

Media Release

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SUPPORTING SAFER AND STRONGER MULTICULTURAL SPACES

The Allan Labor Government is helping Victorians from diverse cultural backgrounds to safely practise their faith and improve spaces to gather and celebrate their culture and traditions.

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt today announced the opening of Round 1 of the \$5 million Multicultural Infrastructure and Security Program to support maintenance works, renovations and security upgrades for multicultural community facilities.

Grants of up to \$400,000 are available for multifaith and multicultural organisations to upgrade their community spaces – ensuring they remain safe, welcoming and inclusive for all Victorians.

The program recognises the vital role that multicultural and multifaith organisations play in strengthening Victoria's social fabric and fostering connection and understanding across communities.

This program comes in addition to the Labor government's investments through the 2024-25 Chinese Community Infrastructure Fund, 2023-24 Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund, Jewish Community Security Infrastructure Program, and the recently announced \$5 million fund to strengthen the capacity and sustainability of multicultural organisations which will open next year.

Since 2014, the Labor Government has invested more than \$100 million to deliver over 600 multicultural community infrastructure projects, benefitting thousands of Victorians and strengthening the connections that underpin our diverse communities.

Applications open on Monday, 13 October 2025 and close on Monday, 5 January 2026.

For more information on how to apply, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/2025-26-multicultural-infrastructure-and-security-program>.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural Affairs Ingrid Stitt:

"These grants are all about helping to create safe, welcoming places in Victoria where people from all backgrounds can come together, celebrate culture and share traditions."

"We're proud to support the communities that make Victoria such a diverse and inclusive place – and we'll always stand against racism and discrimination in every form."