



## The Hon Shaun Leane MP

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Cr James Tehan  
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Dear Cr Tehan

Thank you for making a funding application together with Benalla Rural City Council, Murrindindi Shire Council and Strathbogie Shire Council to round 2 of the Rural Councils Transformation Program (RCTP).

I am delighted to inform you that your application for \$1,000,000 in funding has been successful. Your application is one of ten applications, involving 25 rural councils, awarded funds to implement transformative regional service delivery projects. I commend your proposal to collaboratively deliver important business and operational benefits for rural councils and look forward to its progress and completion no later than 30 June 2024.

Proposal Name	Applicant Councils	Funding Offer
<b>'Lifting Service Performance Through Shared Technology and Collaboration'</b>	Mansfield Shire Council Benalla Rural City Council Murrindindi Shire Council Strathbogie Shire Council	\$1,000,000

To ensure that the objectives of the RCTP are met with this funding, each rural council involved in a successful grant application is required to participate in the codesign of a rural council platform strategy. The purpose of the strategy is to develop a common framework for rural councils to select and implement new technology that supports shared services.

The strategy also provides an opportunity to improve IT controls in local government, which reduce the risk of unauthorised access, cyber-attacks, fraud, error, data manipulation and information theft, identified by the Victorian auditor general's office in its 2020-21 local government audit.

Associated guidance on these matters will be included in the funding agreement and presented to your council's chief executive officer shortly after this offer.

If you require further information, please contact Colin Morrison, Director Sector Investment, Local Government Victoria on 0413 276 911 or by email at [colin.morrison@ecodev.vic.gov.au](mailto:colin.morrison@ecodev.vic.gov.au)

Congratulations on your success and thank you for investing time and resources into the RCTP.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Leane', written in a cursive style.

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Date: 18 / 05 / 2022

cc Cr Bernie Hearn (Benalla Rural City Council)  
Cr Sue Carpenter (Murrundindi Shire Council)  
Cr Laura Binks (Strathbogie Shire Council)