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FINANCIAL BOOST FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN 1979/80

More than \$56.4 million of Commonwealth funds will be distributed to Victorian municipalities this financial year in accordance with the recommendations of the Victoria Grants Commission (details attached).

The amount allocated to the State of Victoria represents an increase of 23.6% over the total available last year.

This is a result of the recent decision by the Commonwealth to increase its share of personal income tax payable to local government authorities from 1.52% to 1.75%.

Further good news is that the Federal Treasurer has re-iterated that the Commonwealth will increase its share of personal income tax revenue to local government to 2% by the time of the next Budget representing another substantial financial gain for municipalities throughout the State.

Under the Victoria Grants Commission Act 1976, each municipality is entitled to a minimum grant "as of right" which takes into account its population and its area.

In determining the final grants, the Commission has considered the special needs and disabilities of each municipality, the effort which it has made to function effectively and provide reasonable services, and has also taken into account special factors affecting individual municipalities in the 1977/78 financial year. In making the assessment the Victoria Grants Commission has followed established equalisation principles.

"Since its inception in May 1977 the Commission has visited every municipality in the State in order to obtain first hand knowledge of the circumstances of local government" the Ministers said.

They emphasised that the grants were completely untied and free of any strings whatsoever and that the way in which grants were utilised would be a matter for each municipality to determine.

"This approach is in line with the policy of the two Governments to upgrade the status and independence of local government", they said.

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VICTORIA GRANTS COMMISSION

DETERMINATION OF ALLOCATIONS OF GENERAL REVENUE GRANTS TO MUNICIPAL COUNCILS  
IN VICTORIA - 1979-80 FINANCIAL YEAR

| Municipality              | \$        | Municipality                | \$        |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Alberton (S)              | 260,000   | Doncaster & Templestowe (C) | 710,000   |
| Alexandra (S)             | 152,000   | Dundas (S)                  | 137,000   |
| Altona (C)                | 380,000   | Dunmunkle (S)               | 134,000   |
| Arapiles (S)              | 60,000    | Eaglehawk (B)               | 151,000   |
| Ararat (C)                | 230,000   | East Loddon (S)             | 107,000   |
| Ararat (S)                | 225,000   | Echuca (C)                  | 196,000   |
| Avoca (S)                 | 111,000   | Eltham (S)                  | 410,000   |
| Avon (S)                  | 131,000   | Essendon (C)                | 542,000   |
| Bacchus Marsh (S)         | 128,000   | Euroa (S)                   | 119,000   |
| Bairnsdale (T)            | 244,000   | Fitzroy (C)                 | 385,000   |
| Bairnsdale (S)            | 165,000   | Flinders (S)                | 265,000   |
| Ballaarat (C)             | 666,000   | Footscray (C)               | 820,000   |
| Ballan (S)                | 62,000    | Frankston (C)               | 720,000   |
| Ballarat (S)              | 400,000   | Geelong (C)                 | 273,000   |
| Bannockburn (S)           | 67,000    | Geelong West (C)            | 189,000   |
| Barrabool (S)             | 69,000    | Gisborne (S)                | 105,000   |
| Bass (S)                  | 133,000   | Glenelg (S)                 | 190,000   |
| Beechworth (S)            | 155,000   | Gordon (S)                  | 141,000   |
| Belfast (S)               | 88,000    | Goulburn (S)                | 68,000    |
| Bellarine (S)             | 430,000   | Grenville (S)               | 103,000   |
| Benalla (C)               | 196,000   | Hamilton (C)                | 240,000   |
| Benalla (S)               | 56,000    | Hampden (S)                 | 215,000   |
| Bendigo (C)               | 610,000   | Hastings (S)                | 112,000   |
| Berwick (C)               | 448,000   | Hawthorn (C)                | 208,000   |
| Bet Bet (S)               | 82,000    | Healesville (S)             | 208,000   |
| Birchip (S)               | 75,000    | Heidelberg (C)              | 670,000   |
| Box Hill (C)              | 410,000   | Heytesbury (S)              | 340,000   |
| Bright (S)                | 185,000   | Horsham (C)                 | 312,000   |
| Brighton (C)              | 230,000   | Huntly (S)                  | 80,000    |
| Broadford (S)             | 55,000    | Kaniva (S)                  | 114,000   |
| Broadmeadows (C)          | 1,280,000 | Kara Kara (S)               | 42,000    |
| Brunswick (C)             | 515,000   | Karkaroc (S)                | 217,000   |
| Bulla (S)                 | 220,000   | Keilor (C)                  | 968,000   |
| Buln Buln (S)             | 255,000   | Kerang (B)                  | 104,000   |
| Bungaree (S)              | 98,000    | Kerang (S)                  | 216,000   |
| Buninyong (S)             | 206,000   | Kew (C)                     | 195,000   |
| Camberwell (C)            | 555,000   | Kilmore (S)                 | 90,000    |
| Camperdown (T)            | 93,000    | Knox (C)                    | 835,000   |
| Castlemaine (C)           | 236,000   | Koroit (B)                  | 38,000    |
| Caulfield (C)             | 503,000   | Korong (S)                  | 178,000   |
| Charlton (S)              | 65,000    | Korumburra (S)              | 250,000   |
| Chelsea (C)               | 415,000   | Kowree (S)                  | 153,000   |
| Chiltern (S)              | 41,000    | Kyabram (T)                 | 133,000   |
| Cobram (S)                | 212,000   | Kyneton (S)                 | 183,000   |
| Coburg (C)                | 650,000   | Leigh (S)                   | 61,000    |
| Cohuna (S)                | 148,000   | Lexton (S)                  | 35,000    |
| Colac (C)                 | 203,000   | Lillydale (S)               | 615,000   |
| Colac (S)                 | 214,000   | Lowan (S)                   | 121,000   |
| Collingwood (C)           | 300,000   | McIvor (S)                  | 61,000    |
| Corio (S)                 | 620,000   | Maffra (S)                  | 248,000   |
| Cranbourne (S)            | 350,000   | Maldon (S)                  | 70,000    |
| Creswick (S)              | 116,000   | Malvern (C)                 | 305,000   |
| Croydon (C)               | 455,000   | Mansfield (S)               | 176,000   |
| Dandenong (C)             | 620,000   | Marong (S)                  | 200,000   |
| Daylesford & Glenlyon (S) | 165,000   | Maryborough (C)             | 195,000   |
| Deakin (S)                | 314,000   | Melbourne (C)               | 1,012,000 |
| Diamond Valley (S)        | 605,000   | Melton (S)                  | 265,000   |
| Dimboola (S)              | 180,000   | Metcalfe (S)                | 60,000    |
| Donald (S)                | 86,000    | Mildura (C)                 | 332,000   |

