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Learn Local Receives \$23,750 Funding Boost

The Member for Ivanhoe, Mr Anthony Carbines, has today announced that Heidelberg Training and Resource Centre Inc., trading as E-focus, will share in \$2 million of funding thanks to the Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board's Capacity and Innovation Grants.

Mr Carbines said that E-focus will receive \$23,750 from the latest round of the ACFE grants.

E-focus plans to use the money to provide transition from training to employment pathways for Somali women in the Heidelberg West community.

This is the eighth round of the Capacity and Innovation Fund which supports projects that strengthen Learn Locals and contributes towards improvements in learner engagement, participation and attainment.

The Fund has so far distributed more than \$22 million to Victoria's more than 300 Learn Local Organisations.

Each year, Victoria's Learn Locals help in excess of 50,000 Victorians including locals in the Ivanhoe electorate develop new skills, return to study, improve their reading, writing and maths, and pursue their goals.

Mr Carbines said the Andrews Labor Government is transforming Victoria into the Education State through a range of initiatives including:

- Nearly \$2 million of increased funding this year for pre-accredited training through the ACFE Board;
- A commitment to the ongoing sustainability and success of Learn Local and other community providers made as part of the Government's Response to the independent VET Funding Review; and
- A range of initiatives to help young people into training, including the new Reconnect: Engagement and Learning Support program which is providing wrap around support for young, disengaged, early school leavers as they enrol in and complete training.

Quotes attributable to the Member for Ivanhoe, Anthony Carbines:

"E-focus provides invaluable support for locals in the Ivanhoe electorate. Their services provide locals with opportunities to get off the treadmill of unemployment and back on the footpath to work or further study.

"This extra funding will make sure that E-focus will be able to continue their support for the local community."