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Supporting Multicultural Communities – Infrastructure

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Purpose

The Selection Report provides assurance the selection process for Supporting Multicultural Communities (SMC) – Infrastructure grant opportunity has been conducted in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures, the SMC Grant Opportunity Guidelines (Guidelines) and the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs).

Grant Opportunity Summary	
Grant Round Type:	Closed non-competitive
Round open/close dates:	14 November 2025 – 11 December 2025
Number of invitations sent:	39
Assessment Type:	Home Affairs Assessment
Funding:	$109,381,399

This information can be used to inform the delegate Spending Minute for this round.

Selection outcome

The Selection Advisory Panel (SAP) met on 20 February 2026 and has agreed to recommend 32 applications to the Decision Maker for funding, for a total funding amount of $95.543 million (GST exclusive). During quality assurance checks that were completed after the SAP meeting, one of these applications was identified as having ineligible expenditure items in their project description and budget. The SAP was advised of this issue, and the application was removed from the recommended list, with the decision on the application to be deferred to the next meeting of the SAP. However, a response received from the organisation on 12 March which clearly articulated the intended use of the funds. Following consultation, the SAP approved the application to be recommended for funding. A total of 32 applications are recommended to the Decision Maker for funding, for a funding amount of $95.543 million. The applications were assessed in accordance with the requirements and priorities detailed in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines (Guidelines) (**Attachment A**), the Selection Plan (**Attachment B**), and Selection Plan: Conformance Assessment (**Attachment C**). The results of the Selection Report: Conformance Assessment (**Attachment D**) conducted by the Community Grants Hub (the Hub) were also taken into consideration

The SAP considered all applications, deferring decisions on seven applications due to concerns or issues that required further material clarification. Details of these applications are listed at Appendix A and will be considered at a future meeting once follow up with each of the seven organisations have occurred.

During the assessment period it was noted that 12 applicants requested phasing for their funding allocation that did not match the approved funding amount agreed by the Department of Finance as listed in Appendix A of the Guidelines. Impacted applicants will be notified of the discrepancy and the correct funding amounts by financial year prior to negotiation of their grants to avoid any potential misunderstanding during grant agreement negotiations, scheduled to occur once the Decision Maker accepts the recommendation to fund the successful applicants.

Background

This grant opportunity fulfils elements of the election commitments made by Labor candidates in the 2025 Federal election to support multicultural communities as outlined in Labor's costed plan to Build Australia's Future.

The intended outcomes of the program activity are to:

- maintain and enhance access to multicultural infrastructure and amenity

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- encourage and facilitate multicultural communities to connect and commune in a designated safe physical environment
- improve equity outcomes and social inclusion.

Further information regarding the background, outcomes, objectives and requirements of the grant can be found in the Guidelines.

Summary of applications

Category	No.
Applications received on time	37
Applications received late	3
Total applications received	40
Applications not accepted or withdrawn due to multiple applications	1
Applications not accepted due to ineligibility	0
Applications not accepted due to non-compliance	0
Total applications assessed	**39**

Compliance and Eligibility checks

The Hub reviewed the applications submitted in accordance with its Selection Plan – Conformance Assessment (**Attachment C**).

The Selection Report: Conformance Assessment Report (**Attachment D**) identified eligibility or compliance issues with the 40 applications received. The Grant Opportunity Delegate made decisions as outlined in the report in **Attachment D** resulting in 39 applications proceeding to assessment by the Department.

The Department reviewed applications for alignment with Policy Intent of the grant opportunity and identified five applications that partially aligned with policy intent.

- The Grant Opportunity Delegate recommended the Project Alignment be changed to fully aligns with policy intent for three applications, and two applications to remain as partially aligns with policy intent with the issues identified to be addressed during negotiations of the grant agreement and activity work plan, including ensuring suitable monitoring arrangements are in place.
- During the assessment phase, one additional application was identified as not aligning with policy intent. This application was presented to the SAP for consideration and has been deferred for decision by the SAP, pending further information.

Due Diligence checks

The SMC: Infrastructure round was a closed non-competitive grant opportunity and was established to assess organisations that had been invited to apply for funding to fulfil commitments made by the Labor Party as part of the 2025 Federal Election. In line with all grant opportunities, due diligence checks were undertaken.

The Multicultural Grants team conducted internet searches on the organisations and their key personnel as outlined in the Selection Plan (**Attachment B**). Results of the checks were recorded in the Organisational Risk Review Register (**Attachment E**).

- Two organisations were identified as medium risk

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  - one organisation was potentially non-compliant with another of the Department's grant programs and one organisation had a potential social cohesion issue.

- Following the Organisational Risk Review, the Department became aware of another organisation with a potential social cohesion issue.

The SAP considered these findings, including legal advice and agreed to defer decision on these applications (included in the 7 outlined above) pending the opportunity for these organisations to respond to these issues. The SAP will consider these matters in a future meeting.

The Department requested Financial Viability Assessments for 10 organisations (indicated with an asterisk in the table at Appendix B) based on initial ratio analysis undertaken by the Hub and contained in the Conformance Assessment Report and/or funding amounts. On behalf of the Department, the Hub engaged Vincents (an independent external financial risk assessor) to undertake these Financial Viability Assessments. The result of the assessments was:

- Seven organisations were identified by Vincents with an Acceptable, Acceptable to Moderate or Moderate risk rating and as being suitable to fund, depending on their projects meeting overall assessment criteria for the grant opportunity.
- Two organisations were analysed by Vincents as representing a moderate to high financial risk that would require various financial risk mitigations to be suitable to fund. The SAP considered these financial viability analyses and recommended funding subject to the application of significant risk mitigations.
- One other organisation was analysed by Vincents as representing a high financial risk that Vincents recommended the department should not fund. The SAP considered this financial viability analysis and recommended funding subject to significant financial risk mitigations.

Preliminary assessment

The preliminary assessment of applications was undertaken by the Preliminary Assessors identified in, and in accordance with, the process and requirements detailed in the Guidelines and Selection Plan. The Preliminary Assessors used a three-point scale to rate applications against the two selection criteria (project need, and, organisational capability), which were equally weighted, providing a total score out of six. The results of the preliminary assessment were recorded in the Assessment Report (**Attachment F**) and provided to the Selection Advisory Panel.

Selection Advisory Panel assessment

The Selection Advisory Panel undertook its assessment of applications in accordance with the process and requirements detailed in the Guidelines and Selection Plan.

The Selection Advisory Panel was provided with:

- Grant applications submitted by the applicants
- Published Grant Opportunity Guidelines
- Assessment Report
- Organisational Risk Review Register.
- Financial Viability Assessments for the identified 10 applicants.