| Municipality         | \$      | Municipality        | \$           |
|----------------------|---------|---------------------|--------------|
| Mildura (S)          | 480,000 | Shepparton (C)      | 406,000      |
| Minhamite (S)        | 127,000 | Shepparton (S)      | 276,000      |
| Mirboo (S)           | 69,000  | Sherbrooke (S)      | 470,000      |
| Moe (C)              | 381,000 | South Barwon (C)    | 450,000      |
| Moorabbin (C)        | 545,000 | South Gippsland (S) | 192,000      |
| Mordialloc (C)       | 255,000 | South Melbourne (C) | 202,000      |
| Mornington (S)       | 190,000 | Springvale (C)      | 675,000      |
| Mortlake (S)         | 110,000 | Stawell (T)         | 181,000      |
| Morwell (S)          | 565,000 | Stawell (S)         | 115,000      |
| Mount Rouse (S)      | 68,000  | Strathfieldsaye (S) | 178,000      |
| Myrtleford (S)       | 148,000 | Sunshine (C)        | 1,185,000    |
| Narracan (S)         | 292,000 | Swan Hill (C)       | 191,000      |
| Nathalia (S)         | 146,000 | Swan Hill (S)       | 418,000      |
| Newham & Woodend (S) | 82,000  | Talbot & Clunes (S) | 78,000       |
| Newstead (S)         | 55,000  | Tallangatta (S)     | 195,000      |
| Newtown (C)          | 112,000 | Tambo (S)           | 258,000      |
| Northcote (C)        | 678,000 | Traralgon (C)       | 387,000      |
| Numurkah (S)         | 233,000 | Traralgon (S)       | 25,000       |
| Nunawading (C)       | 655,000 | Tullaroop (S)       | 50,000       |
| Oakleigh (C)         | 512,000 | Tungamah (S)        | 128,000      |
| Omeo (S)             | 137,000 | Upper Murray (S)    | 133,000      |
| Orbost (S)           | 263,000 | Upper Yarra (S)     | 170,000      |
| Otway (S)            | 239,000 | Violet Town (S)     | 48,000       |
| Oxley (S)            | 173,000 | Walpeup (S)         | 184,000      |
| Pakenham (S)         | 300,000 | Wangaratta (C)      | 362,000      |
| Phillip Island (S)   | 130,000 | Wangaratta (S)      | 53,000       |
| Port Fairy (B)       | 71,000  | Wannon (S)          | 162,000      |
| Portland (T)         | 245,000 | Waranga (S)         | 230,000      |
| Portland (S)         | 258,000 | Warracknabeal (S)   | 99,000       |
| Port Melbourne (C)   | 136,000 | Warragul (S)        | 185,000      |
| Prahran (C)          | 400,000 | Warrnambool (C)     | 462,000      |
| Preston (C)          | 732,000 | Warrnambool (S)     | 235,000      |
| Pyalong (S)          | 17,000  | Waverley (C)        | 765,000      |
| Queenscliffe (B)     | 56,000  | Werribee (S)        | 595,000      |
| Richmond (C)         | 275,000 | Whittlesea (S)      | 520,000      |
| Ringwood (C)         | 360,000 | Williamstown (C)    | 475,000      |
| Ripon (S)            | 102,000 | Wimmera (S)         | 140,000      |
| Rochester (S)        | 325,000 | Winchelsea (S)      | 156,000      |
| Rodney (S)           | 355,540 | Wodonga (C)         | 405,000      |
| Romsey (S)           | 82,000  | Wonthaggi (B)       | 160,000      |
| Rosedale (S)         | 111,000 | Woorayl (S)         | 284,000      |
| Rutherglen (S)       | 93,000  | Wycheproof (S)      | 226,000      |
| St. Arnaud (T)       | 96,000  | Yackandandah (S)    | 110,000      |
| St. Kilda (C)        | 485,000 | Yarrawonga (S)      | 132,000      |
| Sale (C)             | 351,000 | Yea (S)             | 93,000       |
| Sandringham (C)      | 253,000 |                     |              |
| Sebastopol (B)       | 154,000 |                     |              |
| Seymour (S)          | 244,000 |                     |              |
|                      |         | Total               | \$56,435,540 |

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