

Media Release

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FUNDING BOOST FOR MULTICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE

The Allan Labor Government is supporting multicultural communities to develop community infrastructure and to continue celebrating their history, culture and tradition.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt today announced the Labor Government will invest more than \$16 million to continue supporting community organisations through the *Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund*.

Grants of up to \$400,000 can be used to build or upgrade facilities and give a safe space to connect and access services, and dedicated funds are also available for Victoria's Chinese, Greek, Indian, Italian, Islamic and Lebanese communities.

Organisations and community groups can also apply for Multicultural Museums feasibility study funding for research to establish multicultural museums.

Projects already funded under the program include the Australian Multicultural Community Services, which received \$500,000 in 2022 to refurbish their hub for multicultural and migrant communities.

The Korean Society of Victoria in Oakleigh, the Samadhi Buddhist Meditation Centre in Campbellfield and the Ballarat Croatian Community Centre also received funding to upgrade community halls.

Applications from regional Victoria will be prioritised as will groups who support multicultural women, gender diverse Victorians, and new and emerging communities.

Since 2014, the Labor Government has invested more than \$52 million to deliver 386 multicultural community infrastructure projects which have benefitted thousands of Victorians.

Applications close Wednesday, 6 December 2023.

For more information, visit vic.gov.au/multicultural-community-infrastructure-fund

Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt

"The Allan Labor Government's Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund is helping more Victorians to provide safe and modern facilities and access to services that bring our communities closer together."

"This flagship grant program continues to reflect our support and investment in the future of multicultural community infrastructure and strengthens the communities that contribute so much to our state."