## **Media Release**

Ms Ros Spence MP
Minister for Multicultural Affairs
Minister for Community Sport
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## **BROADCASTING BOOST FOR MULTICULTURAL MEDIA OUTLETS**

The Victorian Government is backing multicultural media outlets across the state with grants for new equipment and technology.

Up to \$500,000 is available to enable multicultural outlets to continue to deliver high quality news, entertainment and information, while also increasing their engagement with readers, viewers and listeners.

Under the small grants stream, outlets can apply for between \$2,000 and \$9,999, while funding of between \$10,000 to \$25,000 is available under the major grants stream.

There are close to 200 multicultural media outlets in Victoria, with each providing a valuable service to their communities and helping them stay connected.

This has been particularly crucial as we deal with the coronavirus pandemic.

Victoria is a proudly multicultural state, with almost every second person either born overseas or the child of a someone born overseas.

Victorians come from more than 200 countries, speak more than 260 languages and dialects and 26 per cent of Victorians speak another language other than English at home.

Applications for program close at 11.59pm on Sunday, 5 July 2020.

To apply for a grant or more information, visit vic.gov.au/2020-multicultural-media-grants-program.

## **Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ros Spence**

"This will be a great boost for multicultural media outlets that do so much in keeping diverse communities up-todate on current affairs, while also giving those communities a voice of their own."

"Victoria is stronger because of our multiculturalism and multicultural media has a huge role to play in that – we're delighted to support the important work they do."

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