

## EIFF initiatives funded in 2021-22 and 2022-23 Budgets

Table 1 – EIFF initiatives funded in the 2021-22 Budget<sup>1</sup>

Initiative	Funding (\$ millions)	Description
<b>Education</b>		
Giving vulnerable and disadvantaged kids the best start in life	33.8	<p>This initiative delivers tailored support for vulnerable and disadvantaged children to participate in early childhood education and care. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>expanding early intervention outreach support through the Access to Early Learning program;</li> <li>trailing new, intensive early education supports for vulnerable children affected by complex trauma;</li> <li>continuing Kindergarten Improvement Advisers to work with services to strengthen service capacity and child level outcomes; and</li> <li>expanding kindergarten programs at the Royal Children’s Hospital Education Institute.</li> </ul>
Balert Gerrbik: Koorie Families as First Educators (Koorie Initiatives Package)	39.3	Funding is provided to deliver on the actions of <i>Marrung: Aboriginal Education Plan 2016-2026</i> (Marrung) to improve the educational outcomes of Koorie students in Victoria. This includes continuing the Koorie Families as First Educators program.
<b>Justice</b>		
Legal assistance and critical early intervention support services	31.1	Funding to continue to provide critical legal services, improving access to justice for Victorians who need support. This includes continuing grant payments to Community Legal Centres, expanding the Mabels family violence service, and continuing the WestJustice Mortgage Stress Service which delivers a combination of legal, social, health and financial assistance to prevent the repossession of homes and reduce mortgage stress.
Crime Prevention initiatives	19.8	The Crime Prevention initiatives aim to keep Victorian communities safe by addressing the root causes of crime. This includes the provision of Youth Crime Prevention Grants.

<sup>1</sup> Initiatives may contain non-EIFF components.

### Child Protection and Family Services

Early intervention and diversion	70.3	This range of early intervention programs divert more families from involvement in the children and families system and statutory interventions. This includes a trial to embed family services in universal settings such as schools, early years services, and community health hubs to provide more accessible services for vulnerable families.
Putting Families First	17.8	This initiative trials a new whole-of-family support model in Brimbank-Melton and Goulburn. Interdisciplinary teams led by a family practitioner will work with vulnerable families with multiple health, justice or human services needs to improve their safety, health and wellbeing, and divert them from long-term acute and tertiary service usage.

### Housing

Tackling Rough Sleeping	26.2	The Journey to Social Inclusion program, which is delivered by Sacred Heart Mission, provides intensive wrap-around support and services including head-leased properties to people facing long-term homelessness. The program also provides clients with support to sustain their housing, gain training and employment and establish stronger social connections.
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### Youth

Engaging and supporting at-risk young people	18.4	These initiatives support young Victorians at risk of disengagement from the community. These community-led initiatives provide vulnerable young people from African and Pasifika backgrounds with culturally-specific early interventions and increased education and employment opportunities. These initiatives will also support improved community safety outcomes by building protective factors that prevent young people being drawn to various forms of anti-social behaviour.
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### Health

100 000 lives	45.6	Funding is provided to deliver a program of large-scale improvement initiatives that work to reduce preventable hospital admissions, reduce unintended harm, and limit unnecessary medical interventions within Victoria's health system. This funding will improve the health and life outcomes of 100 000 Victorians over five years.
Driving shorter wait lists and better outcomes from elective surgery	21.5	This initiative seeks to improve elective surgery access and outcomes, reduce elective surgery waiting lists by accelerating the uptake of more efficient same day surgical models and rapidly reassessing patients on wait lists, and piloting the expansion of alternative care pathways for suitable patients. This funding will encourage efficient use of existing surgical capacity in health services.

