

Programs funded in the 2014 Grants round

The Victorian Legal Services Board set a priority theme of Justice and Health Partnerships for the 2014 Grants round. The following projects received funding in that round:

Applicants	Project Name	Project Description	Amount	Length
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Justice Connect; CoHealth, Footscray 	Justice and Health Come Together in North West Melbourne	This model will improve both health and legal outcomes for older people in north west metropolitan Melbourne by including an integrated legal service in the local health service in Footscray. Co-health brings with it extensive knowledge and expertise in social health whilst Justice Connect's Seniors Law program brings with it extensive knowledge and expertise in the law and legal issues affecting older people	\$340,000	3 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> inTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence; Jean Hailes Centre for Women's Health 	inLanguage, inCulture, inTouch: Integrated model of support for CALD women experiencing family violence	This project will work to ensure that women from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse communities who live within the catchment area of the Dandenong Magistrates' Court and who face family violence, can get access to integrated, culturally responsive support. In partnership with legal and health stakeholders, this project will build capacity of health professionals to better understand and provide more appropriate support to CALD women.	\$377,000	2 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yarra Ranges Community Legal Centre; Eastern Domestic Violence Service; Yarra Ranges & Maroondah Maternal and Child Health services 	Preventing and Responding to Family Violence Within the Maternal and Child Health Context	This project aims to prevent and respond to family violence by improving the responses of maternal and child health, legal and support services in a co-ordinated and integrated manner, with a focus on mothers engaging with maternal child and health services.	\$323,000	2 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yarra Ranges Community Legal Centre Eastern Domestic Violence Service; Yarra Ranges & Maroondah Maternal and Child Health services 	Therapeutic Justice in the Goulburn Valley	The partnership will harness the passion, expertise and skills of Goulburn Valley Community Legal Centre and Primary Care Connect in Shepparton to facilitate responses to clients with complex care needs. It will seek positive legal and health/wellbeing outcomes for clients, build interdisciplinary knowledge and respect, and focus agency resources to achieve more therapeutic outcomes for identified clients at the Shepparton Magistrates' Court.	\$480,000	3 years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Heidelberg Community Legal Centre Banyule Community Health 	You'll never know if you never go	This partnership seeks to improve housing and health outcomes for tenants by understating and addressing barriers to VCAT attendance. The project aim is to significantly increase tenant attendance rates at VCAT, with correlating reductions in homelessness, poor health and housing stress for disadvantaged Victorians.	\$222,000	2 years

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federation of Community Legal Centres 	<p>Wanting justice: Helping families through the coronial process after a family violence death</p>	<p>This project addresses a significant area of unmet legal need by developing a sustainable model to help families bereaved by family violence-related deaths to access legal and other assistance throughout the coronial process.</p>	<p>\$100,000</p>	<p>1 year</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The First Step Program 	<p><i>First Step Legal Service Development Project</i></p>	<p>This project will help clients break the cycle of drug and alcohol abuse and addiction, relapse and reoffending. It also seeks to support their sustained recovery towards the achievement of a healthier, safer community. The project aims to provide enhanced multidimensional services within a unique advocacy health alliance that better supports the health, legal and social needs of clients and assists them to make positive life choices and live more meaningful lives.</p>	<p>\$147,000</p>	<p>1 year</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community West Inc. Djerriwarrh Health Services 	<p>The Mortgage Wellbeing Service</p>	<p>A wholly integrated health and legal wellbeing program in Melton will be established to respond to the growing issue of mortgage stress within the community. Community West and Djerriwarrh Health Services will collaborate to provide early intervention services. The program will raise awareness of the impact of mortgage stress, and particularly its health consequences, through community engagement and policy and advocacy work to strengthen the Melton community.</p>	<p>\$351,600</p>	<p>2 years</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federation University Australia Central Highlands Community Legal Centre Ballarat Community Health Centre 	<p>Central Highlands Advocacy Health Alliance : Improving legal, health and wellbeing outcomes for disadvantaged young people</p>	<p>This partnership will reduce the impact of legal issues on the health and well-being of disadvantaged young people by providing timely identification and response to their legal needs at three community health sites across Ballarat, and through increasing the capacity of the agencies and raising the awareness amongst young people of the legal services available to them.</p>	<p>\$260,000</p>	<p>2 years</p>