



### 13. Public health project funding 2003–04

The Public Health Branch of the department funded a number of projects in communicable diseases in 2003/04. The projects are listed below:

Topic	<b>An investigation into the effect of income inequality, social capital and socioeconomic status on smoking behaviour</b>
Investigators	Dr Mohammad Siahpush, Dr Ron Borland
Organisation	Cancer Council Victoria
Funding	\$75,000
Topic	<b>The positioning of health impact assessment in Local Government in Victoria</b>
Investigators	Ms Mary Mahoney
Organisation	Deakin University, Faculty of Health and Behavioural Science
Funding	\$75,000
Topic	<b>The social processes of peer influence among gay men in Melbourne</b>
Investigators	A/Professor Anthony Smith, Professor Marian Pitts
Organisation	La Trobe University, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health & Society
Funding	\$74,528
Topic	<b>Perceptions and understandings of HIV transmission among culturally and linguistically diverse communities</b>
Investigators	Dr Stephen McNally, Professor Marian Pitts, Dr Jeffrey Grierson
Organisation	La Trobe University, Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health & Society
Funding	\$63,236
Topic	<b>Reducing the risk of transmission of HIV/AIDS in African and Arabic-speaking communities in Victoria</b>
Investigators	A/Professor Beverley-Ann Biggs, Dr Margaret Hellard, Dr Alan Street
Organisation	Melbourne Health, Department of Medicine, Royal Melbourne Hospital
Funding	\$75,627
Topic	<b>Emergency management risk communication</b>
Investigators	A/Professor Rae Walker, Professor Vivian Lin, Dr Priscilla Robinson, Dr John Tebbutt
Organisation	La Trobe University, School of Population Health
Funding	\$72,882
Topic	<b>Occupational asthma - detection, surveillance and prevention of the disease burden</b>
Investigators	A/Professor Malcolm Sim, A/Professor Michael Abramson, A/Professor Anthony LaMontagne, Dr Rosalie Aroni
Organisation	Monash University, Occupational & Environmental Health Unit
Funding	\$71,274
Topic	<b>Gear up: Motivators and barriers to personal protective equipment (PPE) wearing by youth skaters (in-line skaters and skateboards)</b>
Investigators	Ms Erin Cassell, Dr Rosalie Aroni, A/Professor Susan Sawyer
Organisation	Monash University, Accident Research Centre
Funding	\$69,953
Topic	<b>Barriers to child poisoning prevention: Why does child resistant packaging fail?</b>
Investigators	Professor Joan Ozanne-Smith, Dr Jenny Sherrard, Mr Jeff Robinson
Organisation	Monash University, Accident Research Centre
Funding	\$54,287

Topic	<b>Investigating the over-representation of older persons in do-it-yourself home maintenance injury and barriers to prevention</b>
Investigators	Professor Joan Ozanne-Smith. Ms Karen Ashby
Organisation	Monash University, Accident Research Centre
Funding	\$33,041
Topic	<b>Doesn't everyone have poison in the kitchen cupboard? Investigating socio-cultural differences in child unintentional poisoning</b>
Investigators	Ms Lisa Gibbs, A/Professor Elizabeth Waters, Dr Simon Young
Organisation	Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Centre for Community Child Health
Funding	\$74,280
Topic	<b>Cultural safety in nursing practice: professional, educational, organisational and consumer perspectives</b>
Investigators	Professor Olga Kanitsaki, Professor Megan-Jane Johnstone
Organisation	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Department of Nursing & Midwifery
Funding	\$72,650
Topic	<b>Beyond the bedside: What contribution can nurses make within a regional HACC agency?</b>
Investigators	Professor Linda Johnston,
Organisation	The University of Melbourne, Victorian Centre for Nursing Practice Research
Funding	\$73,142