The SAP reviewed each application to assess the extent to which it represented value with relevant money in line with the Governments intended benefits under the grant program. The SAP concluded that applications where the grant fully funded the intended project, or contributed to a broader project, represented value with relevant money in the context of the Governments intended outcomes and objectives.

The SAP convened on 20 February 2026. In this meeting, the SAP decided to recommend 32 applications to the Delegate. Shortly after, a quality assurance exercise identified an application with potential ineligible expenditure. The SAP therefore had questions about the remaining 8 applications (including this additional application), which required further consideration before finalising a decision. At this time, it was agreed to

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defer this to allow the department the opportunity to obtain additional information and decide at a future meeting. A response was received from one of the applicants on 12 March, and after deliberation between the SAP chair and one of the SAP members (as the second SAP member was away), it was agreed the organisation be recommended for a grant.

For the 32 applications recommended for approval by the Delegate, the SAP carefully considered responses to criterion 1 (Project Need) and Criterion 2 (Organisation Capability – being the extent to which applicants demonstrated their ability to deliver the project). In some cases, the SAP noted issues identified by the Preliminary Assessors and, where issues remained, awarded an overall rating of partially meets the criteria. The SAP considered that in selecting a "*partially meets"* rating, the remaining issues and gaps could be addressed during the grants negotiation process and given the Government's commitments to these projects, the applications were recommended to be fully funded.

The SAP considered the outcomes of the financial viability assessments and noted three applicants were rated as significant financial risk. Considering the actions suggested by the financial analyst, the SAP recommended risk mitigation measures, including staggering payments and linking milestone payments to the applicant providing strong evidence of delivery and that the project is progressing. This evidence, depending on the project and applicant, could include other funding sources such as evidence of approval of loans, and statements from a building certifier that construction is progressing in a satisfactory manner.

The SAP noted that 12 applicants had requested funding different to what is outlined in Appendix A of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. If the applicants are successful, they will be notified before they receive grant agreements of the correct funding amounts in each financial year. This is consistent with the approach taken in the Supporting Multicultural Communities: Amenities and Supporting Multicultural Communities: Rapid Assistance grant opportunities where applicants were notified before negotiation of grant agreements.

Following the SAP meeting, the Grant Lead continued to follow up on applicants' documents for outstanding information requested by the SAP.

Whether applications partially or fully met the criteria, the SAP recommends any issues be addressed in the negotiation of grant agreements and/or Activity Work Plans to provide further assurance that the organisations have the capability, capacity, processes and reporting frameworks in place to complete their activities and acquit the funds appropriately.

Probity

All staff involved in the due diligence checks and assessment signed Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality declarations prior to conducting internet searches or accessing the applications. No conflicts of interest were identified. Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality declarations were reviewed during the assessment period with no amendments being made.

The independent probity adviser s. 47G(1)(a) provided probity advice as required, conducted a probity briefing of the Selection Advisory Panel and attended the Selection Advisory Panel meeting ensuring that applications were assessed consistently and on their own merits in accordance with the CGRP's, Guidelines and Selection Plan.

A Probity Certificate is at **Attachment G**.

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Attachments

Attachment A – Grant Opportunity Guidelines

Attachment B – Selection Plan

Attachment C – Selection Plan Conformance Assessment

Attachment D – Selection Report Conformance Assessment

Attachment E – Organisational Risk Review Register

Attachment F – Assessment Report

Attachment G – Probity Certificate

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Appendix B – Invited organisations – funding specified in Guidelines

Ref	Organisation legal entity name	Activity description	2025–26	2026–27	2027–28	Total funding (excluding GST)
G48-R-000424	* JEWISH ARTS QUARTER LTD	Construction of the Jewish Arts Quarter (JAQ) on Selwyn Street Melbourne, delivering a multi-purpose precinct including accommodating several key institutions, a performing arts theatre, co-working facilities and activated open areas to offer a rich and immersive community space.	$8,000,000.00	$10,000,000.00	$ 0	**$18,000,000.00**
G48-R-001530	THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEBANESE MARONITE MISSIONARY	The design and construction of a 2 storey community center with offices and amenities over a basement parking. Including concrete Slabs, metal roof frame and covering, brickwork and glazing, soundproofing, solar panels and an internal lift.	$2,000,000.00	$1,000,000.00	$ 0	**$3,000,000.00**
G48-R-001614	* The Greek Orthodox Community of Oakleigh and District Inc	Construction of a Greek Cultural Hub in Oakleigh, including site works	$500,000.00	$4,000,000.00	$ 0	**$4,500,000.00**
G48-R-001617	Trustee for Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Bhuj - Sydney Australia Trust	Establish the Nilkanth Community Hub in Kings Park, converting a warehouse into a multipurpose space	$ 0	$1,300,000.00	$ 0	**$1,300,000.00**
G48-R-001693	CHUNG WAH ASSOCIATION	Construction of a new community centre in Bently, Western Australia. The two-storey facility will include a main performance hall, a dining hall, two dance studios, three activity rooms, office spaces, landscaped gardens, and a car park.	$750,000.00	$250,000.00	$ 0	**$1,000,000.00**
G48-R-001725	* Turbans 4 Australia	Turbans 4 Australia to expand facilities into Adelaide, South Australia. The proposed new facilities in Adelaide will serve as multipurpose community centre, including a community kitchen and multicultural support centre	$1,600,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$1,600,000.00**
G48-R-001934	SRI KRISHNA BRUNDAVANA LTD	Construction of a state of the art cultural and multi-functional facility at Marsden Park, NSW. The project includes basement parking, a multi-purpose hall, kitchen, dining hall, outdoor dining area, basement car park, footpaths, a children's play area, additional hall and classrooms, and accommodation facilities. The design focuses on accessibility, sustainability, and safety, with features such as ramps, energy-efficient lighting, solar systems, and CCTV security.	$1,500,000.00	$750,000.00	$250,000.00	**$2,500,000.00**
G48-R-001992	WERRIBEE ISLAMIC CENTRE LIMITED	Construction of a purpose-built library at the Werribee Islamic Centre, to support the development of a shared community space, library and gym facilities in addition to a recently completed mosque and childcare centre on-site	$350,000.00	$150,000.00	$ 0	**$500,000.00**
G48-R-002007	HINDU COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED	Upgrades to the Karma Kitchen, including new dining area and industrial kitchen, storage, bathroom facilities, landscaping and refurbishment of the existing house on site	$ 2,400,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$2,400,000.00**
G48-R-002008	VITRAAG JAIN SHWETAMBAR SANGH INCORPORATED	Creation of a multipurpose community and cultural centre in Girraween, including an assembly hall with advanced AV systems, storage, and parent rooms; classroom facilities; a library; and supporting infrastructure including a commercial kitchen, over 100 car parking spaces, loading docks, offices, male and female amenities, and other essential services.	$2,000,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$2,000,000.00**

