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MEDIA RELEASE

Essential Additional Drought Funding Welcome

The St Vincent de Paul Society National Council has welcomed the doubling of funds available to eligible farmers and farm workers for the second round of the Drought Community Support Initiative announced by the Federal Government today.

CEO Toby oConnor said the initial \$15M provided to the St Vincent de Paul Society in November for distribution to people experiencing hardship in drought affected areas across Qld, NSW, Vic and SA was quickly accounted for, raising concerns that many people who qualified for assistance would miss out.

‘This additional funding will go a long way to ensuring that everyone who qualifies, is able to access this

essential support.

‘The St Vincent de Paul Society and The Salvation Army are servicing eligible local government areas.

Eligible LGAs are listed [here](#).

To apply for assistance in an LGA serviced by the St Vincent de Paul Society click [here](#).

The Society’s Members in local Conferences will continue to support individuals and families who request additional help.

The St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia consists of 60,000 members and volunteers who operate on the ground through over 1,000 conferences located in individual parishes across Australia.

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