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Bill Millard  
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Dear Mr Millard,

I am writing to confirm that the Mansfield Shire Council has been selected to deliver one of the first five Social Inclusion Action Groups in Victoria. Social Inclusion Action Groups are a recommendation of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System (recommendation 15.1) that aim to support good mental health and wellbeing in local communities.

Social Inclusion Action Groups will bring together community members and leaders to guide and lead local social connection and inclusion efforts in Mansfield Shire Council. Funding, detailed below, includes FTE for your council to deliver your social inclusion action group and flexible funding for initiatives.

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Promotion Office is in the process of developing guidelines that this funding will need to align to, including details of the regular reporting required. Councils will have an opportunity to provide input into these guidelines via the Social Inclusion Action Group implementation committee. This initiative will be evaluated, with the evaluation to inform program enhancements and statewide roll-out of Social Inclusion Action Groups in every local government area.

### Your Social Inclusion Action Group funding

Funding for delivery of the Social Inclusion Action Group is \$213,334 (excluding GST) annually, ongoing and indexable. This funding is made up of:

Funding components	2022-23
<b>Staffing</b> <i>Based on 1 FTE for coordination of the Social Inclusion Action Group + 0.2 FTE for administrative support</i>	\$155,134
<b>Initiative funding</b>	\$50,000
<b>Social Inclusion Action Group Member Remuneration</b> <i>Further information will be available in the guidelines</i>	\$8,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$213,334

Funding will be delivered via SAMS and is expected to arrive with your council during the week commencing 31 October 2022.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Lexi Marsh, Programs Team Manager, Mental Health and Wellbeing Promotion Office at [lexi.marsh@health.vic.gov.au](mailto:lexi.marsh@health.vic.gov.au) or on 0431 606 601.

We look forward to working with you on this important initiative that we hope will support the mental health and wellbeing of your community.

Yours sincerely



**Bailey Nation-Ingle**

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