

# Media Release

**The Hon Ros Spence MP**  
Minister for Multicultural Affairs  
Minister for Community Sport  
Minister for Youth



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## **MORE SUPPORT FOR COVIDSAFE MULTICULTURAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS**

The Andrews Labor Government is providing more support to help multicultural and multifaith communities to celebrate, share and preserve their culture and traditions.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ros Spence today announced grants of up to \$50,000 through the *Multicultural Festivals and Events Program* to help local organisations host COVIDSafe events – both face-to-face and digital.

The Program recognises the important role community connection and celebration play in all communities, and enables Victorians to celebrate the diversity and multiculturalism that makes us strong.

With the celebration of Harmony Day this Sunday 21 March, and Cultural Diversity Week taking place from 21-28 March, it's the perfect time for organisations to apply for activities that celebrate the diversity in our State.

Funding will support events held between 1 July and 31 December 2021. Applications open now, closing at 3:00pm on Wednesday 21 April 2021.

For more information and to apply visit [vic.gov.au/multicultural-festivals-and-events-program](https://vic.gov.au/multicultural-festivals-and-events-program).

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

*"This funding will help multicultural communities share their culture and traditions, and play an important role in boosting Victoria's economy."*

*"I encourage communities to apply for support and continue celebrating the diversity that makes Victoria strong."*