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G48-R-002033	* SANTHOM CULTURAL CENTRE LTD	Creation of the Santhom Community Hub and Resource Centre, a multipurpose facility including a South Indian migration museum and library showcasing Malayalam literature and resources.	$500,000.00	$3,500,000.00	$ 0	**$4,000,000.00**
G48-R-002190	SOUTHERN MIGRANT AND REFUGEE CENTRE INC	Establishment, including design and fit-out, of a permanent facility to house the Southern Migrant Resource Centre in east Victoria.	$ 0	$1,250,000.00	$ 0	**$1,250,000.00**
G48-R-002192	ABU TALIB COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.	Expansion of the Abu Talib Community Centre in Hallam.	$420,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$420,000.00**
G48-R-002240	HINDU ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC	To build a educational and cultural building to facilitate religious and community events inclusive of a car park at the Perth Hindu Temple.	$1,000,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$1,000,000.00**
G48-R-002242	The trustee for DUNNIEH ASSOCIATION TRUST	Upgrade Community Centre's internal facilities, including meeting spaces and new bathrooms.	$ 350,000.00	$325,000.00	$325,000.00	**$1,000,000.00**
G48-R-002243	Khalsa Shaouni Inc	Construction of a new dining hall and commercial-grade kitchen and upgrades to existing amenities to ensure a safe, inclusive and sustainable environment.	$3,000,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$3,000,000.00**
G48-R-002244	MULTICULTURAL SERVICES CENTRE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED	Establishment of the Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australia Women's Shed and Multicultural Hub.	$250,000.00	$200,000.00	$ 0	**$450,000.00**
G48-R-002257	Sydney Marae Alliance	Establishment of a dedicated Māori Cultural Centre and Marae in Western Sydney, creating a dedicated space in the heart of South West Sydney for traditional ceremonies, festivals, exhibitions and education programs.	$1,000,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$1,000,000.00**
G48-R-002258	MULTICULTURAL SERVICES CENTRE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED	Construction of a second storey and rooftop community garden at 20 Cobbler Place, Mirrabooka, principally to be used as a Multicultural Hub. The Hub will also provide a physical space for multicultural communities to connect and allow for facilitation of meetings, shared spaces for skills building, income earning opportunities for CaLD women and visual arts exhibitions for emerging CaLD artists	$300,000.00	$200,000.00	$ 0	**$500,000.00**
G48-R-002262	Shree Swaminarayan Temple (Mandir) Perth Australia Inc	Creation of a multipurpose multistorey facility at the Shree Swaminarayan Temple, including relocation of existing shed, service upgrade and foreshore management.	$3,250,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$3,250,000.00**
G48-R-002265	SAIVA MAHA SABAI OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED	Building of a multicultural community centre in Mandogalup WA, to support cultural events, educational programs and social activities.	$ 0	$1,800,000.00	$ 0	**$1,800,000.00**
G48-R-002284	AUSTRALIA BUDDHIST BLISS CULTURE MISSION INC	Expansion of the current Australian Buddhist Bliss Culture Mission building, including improvements of existing facilities, a reconfigured courtyard and parking area, a kitchen relocation and technology upgrades	$400,000.00	$500,000.00	$700,000.00	**$1,600,000.00**
G48-R-002285	THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF MELBOURNE AND VICTORIA	Creation of the St Dimitrios Multi Function Art Space in Windsor. This project will improve existing facilities and create a multi-function arts and community space that will provide versatile, inclusive space for community gatherings, educational activities and for local events	$123,000.00	$800,000.00	$300,000.00	**$1,223,000.00**
G48-R-002290	AL-MINIA CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION LTD	Build the Al Minia Charitable Association's new Indoor Sports Facility, including the construction of a purpose-built, multifunctional recreational facility designed to to support a variety of community-based sporting and social activities.	$700,000.00	$300,000.00	$ 0	**$1,000,000.00**
G48-R-002291	* Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East Property Trust	Establishment of a new 600 person St Yosip Parish community hall in Leppington, including site costs, services, parking, landscaping and	$2,500,000.00	$2,500,000.00	$ 0	**$5,000,000.00**

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		construction of the community hall which will service both the wider community and church community.				
G48-R-002294	THE MELBOURNE VINAYAGAR HINDU SANGAM INCORPORATED	Construction of the community hub at the Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar Hindu Temple in The Basin, including adaptable spaces designed for multiple uses.	$1,800,000.00	$200,000.00	$ 0	**$2,000,000.00**
G48-R-002297	St Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church Incorporated	Construction of a Youth and Community Centre at St Mary's the Nativity Orthodox Church in Mays Hill	$2,000,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$2,000,000.00**
G48-R-002313	* AFGHAN ISLAMIC CENTRE AND OMAR-FAROOQ MOSQUE INC.	Construction of a new Afghan Islamic Centre & Omar Farooq Mosque (AICOM) community hub in Melbourne's southeast. The centre will feature a mosque, multipurpose hall, classrooms, offices, and support facilities	$1,000,000.00	$3,000,000.00	$1,000,000.00	**$5,000,000.00**
G48-R-002323	* The Greek Orthodox Community of New South Wales Ltd	Construction of the Hellenic Historical and Cultural Centre	$ 0	$4,500,000.00	$ 0	**$4,500,000.00**
G48-R-002324	Chaldean Catholic Dioces Incorporated	Establishment of the Chaldean Diocese youth centre that features meeting rooms, a library, a media room and a pastoral centre for assisting Chaldean Australians	$500,000.00	$2,000,000.00	$500,000.00	**$3,000,000.00**
G48-R-002326	TIGRAY ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO DEBRE AMIN ABUNE TEKLEHAIMANOT CHURCH INC	Construction of a multipurpose hall that will be used as a hub for our community, especially our youth, the multipurpose hall will provide a flexible, inclusive community event space, along with 130 car parking bays	$1,000,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$1,000,000.00**
G48-R-002328	* UMA CENTRE LTD	Construction of a Community Centre integrating sport, education and social services in Western Sydney.	$ 0	$10,000,000.00	$ 0	**$10,000,000.00**
G48-R-002332	SRI DURGA ARTS/CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL CENTRE INC.	Construction of a Community and Cultural Precinct on Neale Road, Deanside. The Centre will cater for a wide variety of immediate social needs and community activities.	$250,000.00	$2,500,000.00	$2,250,000.00	**$5,000,000.00**
G48-R-002334	The Trustees Of The Roman Catholic Church For The Diocese of Saint Maron Sydney	Lift infrastructure and shaft works at the St Joseph's parish site on Acton Street in Croydon	$500,000.00	$1,000,000.00	$ 0	**$1,500,000.00**
G48-R-002354	City of Ryde Council	Revitalisation and upgrade of the Eastwood Town centre.	$100,000.00	$250,000.00	$1,650,000.00	**$2,000,000.00**
G48-R-002356	The Trustees Of The Roman Catholic Church For The Diocese of Saint Maron Sydney	The development of the piazza forecourt and ANZAC Memorial above the car park that is being developed.	$500,000.00	$500,000.00	$1,000,000.00	**$2,000,000.00**
G48-R-002360	* FEDERATION OF INDIAN COMUNITIES OF QUEENSLAND INCORPORATED	Establish a new 'House of India' community and cultural centre in South East Queensland including a dedicated hub for community activities and cultural events, as well as a meeting place for Indian community associations, and other multicultural and faith groups.	$2,500,000.00	$2,000,000.00	$1,000,000.00	**$5,500,000.00**
G48-R-002482	* Turbans 4 Australia	Support the delivery of a multipurpose facilities in Thomastown Victoria. The proposed new facilities in Thomastown will include community kitchen and multicultural support centre	$988,399.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$988,399.00**
G48-R-002505	* Turbans 4 Australia	Support the delivery of a multipurpose facilities in Cowan Perth. The proposed new facilities in Cowan will include community kitchen and multicultural support centre	$1,600,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$1,600,000.00**

