



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA

VICTORIA/TASMANIA DISTRICT

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TO CHURCH CHAIRS, TREASURERS & SECRETARIES IN VICTORIA 12th August 2020

With the latest lockdown Stage 4 in Melbourne and Stage 3 in Regional Victoria, there is an additional round of business grant available from the Victorian Government for impacted businesses: Business Support Fund – Expansion. It is \$10k for greater Melbourne and Mitchell Shire (who have been in longer lockdown) and \$5k for Regional Victoria.

If you are in Greater Melbourne and Mitchell Shire and you already applied for and received \$5k in the July round, you will get an extra \$5k AUTOMATICALLY.

LCAVD office was notified of our automatic extra \$5k on Tuesday.

It takes 20 minutes to apply, if you have all the supporting documentation ready. You need to apply as soon as possible **and no later than 14 September**.

Even if you have previously applied for a Business Support Fund grant, you can also apply for this funding round, as the program is different "Expansion".

#1 click the link to the Business Victoria [Business Support Fund – Expansion page](https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/business-support-package/business-support-fund)

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This includes eligibility, guidelines, fund use, important application information and fine print

#2 Go to the application page <https://businessvic.secure.force.com/PublicForm?id=hbsp2020#no-back-button>

BROAD ELIGIBILITY (for us):

- Operate a business in Victoria – including a charity
- Be a participant in the Federal Government JobKeeper scheme
- Employ people and be registered with WorkSafe (we all use the Employer Number 1864290. For this grant, Pastors count as employees)
- Have an Annual Payroll of less than \$3m in 2019-2020 on an ungrouped basis (tick)
- Be registered for the Goods & Service Tax (most are, not all are)
- Hold an Australian Business Number (most have)
- Be currently registered with Australian Charities and Not for profit Commission (ACNC)

In addition Nor For Profit charities with annual revenue between \$75,000 and \$150,000 that are NOT registered for GST, but are registered with ACNC currently, are also eligible to apply.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:

- A utility bill which matches the address of the business you are claiming for
- Your most recent receipt for JobKeeper monthly lodgement (The receipt generates when you update the ATO on turnover each month. The ID number is required – it is found near the top, just underneath the date)

NOTE: When you set up the account online with business Victoria, the password must be at least 10 characters long, and contain an upper-case letter and a numeric).

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