



# **Multicultural SA**

## **Multicultural Infrastructure Grants – Round 2**

*2017-2018*



**A message from the Hon Zoe Bettison MP  
MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS**



The South Australian Government has continued to increase funding available to our multicultural groups. From the modest \$75,000 a year in 2002, the multicultural grant program was increased to \$1 million in 2014-15, and in the 2015-16 Budget, we tripled investment in multicultural affairs to \$12 million over four years.

As part of this significant funding increase, the multicultural grant program was expanded to support our multicultural groups under the funding streams:

- Stronger Families Stronger Communities Grant;
- Celebrating Diversity Grant; and
- Multicultural Infrastructure Grant.

Our Government understands that our multicultural communities, particularly our new and emerging groups, set out to build a venue to host their meetings and significant cultural events. Last year, many organisations improved their premises with funding from our Multicultural Infrastructure Grant program. Vital projects included upgrading kitchens, extending community halls, and refurbishing training rooms.

This year, priority will be given to projects that will increase accessibility to community facilities. In Round 2, grants of up to \$200,000 are available to eligible groups for projects to be delivered over 12-months, commencing 1 October 2017, and concluding 30 September 2018.

When our communities thrive – South Australia thrives. The Multicultural Infrastructure grant program demonstrates our Government’s commitment to support our multicultural communities, and to create a new era of multiculturalism centred on cross-cultural understanding.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zoe Bettison".

**Hon Zoe Bettison MP**

**MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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## About the Multicultural Infrastructure Grants

The Multicultural Infrastructure Grants will make one-off funding available to eligible community organisations to upgrade, extend or build community facilities for use by South Australia's culturally diverse communities.

The South Australian Government recognises that community facilities play a vital role in providing space for culturally diverse communities to access social and welfare services and promote the rich cultural diversity of South Australia in a way that is inclusive of the whole community.

The priority area for the Multicultural Infrastructure Grants 2017-18, Round 2, is to fund infrastructure projects that increase the accessibility of organisations' facilities to the community.

The Multicultural Infrastructure Grants aim, through the upgrading, extending or building of community facilities to achieve the following outcomes:

- increase the use of community facilities by culturally diverse community groups for participation in activities and services
- support new and emerging communities who may lack access to community infrastructure
- foster partnerships (financial or non-financial) between culturally diverse communities through the shared use of the facilities.

Grants of up to \$200,000 are available for projects that are ready to be delivered and can commence on 1 October 2017 and be completed by 30 September 2018.

Applications will require appropriate council and building owner approvals, have a project plan clearly outlining how the infrastructure work will be completed by 30 September 2018 and an appropriate cash flow that reflects how the funding will be expended.

Only one application per organisation will be considered for the Multicultural Infrastructure Grants 2017-18, Round 2.

Applications close on **Monday 31 July 2017 at 5pm.**

## What can the grants be used for?

- minor works to existing community facilities (e.g. to erect a disability access ramp)
- major upgrade of community facilities (e.g. upgrade bathroom facilities to enable access by frail older people and people with disabilities)
- construction of new facilities such as lifts.

## What can't the grants be used for?

- retrospective funding for projects that have commenced or have been completed, including works undertaken prior to the outcome of the grant application
- to enhance or build on privately-owned lands, unless a satisfactory long-term lease arrangement (minimum five years) between the land owner and the applicant can be produced
- to support political or religious activities, for example, enhancements of a place solely used for worship
- to purchase buildings or land
- to supplement the recurrent or ongoing costs of an existing organisation
- projects that duplicate services or a facility that already exists
- projects that may have a negative impact on existing community organisations or businesses

## Who is eligible to apply?

Grants will only be provided to organisations that:

- are non-government, not-for profit, incorporated community-based organisations;
- can provide evidence that their main purpose is to deliver services or support for culturally diverse communities in South Australia (e.g. copy of their constitution, Annual Report and/or other documentation);
- have a registered Australian Business Number (ABN);
- provide all required supporting documentation (including appropriate building compliance and council plan approvals, where appropriate);
- for applications to enhance or build on privately-owned lands, a satisfactory long-term lease arrangement (minimum five years) and a Letter of Consent from the building owner is required.

Organisations that are not incorporated or do not have an ABN can apply if they are able to secure an eligible organisation to act as their sponsor (auspice) for the project. The sponsor organisation is then responsible for submitting the application online, the legal and financial accountability of the project, and will be required to enter into the grant agreement. The sponsor organisation will need to provide evidence that the unincorporated organisation's main purpose is to deliver services or support for culturally diverse communities in South Australia (e.g. letter of declaration from the leader of the unincorporated organisation). Sponsor organisations will receive funding and be responsible for acquitting funding.

For-profit organisations cannot apply for funding.