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MEMBER FOR PERTH
The Hon Patrick Gorman MP

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The Hon Dr Anne Aly MP
Minister for Multicultural Affairs
Minister for International Development
Minister for Small Business
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Minister Anne

Thank you for your letter received 9 October 2025 to the Hon Anthony Albanese MP, the Prime Minister, seeking revised policy authority to support delivery of the Australian Government's election commitments – the Supporting Multicultural Communities and Community Language Schools grant programs. The Prime Minister has asked me to reply on his behalf.

With regard to the Supporting Multicultural Communities grant program, I agree that you, or the Hon Julian Hill MP, Assistant Minister for Citizenship, Customs and Multicultural Affairs (Assistant Minister Hill) may agree to reasonable changes to projects within the allocated funding for each project and approved categories (Amenities, Infrastructure and Events and Programs) so long as these are consistent with the overall objectives of the Supporting Multicultural Communities commitment. I also agree that you, or Assistant Minister Hill, where appropriate, may amend the grant process from closed, non-competitive to one-off ad hoc, contingent on the requirements of the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 being met. I ask that you continue to work with the Department of Finance to settle costs.

I further agree to your proposal to amend the grant process for the Community Languages Schools grant program from an open, non-competitive grant process to a demand driven grant opportunity.

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I have copied this letter to the Prime Minister, the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP, Treasurer, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, Minister for Finance, and the Hon Tony Burke MP, Minister for Home Affairs, and Assistant Minister Hill.

Yours sincerely

PATRICK GORMAN

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Hi

Please see approved timing waiver and note the request below from the DLO.

Thanks

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

I have just spoken with Advisor s. 22(1)(a)(ii) about these three submissions, timing waiver is approved. If we can please get them as early as possible today or tomorrow morning so they can be printed at the EO ahead of the weekend.

Thanks

s. 22

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

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Hi s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

Thank you for seeking approval of the timing waiver for this submission.

Can you also please seek approval of timing waivers for the following submissions that will be progressed to Assistant Minister Hill today/tomorrow that require approval next week, noting the short timeframes are related to issues arising with finalising the submissions

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and timeframes set by the Hub to ensure grants are finalised ahead of the end of financial yar.

- MS26-000479 – Expenditure Approval – Supporting Multicultural Communities – Infrastructure – Deferred Applications (due by 16 April to open new grant opportunity on 21 April)
- s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
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Please let me know if you need to discuss.

Kind regards

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)

s. 22(1)(a)(ii)
A/g Assistant Secretary
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I have spoken with Advisor s. 22(1)(a)(ii) and she has approved the timing waiver.

Please progress to us ASAP this morning.

Thanks

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Good morning,

In line with existing processes, for any Ministerial submission required to be considered in under 10 business days from receipt in the Minister's office, a timing waiver must be obtained from the CoS or relevant advisor. Please send the timing waiver form to the relevant DLO s. 22(1)(a)(ii) homeaffairs.gov.au

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Kind regards

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Submission

For decision
PDMS Ref. Number: MS26-001116
Date of Clearance: 15/05/2026

To **Assistant Minister for Citizenship, Customs and Multicultural Affairs**

Subject **Expenditure Approval - Supporting Multicultural Communities - Infrastructure – The Hindu Council of Australia Limited**

Timing *For consideration by 29 May 2026, to enable grant payments and notifications to be made prior to the end of the 2025-26 financial year.*

Recommendations

That you:

1. **approve** the Department of Home Affairs' recommendation to fund to the Hindu Council of Australia Limited (Hindu Council) for $2.4 million in 2025-26 at **Attachment A** under the Supporting Multicultural Communities (SMC): Infrastructure grant opportunity; — approved / not approved

2. **note** that while reputational and program credibility risks have been identified in this submission, mitigation strategies will be in place to manage those risks should funding for the Hindu Council be approved; and — noted / please discuss

3. **agree** that in approving the recommendation to fund the Hindu Council, you have no conflicts of interest to declare (if you have any conflicts to declare, detail these in the comments section below). — agreed / not agreed

Assistant Minister for Citizenship, Customs and Multicultural Affairs

Signature.....

Date: 20/5/2026

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Assistant Minister's Comments

Key Issues

1. This submission seeks to provide you with additional information to support a recommendation to fund the Hindu Council under the SMC: Infrastructure grant opportunity.

2. On 13 April 2026, you signed MS26-000479 in which you:
   - approved the recommendation to fund the Werribee Islamic Centre (2 grants), Federation of Indian Community of Queensland Inc and Khala Shaouni, and to not fund Turbans 4 Australia (3 grants) and Southern Migrant and Refugee Centre (1 grant).
   - approved the SMC: Target Community Support Grant Opportunity Guidelines (Guidelines), noting if further advice is provided to approve the Hindu Council, then the organisation could be removed from the Guidelines.
     - Your office confirmed the removal of the Hindu Council from the Guidelines and the grant opened as planned.
   - deferred the funding decision on the Hindu Council, and requested the Department of Home Affairs (the Department) provide you with advice following consideration of additional information on 10 April 2026 (**Attachment B**).

3. This submission seeks to provide you with an update on the Hindu Council and the revised recommendation from the SAP to approve the application for $2.4 million in 2025-26 for upgrades to the Karma Kitchen, including new dining area and industrial kitchen, storage, bathroom facilities, landscaping and refurbishment of the existing house on site.

Assessment and funding recommendation

4. The Supplementary Selection Report and associated attachments at **Attachment E** summarise the selection process undertaken for the grant opportunity and provides assurance that the process was conducted in accordance with the Selection Plan and the *Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024* (CGRPs).

