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Budget Submission Summary

2026-27

Investing in the next Qld State of Volunteering Report

Funding to undertake the research and data analysis to inform the 2027 State of Volunteering Report in Queensland. This report will build on the information provided in the 2021 and 2024 reports, provide greater insight into patterns and behaviors of volunteering, help design better strategies and interventions, and provide key metrics for the State Plan.

Regional participation in the 2026 State Volunteer Manager Conference

Funding to provide conference scholarships for attendees from remote, rural and regional areas, and to contribute to the venue and IT costs of hosting regional centres to increase participation from small and volunteer-run organisations and support volunteer management skills growth across regional and rural areas.

Cost-of-living Reimbursement Fund for Volunteers

A reimbursement fund accessible by community organisations to assist with out-of-pocket expenses incurred by volunteers whilst volunteering. This would recognise the value of volunteering and help reduce cost-of-living pressures - a major barrier to volunteering.

Secure funding for Volunteering Queensland's core sector leadership

Volunteering Queensland is seeking a ten-year partnership with Queensland Government to build a more sustainable and resilient volunteering sector and support the development and implementation of the Governments' proposed 10-year volunteering plan. The challenges of the next ten years include an ageing volunteer base, rapidly increasing demand, volunteers required for the Olympics & Paralympics, alongside those volunteers needed to keep Queensland communities thriving during this time.

We are seeking funding for resource and ICT costs to support state and local government, and communities, to accommodate and manage the increasing need for spontaneous disaster volunteer management and supervision systems for Emergency volunteering, the Qld VIO Register and the Voice of the Volunteer survey tool.

Ongoing support for the DLGWV Volunteer Policy and Engagement Unit

VQ are advocating for permanent funding for the DLGWV Volunteer Policy and Engagement Unit to support and oversee the State Volunteering Plan, work across government to improve volunteer management and engagement, and grow volunteering through increasing community recognition of the value and importance of volunteers in our state.

Volunteering Hubs and other Volunteering Inquiry recommendations.

VQ support initial funding for a trial to investigate, test and develop a regional volunteering hub model, fund service providers to deliver the model, and for funding for program resources and project costs to support the DLGWV and the sector to investigate, trial, and implement appropriate strategies to address the Inquiry recommendations.