

Applications for Small Business Support Program grants close next week

Small businesses in Marysville and Triangle and the Kinglake Ranges have just over a week left to apply for assistance under a \$1.35 million initiative to support local economic recovery and employment.

The Victorian Government has partnered with the Salvation Army and Pandora jewellery to fund a new small business support program to drive the re-establishment of small business destroyed or damaged by fires in the region.

The package provides new grants for small businesses re-establishing in the Marysville Village of up to \$25,000 towards significant capital works and up to \$10,000 towards smaller capital works and marketing of small businesses re-establishing in the Marysville and Kinglake regions.

The small business grants were announced in June and **applications close on Friday 27 August.**

Two separate grants are available under the Small Business Support Program:

Marysville & Kinglake Grants: Grants of up to \$10,000 are available to support minor capital works and marketing of small businesses that are re-establishing in Marysville and Triangle and the Kinglake Ranges. All eligible businesses will have to show a decline in revenue of more than 50 percent since the fires.

Rebuilding the Marysville Village Centre Grants: Individual grants of up to \$25,000 are available on a competitive basis to support medium-level capital works for small businesses that want to re-establish in Marysville's main village area.

The new Small Business Support Program is designed to support capital costs involved in re-establishing businesses to drive jobs, business confidence and economic growth in bushfire-affected regions.

More information about the grants, including eligibility, guidelines and application processes is available at www.wewillrebuild.vic.gov.au or by calling the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

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