

Multicultural NSW Grants Program



MULTICULTURAL
NSW

OUR PURPOSE

TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN A COHESIVE AND HARMONIOUS MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY THAT ENRICHES THE LIVES OF ALL THE PEOPLE IN NSW

OUR VISION

A STRONGER NSW: SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY THROUGH CULTURAL DIVERSITY

OUR PRINCIPLES FOR ACTION

WE ARE DRIVEN BY THREE KEY PRINCIPLES:

ENGAGE WITH ALL SECTIONS OF SOCIETY AND BREAK DOWN BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION

ENABLE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

ENRICH SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CAPACITY THROUGH CULTURAL DIVERSITY AS AN ASSET OF OUR STATE

About

Multicultural NSW is the central point for raising and resolving issues that affect community harmony and social cohesion.

Our Multicultural NSW Grants Program supports our purpose and Principles for Action.

By investing in community projects, activities and partnerships, we foster community engagement, build community harmony, social cohesion and celebrate the unique riches of our cultural diversity which is a significant asset of our state.

The Multicultural NSW Grants Program has four categories:

Unity Grants

For projects that address cross-cultural community engagement.

Celebration Grants

For events and festivals that celebrate cultural diversity.

Support Grants

To support communities and individuals to participate fully in community life.

Partnership Grants

For projects that address significant issues in NSW.

Important Information

Application Forms
Each category has specific requirements. Please use relevant application forms and include all required information.

Help with Applications
Multicultural NSW staff are happy to answer your follow-up questions. Please telephone our Grants Officer on 8255 6779 during business hours.

Frequently Asked Questions

When do grant rounds open?
Please check the schedule on our website.

Can we apply for more money than that allowed for under the program?
No, each program has been capped at the amount specified.

Can we apply for more than one project?
Yes, organisations can apply for any number of projects.

We are a new organisation and don't have all the required paperwork – can we still apply?
Generally yes - talk to our grants staff for advice and assistance.

Can we get an extension to submit our application?
No, we are unable to provide extensions to deadlines.

How long until we find out if our application was successful?
Please allow at least two months for advice on your application.

Can we apply outside the nominated grant opening dates?
No, applications will only be accepted during the grant round opening.

Unity Grants

For projects that bring diverse communities together.

About

Unity Grants bring culturally diverse communities together to promote social cohesion and harmony.

Priority areas for Unity Grants are established each year prior to applications opening. Applications must address at least one of the identified priority areas.

Who Can Apply

The following organisations are eligible to apply for a Unity Grant:

- Non-profit sharing community organisations
- Local councils in partnership with non-profit sharing community organisations

Funding Available

From between \$5,000 and \$30,000

Eligibility Criteria

A successful Unity Grant must:

- be for a project within NSW
- address at least one of the priority areas nominated by Multicultural NSW
- demonstrate how the project will benefit intercultural understanding and engagement
- demonstrate how the project will measure outcomes
- be cost effective and viable with an accurate budget
- be completed within 12 months of application
- have clearly defined project outcomes including a tangible measurement for outcome evaluation

Excluded Activities

The following activities are excluded from receiving funding through a Unity Grant:

- religious festivals, rituals, events or promotions, except multi-faith events which involve people from more than one religion
- projects funded under other State or Commonwealth grant programs
- building works (including maintenance and equipment purchases)
- commercial or fundraising activities.

Applications

Unity Grant applications open annually. Please check our website for details.

Celebration Grants

For events and festivals that celebrate cultural diversity.

About

Each year the NSW calendar is filled with events that celebrate our cultural diversity. Festivals and events bring communities together, showcase the benefits of cultural diversity and promote social cohesion and community harmony.

Who Can Apply

The following organisations are eligible to apply for a Celebration Grant:

- Non-profit sharing community organisations
- Local councils

Funding Available

From between \$1,000 and \$5,000

Eligibility Criteria

Celebration Grants must:

- be for a project within NSW
- be open to everyone
- provide an estimate of how many people are likely to attend
- demonstrate how the project will benefit intercultural understanding and engagement
- demonstrate how the project will measure outcomes
- be cost effective and viable with an accurate budget

Excluded Activities

The following activities are excluded from receiving funding through a Celebration Grant:

- party political activities
- celebration of national or independence days with the exception of key Australian days including Anzac Day, Australia Day, Clean Up Australia Day and NAIDOC week
- religious festivals, rituals, events or promotions, except multi-faith events which involve people from more than one religion
- projects funded under other State or Commonwealth grant programs
- building works (including maintenance and equipment purchases)
- commercial or fundraising activities
- media projects
- beauty pageants.

Applications

Celebration Grant applications open three times per year. Please check our website for details

Support Grants

To support communities and individuals to participate fully in community life.

About

Support Grants help individuals and communities to participate fully in community life and build community capacity.

Support Grants are flexible and varied, ranging from individual support for young people to participate in sport, to providing services and building community capacity.

Priority areas for Support Grants are established each year. Applications must address at least one of the identified priority areas.

Who Can Apply

The following organisations are eligible to apply for a Support Grant:

- Non-profit sharing community organisations
- Please check our website for sport specific grant eligibility

Funding Available

Up to \$10,000 per annum and \$500 for individuals

Eligibility Criteria

A successful Support Grant must:

- be for a project in NSW
- address at least one priority area
- directly benefit individuals, a specific group or culturally diverse groups
- demonstrate how the project will measure outcomes
- be cost effective and viable with an accurate budget

Excluded Activities

The following activities are excluded from receiving funding through a Support Grant:

- Any activity of a party political nature
- The promotion of a religion, religious festival, ritual or activity except events which are intercultural and interfaith and have the participation of more than one religion
- Media projects
- Elite athlete training or identification programs
- Activities of a commercial nature
- Building works (including maintenance and equipment purchases)

Applications

Support Grant applications open annually. Please check our website for details.

