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CFA VOLUNTEERS WELCOME STATE GOVERNMENT VESEP GRANTS

The CFA volunteers' association, Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria (VFBV), says local CFA Brigades will be the winners under the State Government's newly announced VESEP grants program.

VESEP grants are designed to top up the Brigades' local fundraising and let them choose what their community needs most - anything from chainsaws and pumps to full sized fire trucks.

Peter Beaton from Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria says local CFA Brigades should be working on their applications now, and VFBV and CFA are working together to help them out.

"VFBV helped the State Government to design the VESEP grants program, so the volunteers really like it."

"The paperwork is fairly simple and Brigades can choose what they want, like fire trucks, training gear, improvements to fire stations and handy stuff like the infrared cameras they use to search smoke filled buildings."

"VESEP grants are two for one – so if you donate to your local Brigade, every dollar you give is worth three dollars".

"CFA Brigades in this area can find the application forms and helpful information at vfbv.com.au".

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Pronunciation note for media: VESEP is pronounced Vee-Sep.