 to $40,000 per fortnight to around 430 alpine-based businesses.	Grants based on business type: • $10,000 if off-mountain • $20,000 if on-mountain (non-employing) • $40,000 if on-mountain (employing)

This appendix was agreed by the Commonwealth and Victoria when the overarching Schedule was signed.

Appendix F: Terms, Conditions and Eligibility Criteria – Victorian Business Support – Joint Package 6 announced 4 September 2021

1. This appendix to the Business support payments – Victoria Schedule (the Schedule) supports the delivery of Victorian Business Support announced 4 September 2021 (Joint Package 6). This is a demand-based package assisting businesses adversely affected by the extension of the lockdown in Victoria.
2. The Commonwealth will reimburse Victoria 50 per cent of all payments made to eligible businesses under this package estimated to be $2.34 billion (total package size) for applications made before 11:59 pm 20 August 2021.
3. Payment to Victoria will be made following the provision of a report in relation to this package that satisfies the requirements outlined in the Schedule.
4. In agreeing to this appendix, Victoria agrees to implement this package, for the listed programs, in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed in the table below.

Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
Business Costs Assistance Program Round 4 (BCAP4) $1,594.8 million	Grants available for small to medium businesses in sectors affected by restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria for four weeks until 30 September. Grants depend on business payroll size: • $2,800 per week for businesses with no payroll or an annual payroll below $650,000. • $5,600 per week for businesses with an annual payroll between $650,000 and less than $3 million. • $8,400 per week for businesses with an annual payroll between $3 and $10 million.	Only successful recipients of a Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two (BCAP2) or BCAP2 – July Extension (BCAP2e) grant are eligible to receive this top-up.
Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021: 4 September Top-up $289 million	Automatic payments of $5,000 to $20,000 per premises per week to eligible liquor licensees with payment tiers based on venue patron capacity.	All recipients must have received an initial Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 or Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 – Extension grant. Grant amount per week based on

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Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
		premises capacity: • $5,000 up to 99 patrons or patrons not specified • $10,000 if 100-499 patrons • $20,000 if 500+ patrons
Small Business COVID Hardship Fund (SBHCF) – September Top Up $448 million	Grants of $20,000 (total) to small businesses that are not eligible for support under existing Victorian programs and have experienced at least a 70 per cent reduction in turnover due to COVID.	To be eligible a business must: • have a payroll of up to $10 million. • be GST-registered • have an annual turnover greater than $75,000 • have experienced a decline in turnover of at least 70 per cent due to COVID restrictions • not have received funding under any of the Victorian Government COVID-19 support packages launched on or after 27 May 2021.
Alpine Business Support Program: September Top Up $11.2 million	$10,000 to $40,000 to around 430 alpine-based businesses.	Grants based on business type: • $10,000 if off-mountain • $20,000 if on-mountain (non-employing) • $40,000 if on-mountain (employing)

This appendix was agreed by the Commonwealth and Victoria when the overarching Schedule was signed.

Appendix G: Terms, Conditions and Eligibility Criteria – Victorian Business Support – announced 30 September 2021

1. This appendix to the Business support payments – Victoria Schedule (the Schedule) supports the delivery of Victorian Business Support announced 30 September 2021. This is a demand-based package assisting businesses most affected by public health restrictions as Victoria reaches the 70 per cent, then 80 per cent fully vaccinated thresholds on the state's *Roadmap to Deliver the National Plan*.
2. The Commonwealth will reimburse Victoria 50 per cent of all payments made to eligible businesses under this package, estimated to be $2.27 billion (total package size).
3. Payment to Victoria will be made following the provision of a report in relation to this package that satisfies the requirements outlined in the Schedule.
4. In agreeing to this appendix, Victoria agrees to implement this package, for the listed programs, in accordance with the parameters and eligibility criteria detailed in the table below.

Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
Business Costs Assistance Program Round 5 (BCAP5) $1.26 billion	Grants available for small to medium businesses in sectors affected by restrictions in metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria. • $1,000 per week for non-employing businesses • $2,800 per week for businesses with no payroll or an annual payroll up to $650,000 • $5,600 per week for businesses with an annual payroll between $650,000 and less than $3 million • $8,400 per week for businesses with an annual payroll between $3 and $10 million.	Only successful recipients of a Business Costs Assistance Program Round Two (BCAP2) or BCAP2 – July Extension (BCAP2e) grant are eligible to receive this top-up. For the period between 1 October to 29 October 2021 eligible businesses will receive two fortnightly payments. Businesses that remain closed or severely restricted between 70 and 80 per cent double dose will receive an automatic weekly payment for the period from 29 October to 13 November 2021.
Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021: 30 September Top-up $407.5 million	Automatic payments of $5,000 to $20,000 per premises per week to eligible liquor licensees with payment tiers based	All recipients must have received an initial Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 or Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund 2021 – Extension grant.

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Program and Preliminary Funding Estimate	Grant Information	Eligibility
	on venue patron capacity. Between 70 per cent and 80 per cent double dose, payments for licensed premises in metropolitan Melbourne will be reduced by 25 per cent, and in regional Victoria 50 per cent.	Grant amount per week based on premises capacity for 1 to 29 October: • $5,000 up to 99 patrons or patrons not specified • $10,000 if 100-499 patrons • $20,000 if 500+ patrons Grant amount per week based on premises capacity for 29 October to 13 November: Metropolitan Melbourne Top-Up: • $3,750 if 0-99 patrons or patrons not specified • $7,500 if 100-499 patrons • $15,000 if 500+ patrons Regional Victoria Top-Up: • $2,500 of 0-99 patrons or patrons not specified • $5,000 if 100-499 patrons • $10,000 if 500+ patrons.
Small Business COVID Hardship Fund (SBHCF) – 30 September announcement. $600 million	Grants of $20,000 (total) to small businesses that are not eligible for support under existing Victorian programs.	Available to businesses that have experienced significant losses due to the pandemic, including businesses legally allowed to operate but restricted in their ability to generate, and have previously fallen through the cracks in terms of government support.

This appendix was agreed by the Commonwealth and Victoria when the overarching Schedule was signed.