

Media Release

The Hon Ros Spence MP

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Minister for Multicultural Affairs

Minister for Community Sport

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SUPPORTING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES FACING FAMILY VIOLENCE

The Andrews Labor Government is ensuring all Victorians are supported by the family violence and sexual assault service system, ensuring people from diverse backgrounds can access culturally safe services.

Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence has announced successful grant recipients sharing in \$2.4 million under the *Working Together: Strengthening Family Violence Support with Multicultural Communities* grant program.

The organisations to receive funding to continue their vital work are:

- Whittlesea Community Connections
- Migrant Information Centre
- Berry Street
- InTouch
- Cultura
- Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic Communities Council
- Centre for Multicultural Youth
- Loddon Campaspe Multicultural Services
- Quantum Support Services
- Primary Care Connect

The funding will support projects across regional and metropolitan areas, including support for adolescents experiencing family violence, faith and community leaders, maternal child health centres and community sport.

People from migrant and refugee backgrounds disproportionately experience inequality and discrimination. This impacts their ability to access care and support when and where they need it. Because of this, the risks of family and sexual violence increase and accessing services and support is more challenging.

The Working Together grant program strengthens the capacity of Victorian multicultural community organisations and specialist family violence services to work together to provide culturally safe, responsive and tailored supports to victim survivors.

The program is part of the Government's vision to create an inclusive, safe, responsive and accountable family violence and sexual assault system that supports all Victorians.

Victoria is leading the nation with its work to end family violence, with the Labor Government investing more than \$3.7 billion since the Royal Commission into Family Violence.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Prevention of Family Violence Ros Spence

"We're ensuring the family violence and sexual assault system is easier to understand and access for our diverse Victorian communities - and support is accessible when and where it is needed."

"We are building an inclusive, responsive and culturally safe family violence system that works in partnership with community organisations to provide sensitive and effective prevention and responses to family violence."

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