

ATTENTION TREASURERS & CHAIRS

Reminder - Just 24 days left to apply for the (Victorian) State Government Business Support Fund grant.

It is aimed at entities which *have been subject to closure or highly impacted by shutdown restrictions announced by the Victorian Government to-date*. Churches have been closed!

The grant is up to \$10,000, and unlike most grants it only takes about 20 minutes online and many of the questions have pre-populated answers to select from. We already have a camp and at least one congregation who have received their \$10k in the bank from the Victorian Government (on top of the \$10k Federal Cash Flow Booster), so complete your application today at <https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/business-support-fund#> You will need to have a copy of a recent BAS statement to attach as a scan.

For more information re the State Government Business Support Fund grant click [HERE](#)

For more information on the 3 Government Grants available click [HERE](#)

JobKeeper subsidy,

- 1) **If you have already enrolled** (and advised payroll of the relevant employees), every 4 weeks you need to undertake the ATO's step 3, which is to:
 - * confirm the number of employees you are claiming for each of the next 2 fortnights'; plus
 - * advise the income # (estimate) for the month just finishing (April at the moment); and
 - * the subsequent month's income # (May at the moment).

NOTE: #the income estimate needs to include your GST actual income plus any GST free income (GST free income includes giving and other donations).]

A reasonable estimate is OK, we believe this is being used for Aust Bureau of Statistics for statistical data on the economy. You will need to be careful with the actual income you state for the month you nominated as being the one which will lose >15% of your income versus last year - but a little variation is acceptable.

If the number of employees changes you will need to let payroll know the changed employee name(s) at JobKeeper.HRS@lca.org.au

You need to enter your 4 weekly update via the ATO Portal by Friday 8 May (extended from Monday 4 May).

<https://www.ato.gov.au/general/jobkeeper-payment/In-detail/JobKeeper-guide---employers-reporting-through-STP/>

- 2) **If you haven't yet applied for the JobKeeper employer subsidy** for eligible employees, do so as soon as your employing entity (Congregation or Parish) **has a reasonable belief that the month of April/May/June/July/August will have an income of >15% less than the same month last year**. Then you can apply for JobKeeper (a \$1500 per eligible employee subsidy per fortnight pre employee until end September – paid a month in arrears).

The date for receiving payments in respect of the two March fortnights has been extended to late this week, but you will need to act fast. From next week you will still be able to claim for the remaining 5 months, provided you have formed a reasonable belief (and documented for your records) that month x will see you with at least a 15% decrease of income. If you have this reasonable belief, then you can start claiming.

For more information on JobKeeper click [HERE](#)