

Project Grants Awarded in 2012-13

The Legal Services Board provided funding to the following projects in the 2012-13 Project Grants round.

Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Description	Amount	Length
Hanover Welfare Services	Taking the Stress Out of Managing Money	This is a collaborative project between Hanover, the Consumer Action Law Centre and Good Shepard Microfinance. The project will build community capacity to address the needs of people in financial stress, particularly through timely access to legal services, and develop an evidence base for enforcement of existing consumer protections relating to consumer credit.	\$53,055	10 months
Footscray Community Legal Centre	Taxi Driver Legal Clinic	This project will build on the success of the first Taxi Driver Legal Clinic in 2011, and will continue to deliver specialist legal services to low income taxi drivers.	\$57,327	1 year
Fitzroy Legal Service	Victorian Law Handbook Online	Victorian Law Handbook Online provides up to date, accessible, comprehensive online legal information to the public and legal practitioners. The project will enable content review of 2013 Handbook and rewrite phase for VLHO 2014 edition.	\$60,000	6 months
Victorian Aids Council	Educating lawyers about issues in forensic science – prosecutions involving HIV infection	To inform legal profession of prosecutions of HIV infected persons, the project will educate lawyers, in particular prosecutors, on current HIV epidemiology and the rapidly developing field of HIV science and medicine.	\$23,000	6 months

Programs funded in the 2013-14 Project Grants round

The following projects received funding:

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Youthlaw	Youth Fines Clinic	Close to 50% of Youthlaw lawyer casework comprises fines cases in the child and adult infringement systems. This project will establish an innovative Youth Fines clinic suited to the needs of young people and particularly those who are vulnerable. The clinic will be highly visible and easy to access. Dealing with fines at an early stage results in less wastage in prosecution, court and recovery time.	\$60,000	1 year
Footscray Community Legal Centre	Taxi Driver Legal Clinic	This proposal represents the culmination of a law reform and research project, conceived in late 2010 and significantly expanded in 2011 following the announcement of the Victorian Taxi Industry Inquiry. The work in 2014 will build on expertise in providing specialist services for taxi drivers and policy advice to Government. The final year of the project will entail: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • providing further legal services to disadvantaged taxi drivers; • assisting with the implementation stage of the inquiry's recommendations; and • assessing the impact of, and promoting public awareness of these reforms. 	\$60,000	1 year
Domestic Violence Resource Centre	Improving legal intervention for technology-facilitated stalking: a mobile app	This project will develop an interactive smartphone application that will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a guide to legal options for women who are experiencing technology-facilitated stalking and harassment • a practical tool to enable women to safely collect admissible evidence of technology-facilitated stalking and harassment to support an application for an intervention order, or to help prove a breach • links to local domestic violence and legal services 	\$60,000	1 year
Flemington Kensington Community Legal Centre	FKCLC/Doutta Galla Medical Legal Partnership	This pilot project aims to address the unmet legal needs of vulnerable community members through integrated legal, health and welfare services based at Doutta Galla Community Health Service. Relevant and targeted Community Legal Education will be provided to Doutta Galla health providers and to the general community to assist in recognising and responding appropriately to legal needs.	\$35,769	1 year
Women's Legal Service Victoria	Skype Outreach Project	The project will increase the safety and wellbeing of women particularly in rural areas who have experienced family violence by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing timely legal advice and representation using Skype to women without access to legal services due to geographic, cultural or economic disadvantage • Building the capacity of partner agencies to identify legal need and assist women to navigate the legal system through involvement in the Skype interviews, secondary consultations with lawyers and targeted training. 	\$60,000	1 year