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Supporting Tasmanians to bounce back

Eight community groups will get a helping hand with their important work for Tasmanians.

The not-for-profit groups will receive up to \$5,000 each under the inaugural TasNetworks Resilient Communities Grants Program.

TasNetworks' CEO, Lance Balcombe, said the new program's all about helping Tasmanians bounce back during difficult times.

"The work and ideas of local communities helps us recover and gain resilience," Mr Balcombe said.

"Not-for-profits are the heart-and-soul of our community, often providing direct support to people faced with unexpected challenges, like COVID-19," he said.

The eight successful applicants from the inaugural TasNetworks Grants Program are:

- **Dress for Success** – planning a new career centre for women in southern Tasmania;
- **Gran's Van** - upgrading their Devonport food and support vehicle for people in need;
- **Blueline Laundry** - a new online learning system boosting employment pathways for people with disabilities and diverse or disadvantaged backgrounds;
- **Live Well Tasmania** - installing a wheelchair ramp at the Wynyard Community Hub;
- **Palliative Care Tasmania** - an online referral service for GP's, supporting patients with a life-limiting illness or a chronic medical condition;
- **CORES (Community Response to Eliminating Suicide)** - suicide intervention training for high school students in rural north-west communities;
- **Dorset Community Association** – expanding the *Out and About* program to remote areas, including no interest loans, food supplies and service provider referrals;
- **Agency Arts Health** - a series of workshops and excursions with Aboriginal community members to develop a series of digital stories about connection to land and culture.

There's more information at: <https://www.tasnetworks.com.au/resilientcommunities>

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