

Better Futures Flexible Funding

Better Futures is a program that supports young people transitioning from care from 16 up to 21 years of age. Financial assistance (known as flexible funding) is available through Better Futures to help you achieve your transition goals. There are lots of things this money can be used for, such as your goals for study, work and your health and wellbeing. Flexible funding can also be used to pay for items or activities that help you connect to your community.




Flexible Funding

You can get Flexible Funding if you are living with your carer, or living independently.

Flexible funding can help pay for:

- Costs for study, work or health care
- Textbooks for TAFE or university
- Annual MYKI tickets
- Interview clothes and work uniforms
- Getting your driver's license
- Mental health support
- Furniture for your living space
- Gym memberships or sports equipment
- Camps, sport, music clubs
- And much, much more

There are lots of things this money can be used for, so speak to your Better Futures Development coach to get more information.

A photograph of three young people sitting outdoors, smiling and looking towards the right. They are wearing blue and grey t-shirts. The background shows green foliage.

**“Flexible funding from
Better Futures doesn’t just
go to education, you can get
clothes and entertainment.
There is so much available to
support young people”**

– Hayley (young person)

Transition to Independent Living Allowance (TILA)

In addition to Better Futures flexible funding, you can also access the Transition to Independent Living Allowance (TILA).

Do you know about the Transition to Independent Living Allowance (TILA)?

The Commonwealth Government also has an allowance available for young people transitioning from care. This is called the Transition to Independent Living Allowance (TILA). This money can help you with moving costs, bond payments or other costs of living.

TILA and Better Futures flexible funding are both available to young people transitioning from care. It does not have to be one or the other.

Melbourne City Mission administers the TILA program in Victoria. Talk to your case manager or Better Futures Development Coach who can help you apply for TILA. You can access TILA up to the age of 25.



“With TILA funding you don’t have to use it all at once. You can use it at different times. I needed a MYKI to get to study and about a year later I moved house and needed a fridge. TILA covered these costs”

– Naima (young person)



For more information, talk to your case manager or Better Futures Development Coach today.
<https://www.vic.gov.au/better-futures>