5. In the initial assessment, the Selection Advisory Panel (SAP) determined the Hindu Council application (G48-R-002007) had merit in relation to community need, but there were unresolved social cohesion issues that were material to the overall assessment.
   - On this basis, the SAP recommended the application not be funded. Details of this approach are captured in MS26-000479.

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6. Following your deferral of the decision on the Hindu Council application in MS26-000479, the SAP reconvened on 15 April 2026, to consider the response provided by the Hindu Council on 10 April 2026 (**Attachment B**).
   - The SAP determined the response did not sufficiently address the social cohesion risks and requested additional advice be sought from the Hindu Council on the allegation detailed in *The Guardian's* article published on 23 September 2026. An email requesting this information was sent to the Hindu Council on 17 April 2026.
   - The SAP met on 29 April 2026 but was unable to consider the response from the Hindu Council, as their lawyers had requested additional time to respond. The SAP had information from the Department's Regional Directors and Community Liaison Officer Network on the Hindu Council and its operations. In considering all available information, the SAP agreed to recommend the application for funding pending the final response to questions.

7. In reaching their decision to recommend the Hindu Council application, the SAP highlighted the following considerations:
   - **Benefits of the project.** The SAP identified value with relevant money as the project has merit, the application had strong ratings for responses across all criterions and could improve social cohesion.
     - The application demonstrates a clear community need for the project, including the capacity to increase support to the number of vulnerable community members in the project's delivery area.
     - The application indicated the facility to be provided will host cultural events, worship gatherings, communal meals, seniors' activities, cultural education, other cultural events in a safe, inclusive environment. There is strong alignment between the proposed activity benefits and the program objectives.
     - The application highlighted consultation with stakeholder groups and partner organisations, showing strong community engagement and services responding to community needs.
   - **Reputational and program credibility risks to the Department and to Government.** The SAP noted a range of risks arise from providing grant funding to an organisation that is subject to a complaint to the Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) relating to social media comments that may have adverse impacts on social cohesion. In particular the SAP noted:
     - the adverse social media commentary may be inconsistent with the intended outcomes of the grant opportunity as specified in the Guidelines. While reports indicate the social media posts have been removed, this may be insufficient without:
       - Acknowledgement
       - Corrective action
       - Preventive measures
     - the Guardian article provided evidence that statements had been publicly made by senior members of the Hindu Council that may create an adverse social cohesion impact but that the Department has no other evidence of other social media commentary by the Hindu Council or its staff.
     - a complaint does not prove guilt, and it may ultimately be dismissed or not result in adverse impacts to social cohesion.

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- **Mitigation of risks.** The SAP noted there are limited mitigation activities available to address the identified risks with the project. The only option is the inclusion of a social cohesion clause in the grant agreement.

8. s. 47(1)(b), s. 47G(1)(a)

9. The SAP Chair considered the decision of the SAP and the entire response submitted by the Hindu Council and found this to be satisfactory for progressing the recommendation to fund.

10. The recommendation to fund the Hindu Council is at **Attachment A** for you to indicate your decision, considering the value for money assessment alongside the risks outlined in this submission.

Background

Requirements for the approval of grants

11. When considering the recommendation at **Attachment A**, if you do not approve an application for funding, you are required to provide a reason in the comments column.

12. Paragraph 4.6 of the CGRPs requires the Department to provide certain written advice where Ministers exercise the role of grant approver.

13. Paragraph 4.6(a) of the CGRPs requires the Department to explicitly advise whether the spending proposal being considered for approval is a grant.
    - The Department confirms that it considers this spending proposal to be a grant.

14. Paragraph 4.6(b) of the CGRPs requires that the Department provides information on the applicable requirements of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act), the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014* and the CGRPs, including the legal authority for the grant.
    - The Department advises that, in accordance with section 32B of the FFSP Regulations, you have the power to award grants for this grant opportunity.
    - s. 42(1)

15. Paragraph 4.6(c) of the CGRPs requires the Department to outline the application and selection process followed, including the selection criteria that were used to assess the application. A Second Supplementary Selection Report outlining CGRP compliant processes followed during the selection process is available at **Attachment E**.

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- The application period opened on 14 November 2025 and closed on 11 December 2025.
- The selection process was a closed non-competitive process with 35 organisations invited to apply.
- The Department conducted compliance, eligibility and due diligence checks. Based on the outcomes, the applications were recommended to progress to assessment.
- The Department completed the assessment of the applications against the selection criteria in accordance with the Guidelines.
- The assessment outcomes were provided to the SAP to inform their advice on funding recommendations to the decision maker. The SAP comprised of 3 voting members, a probity adviser from s. 47G(1)(a) and secretariat support from the Department. This provided an appropriate mix of policy, program, delivery knowledge and industry expertise.
- The SAP held an initial meeting on 20 February 2026 where it reviewed the assessment information and made recommendations based on defined criteria outlined in the Guidelines and deferred decisions for 7 applications.
- The SAP reconvened on 12 March 2026 to assess the deferred applications and made recommendations based on defined criteria outlined in the Guidelines. The SAP agreed to make recommendations to fund or not fund applications.
- Two SAP members reconvened on 15 April 2026 to reconsider the application from the Hindu Council of Australia, noting that this applicant had provided additional information on 10 April 2026 that was not available to the SAP at the 12 March 2026 meeting.
- The SAP reconvened on 29 April 2026 to consider and make a final recommendation on whether to fund the Hindu Council application. At this meeting the SAP agreed to recommend the application, pending the final response from the Hindu Council.
- Two SAP members considered the 1 May 2026 response from the Hindu Council of Australia, confirming the decision to progress noting the risks.

16. The funding and profile across financial years for all projects has been set with Department of Finance and these were set out in Appendix A of the Guidelines. Due to this, the funding cannot be increased or paid in a different profile (i.e. it must align to the funding years specified in the Guidelines).

17. Paragraph 4.6(d) of the CGRPs requires that the Department advise on the merits of the proposed grant relative to the Guidelines and the key principle of achieving value with relevant money.
    - The Department ensured that value for money was a key consideration of the SAP when considering the applications. The methodology and deliberations around value for money were endorsed by an independent probity adviser s. 47G(1)(a) The probity certificate is at **Attachment E-C.**

18. Following your decision, the Hindu Council will be notified of the outcome of their application by the Hub. The Department, in collaboration with the Hub, will negotiate a grant agreement with the successful applicant.

19. As per the existing service agreement with the Hub, if your approval is received by 28 May 2026, the following table outlines the anticipated timing for the next steps:

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Applicants notified of grant outcome	Commence grant agreements negotiation	2025-26 payment made	Activity Work Plan negotiated
June 2026	June 2026	June 2026	July 2026

- If you require additional time for your approval, the Department will work with the Hub to determine new dates, as soon as possible after your decision.

