

Summary of Linkage Projects Applications for Funding to Commence in 2006

Victoria

University of Ballarat

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Approved Project Title **Adult Sexual Assault: An evidence-based policy, practice and advocacy model for Victoria Police**

2006 : \$214,134

2007 : \$181,277

2008 : \$138,433

2009 : \$122,280

2010 : \$167,107

Primary RFCD 3904 LAW ENFORCEMENT

APA(I) Award(s): 2

Partner Organisation(s)

Victoria Police

Administering Institution University of Ballarat

Project Summary

Sexual violence causes long term health and economic costs. One Australian study estimates the fiscal cost to victims and the community as 230m dollars per year. The trauma of the assault is often compounded by police investigative processes that victims find alienating and demeaning. Eliminating significant barriers to police reporting and creating a more just criminal response is essential. Sexual assault is recognised globally as a Human Rights issue that is receiving increasing attention by governments in Australia. This project will result in the implementation of a policing model that advances the rights and welfare of victims therefore contributing an important step in ameliorating some of the documented health consequences.