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### **MORE CULTURAL EVENTS AND FESTIVALS HEADING FOR LOCAL STREETS IN 2023**

Another 122 community and not-for-profit groups will be able to host cultural celebrations in their local communities next year thanks to more funding awarded by the NSW Government.

Minister for Multiculturalism Mark Coure said the groups had received a share of more than \$1 million through the Stronger Together Festival and Events Grants program to host the events and festivals throughout 2023.

“Local streets right across our state are set to become so much brighter next year, thanks to each of the 122 local events we are funding,” Mr Coure said.

“These events are important for so many reasons; they celebrate our unique diversity, they bring people together and they break down barriers, which fosters greater understanding and respect between people.”

Each of the community groups received grants between \$5,000 and \$15,000 to host cultural events and festivals between 1 February and 30 June 2023.

Minister for Multiculturalism Mark Coure said the grants program had been boosted from \$500,000 to \$1 million thanks to the 2022-23 NSW Budget.

“This year, through the Stronger Together Festivals Grants program, the NSW Liberals and Nationals have funded 283 community organisations with \$2,098,329 to host events and festivals in their local areas,” Mr Coure said.

“Each of these events is a reflection of the rich diversity of our communities right across the state.

“This is one of the great things about our diversity here in NSW - you don’t need to travel overseas to experience the colour and vibrancy of other cultures, you can do it right here at home.”

For more information about the Stronger Together Festival and Events Grants program, visit <https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/grants>

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