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### **\$20 million for the Indigenous Community Volunteers**

The capacity of the Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) to provide skills to Indigenous communities and organisations has been considerably boosted by the Australian Government.

Minister Andrews today announced funding of \$20 million for ICV.

Commencing in 2001 with the support of the Australian Government, the ICV has since placed almost 200 skilled volunteers in Indigenous communities and organisations.

ICV links skilled volunteers with Indigenous communities and organisations to assist in areas such as financial management and corporate governance, IT, horticulture, art, tourism, business planning and marketing. ICV also supports communities to identify, design and develop their projects and select who they believe to be the most appropriate volunteers.

Having demonstrated ICV's capacity to make a difference to the lives of Indigenous Australians, the scheme will have its resource base expanded to allow it to increase its activities aimed at supporting involvement of the corporate sector and non-government organisations in transferring practical skills to Indigenous Australians.

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