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Funding indexation announcement gives security for future planning.

The Victorian Alcohol and Drug Association (VAADA) welcomes the announcement from the Victorian Government of a new indexation rate and a formula to calculate future funding increases.

The announcement will provide \$259M over four years to support hundreds of community sector organisations, including alcohol and other drug agencies, and provides greater certainty and sustainability for vital community services.

This increase of 5.45% in the 2023/24 budget and will help sustain alcohol and other drug services to deliver much needed treatment to Victorians. Furthermore, the process locked in a formula for ascertaining funding increases and provides welcome security and stability.

Mr Scott Drummond, A/Executive Officer of VAADA says, 'We welcome this announcement and acknowledge the good work from the government and the leadership from VCOSS in progressing this outcome.'

'The new indexation rate makes a significant difference drug and alcohol service delivery, enabling agencies to provide vital treatment services. Having an ongoing funding formula also gives security for future planning which is a big win.'

For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Scott Drummond, A/ Executive Officer of VAADA, on 0400 722 859 for comment or if unavailable, David Taylor on 0413 914 206.

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Media stories on alcohol and other drugs may be traumatic for some people. Support is available and we ask that media agencies consider publishing the details below:

If this story has raised issues about your own or others drug and alcohol use, please contact the national hotline for confidential counselling and referral on 1800 250 015

VAADA is the peak body that represents over 80 Alcohol and other Drug services across Victoria. On a daily basis these services are dealing with the effects of harmful alcohol and other drug consumption.