

Media Release

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STRENGTHENING GRASSROOTS MULTICULTURAL GROUPS

Labor stands with multicultural Victorians. We always have and we always will.

At a time when our diversity is under attack – the Allan Labor Government is reaffirming our commitment to multicultural and multifaith communities.

We don't just tolerate diversity – we embrace it, and we will continue to work with our proud multicultural communities to make Victoria stronger, safer and fairer.

Minister for Multicultural and Multifaith Victoria Ingrid Stitt today announced \$4.9 million for close to 200 multicultural organisations across Victoria through the 2025–26 Multicultural Capacity Building Program (MCBP).

The grant program offers multicultural organisations the opportunity to strengthen their foundations and increase their impact within their communities.

The successful organisations support more than 46 different ethnicities and 15 faith groups, with more than \$1.6 million of funding allocated to organisations from new and emerging and regional communities.

Successful recipients include the Australian Iranian Society of Victoria who will receive funding to establish a sustainable operational base and expand education and community engagement initiatives.

South Sudanese Australian Academic Society Inc will expand the Just Drop-In program to continue delivering education and wellbeing support programs, and the Gurduaras Council of Victoria will enhance organisational capacity and expand culturally safe support services for Sikh Victorians.

The MCBP delivers on a key recommendation from the Victorian Multicultural Review by supporting grassroots multicultural organisations with more funding to improve outcomes for multicultural and multifaith communities.

The review, published in September 2025, called for greater support for grassroots organisations to help them become stronger and more sustainable.

To learn more about the Multicultural Capacity Building Program, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/multicultural-capacity-building-program>.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Multicultural and Multifaith Victoria Ingrid Stitt

“Victoria is a proudly multicultural state – Labor stands with multicultural and multifaith Victorians because they make our state stronger.”

“Grassroots multicultural organisations are the lifeblood of our communities – we’re backing them in with funding so they can continue to ensure that all Victorians can fully enjoy our state’s vibrant and inclusive society.”

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