20. In accordance with paragraph 5.4 of the CGRPs, information about this grant will be published on GrantConnect no later than 21 calendar days after the grant agreement takes effect.

Internal

21. The Chief Procurement Officer delegate and Procurement and Contracts Support Branch have reviewed and cleared the grant policy aspects of this submission.

22. The Chief Financial Officer delegate has cleared the financial information in this submission.

External

23. s. 47G(1)(a)

Risks and Sensitivities

24. The information contained in this submission is classified and should not be publicly released without the authority of the Department of Home Affairs. In accordance with our long-standing practices, should you wish for unclassified media lines to be prepared in relation to this issue please contact the Home Affairs Media Operations team -media@homeaffairs.gov.au.

Financial/systems/legal/deregulation/media implications

25. In the 2025-26 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook, as part of the *Supporting Multicultural Communities* measure, Government provided $171.3 million over 3 years from 2025-26 to support multicultural community organisations in delivering 164 priority infrastructure, amenities and events initiatives.

26. Funding by financial year for infrastructure commitments originally approved in the SMC: Infrastructure grant opportunity is as follows:

Decision records	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total
MS26-000478	$36,193,000	$51,375,000	$7,975,000	$95,543,000
MS26-000479	$2,850,000	$2,150,000	$1,000,000	$6,000,000
New grant opportunity - SMC: Targeted Community Support (MS26-000479)	$4,188,399	$1,250,000	$0	$5,438,399
Hindu Council of Australia	$2,400,000	$0	$0	$2,400,000
Total Infrastructure funding	$45,631,399	$54,775,000	$8,975,000	**$109,381,399**

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Attachments

Attachment A	s. 47(1)(b), s. 47F(1), s. 47G(1)(a)
Attachment B	
Attachment C	
Attachment C-A	
Attachment C-B	Hindu Council of Australia Social Media Policy
Attachment C-C	Hindu Council of Australia email to their staff
Attachment D	The Guardian Australia media article dated 23 September 2025
Attachment E	Second Supplementary Report 4 May 2026
Attachment E-A	Selection Report 12 March 2026
Attachment E-B	Supplementary Report 18 March 2026
Attachment E-C	s. 47F(1), s. 47G(1)(a)
Attachment F	s. 47(1)(b), s. 47F(1), s. 47G(1)(a)

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SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Hindu Council of Australia Limited (ABN 32 082 437 670)

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HCA Social Media Policy / Adopted: 30 April 2026 / Last Updated: 30 April 2026

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SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY
OF
HINDU COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA

Background

A. Hindu Council of Australia Limited is a public limited, not for profit company promoting education, inter-faith harmony and social cohesion among hundreds of thousands of Hindus and the wider communities across Australia.

B. HCA strives to work for a strong, cohesive and active Hindu community in Australia, aiming to live in harmony with other religious and cultural communities while also staying devoted to preserving, promoting and sharing Hindu faith, culture and traditions with others in the society.

C. HCA recognises the right of its directors, office-bearers, officers, employees, volunteers, contractors and agents as private citizens, to engage in public debate on political and social issues, including through Social media.

D. HCA also requires its directors, office bearers, officers, employees, volunteers, contractors and agents to uphold the expected level of professional conduct and ethical behaviour when using Social media, in order to maintain public confidence in the mission of HCA.

E. HCA has adopted this Policy to document the standards that apply to the use of Social media by its directors, office bearers, officers, employees, volunteers, contractors and agents.

1 Scope of the Social Media Policy

1.1 Application of Policy

This Policy applies to all directors, office bearers, officers, employees and volunteers of HCA, and to any, contractors and agents of HCA to the extent HCA directs.

2 Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this Policy is to ensure that Team of HCA understand their obligations when using Social media. This Policy ensures that Team are informed of the importance of managing the risks associated with use of Social media that may:

(a) impact the reputation of HCA;

(b) impact HCA's standing and grants;

(c) impact the safety of its Team; and may,

(d) result in a breach of HCA's policies, procedures or instructions.

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2.2 This Policy is for the mutual protection of HCA and its Team, and is not intended to prevent, discourage or unduly limit any Team member's expression of personal opinion or online activities.

3 Definitions & Coverage of the Policy

3.1 In this Policy, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) **Board** means the board of directors of HCA.

(b) **Content** means the information that is put onto Social media, including text, audio, video, images, podcasts and other multimedia communications.

(c) **Council** or **HCA** means Hindu Council of Australia Limited (ABN: 32 082 437 670)

(d) **Formal Statement** means any publication that purports to be on behalf of or authorised by HCA.

(e) **Inciting Behaviour** includes but is not limited to, any comments on Social media or engaging in public activities that:

(i) incite prejudice, discrimination, violence or hate crime; or

(ii) demonstrate support, praise or endorsement for terrorism, terrorist groups, people associated with terrorist groups, or an act of terror itself.

(f) **Policy** means this Social media policy.

(g) **Post** includes but is not limited to, a retweet, repost, embedding content of another post within a post, linking to a post, and or in any way acting to endorse another post.

(h) **Social media** includes but is not limited to, the various internet-based applications that allow the creation and exchange of user-generated content. Social media enables individuals to communicate via the internet, sharing information and resources. Sites such as Facebook are a social utility that connect people with family and friends. **Team** means all officers, employees and volunteers of HCA, and any contractors and agents of HCA to the extent HCA directs (ie. any firm or institution that prepares or promulgates statements of HCA).

3.2 Coverage of this Policy

This Policy covers, but is not limited to, the sites and services mentioned below and is also intended to cover other Social media services as they develop in the future. The sites and services are:

(a) social networking sites (eg Facebook, Instagram);

(b) professional networking services (eg LinkedIn);

(c) video and photo sharing websites (eg YouTube, Instagram, Flickr);

(d) micro-blogging (eg Twitter);

(e) forums and discussion boards (eg Google Groups);

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(f) online collaborations (eg Wikipedia);

(g) podcasting;

(h) blogs including corporate blogs and personal blogs; and

(i) blogs hosted by traditional media outlets.

4 Policy

4.1 Acknowledgment

(a) HCA acknowledges the right of its Team, to engage in public debate on political and social issues, whether on the radio, the internet, in newspapers or on television. This extends to Team use of Social media .

(b) At the same time, HCA expects all of its Team to fulfil their obligations under this Policy and uphold the expected level of professional conduct and ethical behaviour when using Social media.

(c) It is critical that Team of HCA exhibit a high standard of professional conduct, in order to maintain public confidence in HCA's values that include:

(i) Respect;

(ii) Understanding;

(iii) Tolerance;

(iv) Education; and,

(v) Inter-faith Dialogue.

