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\$50,000 AWARDED TO BROADMEADOWS ELECTORATE CLUBS TO KEEP COMMUNITIES SAFE

The Andrews Labor Government has awarded \$25,000 each to the Help Himalayan Youth Foundation and Northern Blue Light Incorporated to address local crime and safety issues under the Community Safety Fund.

Mr Frank McGuire, Member for Broadmeadows, announced each community group would each receive funding for their project.

These projects are two of the 63 projects sharing in more than \$703,000 in funding under the 2019–2020 round of grant allocations.

Mr McGuire said, *“The Community Safety Fund empowers our communities because they are best placed to issues affecting local residents.”*

The Help Himalayan Youth Foundation project is for the delivery of a multi-faceted public awareness initiative for the Bhutanese, Karen, Nepalese and Pacific Island communities residing in Broadmeadows, Hoppers Crossing and Glenroy, comprising a camp for youth leaders and production of a video to raise awareness among young people on how to improve safety at home and in their car.

Northern Blue Light Incorporated’s project is for the delivery of crime prevention education forums for newly arrived refugee communities living in Hume, Moreland and Moonee Valley to raise awareness of motor vehicle theft prevention and home safety measures.

“These projects are about community safety at the local level and giving organisations the tools they need to address the root causes of crime,” Mr McGuire said.

The Community Safety Fund provides grants for Victorian councils and community organisations to deliver projects tackling local crime issues.

Grants are provided under two streams of funding, with one for up to \$10,000 for projects preventing crime in and around community facilities and public spaces, and another up to \$25,000 to support education and awareness projects about home safety, personal property and theft reduction.

Since 2015, the Labor Government has provided almost \$3.7 million in Community Safety Fund grants to support 523 projects across Victoria.

The grants form part of the government’s \$25 million investment in the Community Crime Prevention Program, which aims to reduce crime and its root causes.

For further information about the grants visit: crimeprevention.vic.gov.au.



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