**Table 2 – EIIF initiatives funded in the 2022-23 Budget<sup>2</sup>**

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Funding (\$ millions)</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>Education</b>		
Enhanced Navigator Program	36.9	Funding is provided to increase the number of young people aged 12–17 years supported by the Navigator program. The program provides intensive outreach supports to young people who are at risk of disengaging or are already disengaged from school. The program aims to increase the number of young people connected to school and engaged in learning. This initiative includes funding for a pilot to extend the program to include young people aged 10–11 years.
Continuing early intervention for vulnerable children	18.6	This initiative continues early intervention programs such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood LOOKOUT to support children in out-of-home care access kindergarten and effectively transition to school; and</li> <li>• Access to Early Learning to provide intensive outreach for vulnerable children and their families to support participation in early education.</li> </ul>
Targeted investment to improve educational outcomes in youth justice	30.3	Funding is provided to deliver education and additional supports to improve the educational outcomes of young people involved in, or at risk of involvement with, the youth justice system.
Sustaining student mental health services for schools	41.4	Expanded supports to improve the wellbeing and mental health of students will be continued under this initiative. This includes continuing the LOOKOUT program to support engagement of vulnerable children and young people in out-of-home care, continuing the Headspace initiative, which provides mental health counselling and training, and continuing the mental health practitioners in secondary schools initiative in specialist schools.
<b>Child protection, homelessness and family services</b>		
Responding to demand for Child Protection and Family Services	57.6	Funding is provided for a range of measures to support services for vulnerable children and their families. This includes funding to meet increasing demand for targeted and specialised family services and support for up to 1 000 additional vulnerable families.
Investing to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring	51.3	Funding will reform elements of the homelessness service system, shifting to a delivery model that provides tailored support and focuses on early intervention and sustainable housing. Victorians experiencing homelessness and rough sleeping will receive intensive flexible case management to address factors that act as barriers to exiting homelessness, such as substance abuse and poor mental and physical health.

<sup>2</sup> Initiatives may contain non-EIIF components.

<b>Justice</b>		
Legal assistance	50.0	Funding to support Victoria Legal Aid (VLA) to deliver legal services, including duty lawyers and grants of legal aid, helping to address court delays caused by COVID-19 public health restrictions.
Supporting community legal centres	7.0	Building on the investment in last year's package, further funding is provided to community legal centres to ensure that they continue to provide legal services and improve access to justice for Victorians who need support.
Reducing future justice demand and keeping the community safe	73.6	Funding is provided for a range of initiatives to address offending and improve outcomes for over-represented cohorts in contact with the justice system, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• continued operation of the Maribyrnong Community Residential Facility, which provides short term accommodation and transitional support for men exiting the prison system who would otherwise be at risk of homelessness;</li> <li>• expanding the family visits support program for prisoners to help repair relationships and assist with reunification of family units;</li> <li>• enhanced rehabilitation and reintegration support services for sentenced prisoners to support their successful transition back into the community; and</li> <li>• bolstering the Women and Mentoring Program, which matches women at risk of offending with supportive female mentors.</li> </ul>
Early intervention to counter violent extremism	4.8	Funding is provided to continue programs to counter violent extremism.
Preventing youth crime through early intervention	4.5	Funding is provided to prevent youth crime before it occurs by continuing critical programs aimed at engaging young people in the community and addressing the key drivers of crime.
Implementing a COVID fines concessional scheme	1.0	This scheme will enable vulnerable Victorians to apply for a reduced penalty.
<b>Ambulance services</b>		
Mobile Stroke Unit	12	A second Mobile Stroke Unit will be established to improve access to pre-hospital stroke treatment, helping stroke victims to get the urgent care they need without a delay.
<b>Mental health</b>		
Strengthening community-based services	115.6	Funding is provided for a range of initiatives to deliver a mental health and wellbeing system that is reoriented towards community-based treatment, care and support. This includes integrated treatment, care and support for people with a co-occurring mental illness and substance use or addiction, to be established in all Adult and Youth Area Mental Health and Wellbeing Services, as well as expansion of addiction services.

**Transport**

Pre-paid public transport tickets for school students in crisis	0.9	Students in crisis will be provided with free public transport travel passes. The 30-day travel passes will be provided to students experiencing crisis such as family violence or sudden financial hardship to ensure they can continue to travel to school and support services.
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**Capacity building**

Data integration to support the Government's Early Intervention Investment Framework	0.6	The EIIF will be supported through increased data integration capability and governance for the Victorian Social Investment Integrated Data Resource (VSIIDR). This will help to ensure that benefits from early interventions are accurately measured.
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