4.2 Use of Social Media Generally

(a) Team need to be mindful that content posted on Social media is as public as if it were published in a newspaper or discussed at a public forum and has the potential to be broadcast across the entire internet within Australia as well as globally.

5 Formal Statements and Representation of HCA

5.1 Formal Statements

The Team:

(a) must not issue or publish any Formal Statement unless expressly authorised by HCA;

(b) must not identify themselves as a representative of HCA unless expressly authorised; or,

(c) must not act in any manner that would lead a reasonable person to conclude that their conduct constitutes a Formal Statement associated with or in connection to their engagement with HCA unless expressly authorised.

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(d) must not use HCA's name, logo, or email address in any manner that may suggest that HCA endorses or supports any activity that is not within the individual's scope of work. Use of Council provided email accounts for private or non-work uses (ie. LinkedIn) is generally discouraged.

(e) acknowledge that should HCA or an individual engaged by HCA be required to make a Formal Statement, then such a statement may only be made on express authorisation by the Board.

5.2 Public comment

The Team members , as private citizens, may at their own discretion engage in public debate on political and social issues, whether on the radio, the internet, in newspapers, on the television or Social Media sites In doing so, the relevant Team member must not:

(a) make comment as a Team member of HCA unless authorised to do so;

(b) identify himself or herself as a Team member of HCA unless authorised to do so; or

(c) make any comment, regardless of the connection with their duties as a Team members, that amounts to criticism sufficiently strong or persistent to give rise to a public perception that the Team member is not prepared to implement or administer the policies of HCA as they relate to the Team member's duties to HCA.

6 Team Use of Social Media

6.1 Bullying and harassment

(a) Just as bullying and harassment will not be tolerated in the workplace, nor will it be tolerated where it occurs on a Social Media site by any Team member.

(b) Team members must not post any adverse or critical content about any other individual on Social media, including material which is offensive, obscene, bullying, discriminatory, hateful, racist, sexist, abusive, harassing, threatening or defamatory.

(c) If a bullying or harassing post is made, it is likely that directions to immediately withdraw posted material, and disciplinary action will be taken against the perpetrator (which could include counselling, show cause, stand down for a period and/or immediate dismissal from the position held by such Team member within HCA). Such content may also amount to civil proceedings and give rise to the perpetrator being sued for damages, or even charged with a criminal offence. Team may be held personally liable in relation to any ensuing litigation arising from such content being posted.

(d) HCA reserves the right to request that any posts and/or inappropriate comments be removed by a Team member from any Social media that is published by such Team member.

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6.2 Inciting Behaviour

(a) Inciting Behaviour is strictly prohibited and the Team, must not engage in Inciting Behaviour.

(b) Any engagement in Inciting Behaviour will constitute a serious breach of this Policy and may result in disciplinary action, including summary dismissal, and may also give rise to civil or criminal liability under applicable law.

(c) See "Further guidance on **Inciting Behaviour"** set out under **Annexure 1**.

6.3 Conflict of interest

(a) A conflict of interest may arise from associations made through Social media. This is when a Team member's personal interest could influence, or be perceived as influencing, the performance of the Team member's official duties and responsibilities.

(b) This relates to associations that may be considered contrary to the role of the Team member or the operations of HCA.

(c) Team members are required to declare any conflict of interest.

6.4 Confidentiality of information

(a) The Team members are not to divulge or discuss any confidential or personal information obtained as a Team member of HCA. This includes information regarding HCA's operations, business, associates, services, prices, financial position, security, or current or proposed activities.

(b) Team are not to identify any other Team member or publish personal details or images about another Team member without that Team member's permission.

6.5 Use of AI in Social media

(a) Any Team member may use artificial intelligence (**AI**) tools (such as generative text, image and audio or video) for HCA work-related Social media only if the tool is approved by HCA in advance.

(b) All Social media content and drafts created by an AI tool must have human review before posting to ensure accuracy, tone and compliance with this Policy.

(c) The Team member must not input confidential information, personal information, HCA data, unpublished financials, source code or third party intellectual property into public or consumer AI tools. All AI tools must have an enterprise account in the name of HCA.

(d) The Team member who wishes to use AI, must ensure they have the right to use AI generated outputs and any training inputs (where relevant).

(e) Deepfakes or synthetic media that impersonate real individuals, undisclosed synthetic reviews and testimonials, fabricated quotes and content that could reasonably be viewed as harassment are prohibited.

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(f) Where reasonably necessary to avoid misleading audiences, an open disclosure or disclaimer, as the case may be, that content is AI generated or AI assisted, should be made.

(g) If content created by AI tools is later found to be inaccurate or to infringe third party rights or some other law, the relevant Team member will promptly correct and/or remove that content.

7 Security risks

7.1 Security risks

(a) Social media can contain a significant amount of personal information. Accordingly, it is in the best interests of the Team to ensure appropriate and effective security and privacy settings are established, where available, to allow only restricted access to their sites. The Team, however, need to be mindful that regardless of the security and privacy settings, content may still be made public (eg a contact may cut and paste comments onto another site) or may be illegally accessed by cybercriminals.

(b) Furthermore, unintended invitees may gain access to a social network site through a linked association (eg friend of a friend). Some individuals and organisations, including criminal organisations, use Social media to mask their true identity and obtain personal information.

(c) It is recommended that the Team exercise caution with respect to the type of information that they post on such sites.

8 Reporting

8.1 Reporting

(a) It is expected that all Team will comply with this Policy. Team who fail to comply with this policy may be subject to, the directions to immediately withdraw posted material, or disciplinary action (which could include counselling, show cause, stand down for a period and/or immediate dismissal from the position held by such Team member within HCA) .

(b) All Team have an obligation to immediately report any breach of this Policy to the Board.

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9 Adoption

9.1 Adoption of Policy

(a) This Policy takes effect on the date it is adopted by HCA (the **Adoption Date**).

(b) On and from the Adoption Date, all Team of HCA must accept this Policy and acknowledge in writing that they have read, understood and agree to be bound by it.

10 Further information

If you have any concerns or questions about this Policy, please make a written submission to the Board.

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Annexure 1 — Inciting Behaviour guidance.