## What does a strong application look like?

Strong applications demonstrate a well-planned approach. They involve relevant stakeholders. They are clear about what the project is aiming to achieve and what benefits it will bring. They also clearly answer all questions in the application and provide all mandatory supporting documentation.

## How to apply

- Carefully read the funding guidelines to determine whether your organisation meets the criteria for funding. If you are unsure, please contact the Grants Team on 1300 650 985
- Complete the online application and submit all documentation, including appropriate council and building owner approvals and quotes; and evidence the organisation provides services or support for culturally diverse communities
- Submit the completed application by the closing time and date – no late proposals will be accepted

## Please note:

It is not possible to fund all applications, therefore funding should not be anticipated or deemed automatic.

The cost of preparing an application is borne by the applicant, including consultant fees and permit application or licence fees.

## Assessment criteria

All applications are assessed based on merit and the following assessment criteria:

| Criteria                           | Description   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Community need and use of facility | <p>Does the proposal clearly identify the community need?</p> <p>Does it describe clearly how the need will be addressed through use of the facility?</p> <p>Does it demonstrate that the facility will be well used?</p> <p>Does it describe clearly how accessibility of the facility will be increased?</p> <p>Does it give information about which groups will use the facility regularly and for what purpose?</p> |
| Partnerships/ collaboration        | <p>Is there opportunity for other community organisations to use or benefit from this facility?</p>   |

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|                                    | <p>Is there evidence that two or more community organisations have worked together to develop this proposal?</p> <p>Are there existing partnerships between organisations?</p>   |
| Value for money/cost effectiveness | <p>Is there evidence that the project has been costed realistically and provides value for money?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost related to number of persons who will directly benefit or be involved</li> <li>• Whether the costs proposed are realistic/reasonable/economical and justified with quotes where required etc.</li> <li>• Level of complementary funding and in-kind assistance from organisation/other organisation</li> </ul> |

Following the assessment, applications will be ranked from highest score to lowest, with funding allocated in accordance with ranking until funding is exhausted.

To reduce funding of duplicate projects, should several “like” projects be eligible for funding the top ranked “like” project will be selected and the remaining “like” project will not be funded.

In instances where a project is funded but the requested amount is not provided (reduced grant offered), negotiation may be required to ensure the project is still viable with the reduced funding.

## Accountability requirements

All organisations approved for funding will be required to:

- sign a funding agreement and comply with its requirements, including appropriate reporting
- maintain financial records in accordance with the generally accepted accounting principles and comply with relevant laws in force in South Australia
- comply with reporting requirements for past completed projects to be eligible to receive funding for a new project. Failure to comply may result in payments being withheld by the funding body
- provide evidence that the ongoing operational and maintenance costs can be met by the existing owners.

## Notification of applicants

All organisations that submit an application for the Multicultural Infrastructure Grants 2017-18, Round 2, will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.

## Key dates

| Date              | 2017-18 Multicultural Infrastructure Grants, Round 2                              |
|-------------------|---|
| 22 May 2017       | <b>Opens</b> – Multicultural Infrastructure Grants                                |
| 14 June 2017      | <b>Information session</b> 10am, Meeting Room 2A, Riverside Centre, North Terrace |
| 31 July 2017      | <b>Closes 5pm</b> – Multicultural Infrastructure Grants                           |
| August 2017       | Assessment of applications undertaken   |
| September 2017    | Successful organisations announced  |
| 1 October 2017    | Funded projects commence activity   |
| 30 September 2018 | All projects are completed  |

## Need more information?

For further information on the guidelines or to discuss your project or application contact the Grants Team.

Phone: 1300 650 985

Email: [grantssa@sa.gov.au](mailto:grantssa@sa.gov.au)

Website: [www.dcsi.sa.gov.au/services/grants-for-organisations](http://www.dcsi.sa.gov.au/services/grants-for-organisations)

## Glossary

### **Culturally Diverse Communities**

People from migrant or refugee backgrounds, particularly those from non-English speaking countries.

### **New and emerging communities**

People from new and emerging communities are sometimes identified as higher-need or at-risk due to the length of time they have spent in refugee camps and the additional resources and support they may need to address the settlement challenges they face. New and emerging communities are those:

- with a small population
- where the majority of members are recent arrivals to Australia
- where the majority of members entered through Australia's humanitarian program
- lacking established family networks, support systems, community structures and resources compared with established communities.

### **Partnerships**

Financial or non-financial collaborations between two or more organisations to deliver the project and/or share use of the facility. For example:

- a multicultural community organisation upgrading or building a facility that will be used by a multicultural or ethnic group from another ethnic background
- a local community organisation working with a culturally diverse community group to upgrade a community facility.

### **Community facilities**

Facilities owned or leased by culturally diverse community groups that are be used solely or predominantly by culturally diverse community groups for community activities.