



Media Release

FEDERAL FUNDING TO INCREASE WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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The peak body for local government officers will receive a share of \$39.8 million in Commonwealth Government funding to support women's leadership development in local government.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's Office for Women is giving Local Government Professionals Australia \$615,000 over three years to increase female leadership in the local government sector.

"Local Government Professionals Australia is proud to be partnering with the Office for Women on our Local Government Women's Future Leader Program," said the organisation's National President, Victoria MacKirdy.

"Since we set a gender balance target of 40:40:20 in local government senior leadership teams to be reached by 2025 last year – that is 40 per cent men, 40 per cent women, and 20 per cent unspecified – we have been actively working to make this a reality.

"This funding is a vote of confidence in our efforts by the Minister for Women and a real commitment by the Australian Government to support local government and women in the sector."

The funded program seeks to increase female leadership in the local government sector through tailored support for women and councils. The program will offer leadership development opportunities to women while providing support for councils to achieve the leadership gender balance target including mentoring, scholarships, board traineeships, and virtual and face-to-face professional development event attendance.

Councils will be supported through reports, cases studies and toolkit resources to ensure local governments are able to encourage, accommodate and foster female leaders within their workforces.

Read the announcement from Minister for Women, Senator the Hon Marise Payne here:

<https://ministers.pmc.gov.au/payne/2021/398-million-projects-under-womens-leadership-and-development-program>

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About Local Government Professionals Australia

Local Government Professionals Australia is the national component of the peak body representing local government professionals, with a focus on developing organisations and the broader local government sector, to build better communities around Australia.

Since the foundation of the organisation in 1936, LG Professionals Australia has created opportunities for the near 200,000 local government workforce across over 500 councils to come together to share ideas, discuss challenges and learn new ways of practice.

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