Guidance on assessing whether conduct is Inciting Behaviour

1. This Annexure provides guidance to the Council and Team to assist them to identify whether a particular Social media post, comment, share, like, reaction, emoji, gesture or other public act may constitute Inciting Behaviour. This clause is a guide only and does not limit the **definition of Inciting Behaviour.**

Relationship with Australian law

2. Inciting Behaviour overlaps with — but is not confined to — conduct that is unlawful or criminal under Australian law, including but not limited to:
   (a) the offences in Division 80 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth), including advocating terrorism (s 80.2C), urging violence against groups and members of groups (ss 80.2A and 80.2B, as amended by the *Criminal Code Amendment (Hate Crimes) Act 2025* (Cth)), threatening force or violence against groups and members of groups (ss 80.2BA and 80.2BB), and the public display of prohibited Nazi symbols, prohibited terrorist organisation symbols, the Nazi salute, and trading in goods bearing prohibited symbols (ss 80.2H, 80.2HA, 80.2J and 80.2K); and
   (b) offensive behaviour because of race, colour or national or ethnic origin under section 18C of the *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth).
3. Conduct may constitute Inciting Behaviour under this Policy even if it would not, on its own, be unlawful under any of the provisions listed in **item 2** above.

Primary Questions

4. When assessing whether a post or other publication may be Inciting Behaviour, a member of the Team should ask:
   (a) Is the post reasonably likely to incite prejudice, discrimination, violence or hate crime towards a person or group of persons on the ground of a protected attribute (including race, religion, sexuality, sex characteristics, gender identity, nationality, ethnic or national origin, or political opinion)?
   (b) Would a reasonable member of the targeted group consider the post to cause them to feel threatened, menaced, harassed, humiliated or intimidated?

   If the answer to any of these questions is yes (or potentially yes), the post may be Inciting Behaviour and must not be posted, shared, reacted to or otherwise promoted.

Examples of conduct that will ordinarily constitute Inciting Behaviour

5. Without limiting the definition of Inciting Behaviour each of the following will ordinarily constitute Inciting Behaviour:
   (a) posting, sharing, liking, reacting to or commenting in support of content that attacks, dehumanises or ridicules a person or group on the basis of race, religion, sexuality, sex characteristics, gender identity, disability, nationality or ethnic origin;
   (b) posting content that threatens physical harm to a person or group on the basis of a protected attribute, or that incites others to do so;

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(c) posting, sharing or endorsing propaganda, recruitment material or statements attributed to a proscribed terrorist organisation or its leaders;

(d) posting, sharing or endorsing the views of individuals who have been refused a Australian visa on the basis that individual may incite discord in a section of the community, and/or that their visit was not in the national interest;

(e) posting content that praises, glorifies, celebrates or justifies a terrorist act, hate crime, mass atrocity or act of politically, ideologically or religiously motivated violence, or its perpetrator; and,

(f) using coded language, memes, numerals or symbols widely recognised as expressing support for views described in this **Item 5.**

Conduct that is not by itself Inciting Behaviour

6. Conduct that is otherwise engaged in reasonably and in good faith will not, without more, constitute Inciting Behaviour where it consists of:

(a) a fair and accurate report of a matter of public interest;

(b) genuine academic, artistic, educational, scientific or research discussion;

(c) genuine political comment or policy debate, including criticism of the policies or conduct of a government, political party, public institution or public official;

(d) statements made for the genuine purpose of opposing, countering or exposing the ideology, conduct or objectives of a terrorist organisation or a hate group; or

(e) the publication of religious texts, artistic works or historical records, in context and for a genuine purpose.

"If in doubt, do not post"

7. If a Team member is uncertain whether a proposed post, share, like, reaction, hashtag or comment may constitute Inciting Behaviour, the Team member must not post, share, like, react to or comment on that content. Team members who are uncertain are to seek guidance from the Board before proceeding.

Self-audit and removal

8. A Team member who becomes aware that any historical content on their Social media accounts may constitute Inciting Behaviour must promptly remove, delete or otherwise prevent public access to that content.

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April 30, 2026

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We would like to inform you that our newly adopted Social Media Policy has been crafted to uphold our shared values and strengthen our community voice. Effective immediately, we kindly ask everyone to align with these guidelines, while we thoughtfully review existing posts for full consistency.

HCA Social Media Policy

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Alliance against Islamophobia alleges social media posts say Muslims are 'inherently criminal, dangerous, violent or evil by nature'

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The Australian Human Rights Commission is investigating a complaint filed against the Hindu Council of Australia for alleged repeated instances of Islamophobia.

The complaint alleges that the council, its president Sai Paravastu and head of media Neelima Paravastu, made Islamophobic posts on X and Instagram, and comments in public, between May 2024 and July 2025.

The Alliance against Islamophobia complaint, seen by Guardian Australia, contains copies of the social media posts, which included sharing posts by Charlie Kirk and far-right UK figure Tommy Robinson.

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Other posts referenced in the complaint specifically impugned Indian, Bangladeshi and Rohingya Muslims, it is alleged.

The imputations from several of the posts, the complaint alleges, were that Muslims were "inherently criminal, dangerous, violent or evil by nature", "prey upon children, the aged and the vulnerable" and "homogeneously pose a powerful threat or

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menace".

The commission cannot comment on complaints it is investigating, but it is believed to have accepted the matter on 16 September. The council and the Paravastus were contacted for comment.

Guardian Australia reported on Monday about the increase in Islamophobia since the 7 October 2023 attacks, which also sparked an increase in reports of antisemitism.

The alliance's complaint seeks a formal public apology, the immediate removal of the allegedly offending material from all platforms, an enforceable undertaking to cease further vilifying conduct and compensation "for the harm and distress caused".

The complaint includes a copy of an X post from Robinson, which was reposted by Neelima Paravastu, that included the words: "I've been warning America of the problems Islam brings for many years, hoping they're not blind-sided like we in Europe were."

The publications also include posts criticising the burqa and New York mayoral nominee Zohran Mamdani.

But most of the complaint focuses on posts said to impugn Muslims with south Asian backgrounds, and includes several posts in Hindi.

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It also included copies of several news articles which referenced comments Sai Paravastu allegedly made calling for the removal of Muslim prayer rooms in schools.

The complaint alleges contraventions of section 18C of the Racial Discrimination Act, and unlawful discrimination within the meaning of the Australian Human Rights Commission Act.

Section 18C makes acts that are reasonably likely to offend, insult, humiliate or intimidate someone because of their race or ethnicity unlawful.

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Second Supplementary Selection Report Supporting Multicultural Communities – Infrastructure

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Purpose

This Second Supplementary Selection Report (Supplementary Report) serves as an addenda to the Selection Advisory Panel Selection Report dated 12 March 2026 (Selection Report) (**Attachment A**) and Supplementary Selection Report (Supplementary Report) (**Attachment B**) for the Supporting Multicultural Communities (SMC) – Infrastructure grant opportunity. The Selection Report described how the SMC Infrastructure grant opportunity had been conducted in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures, the SMC Grant Opportunity Guidelines (Guidelines) and the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs).

The first Selection Report recommended 32 of the 39 applications be funded in accordance with the Guidelines with the remaining seven applications requiring further clarification and consideration by the Selection Advisory Panel.

The Supplementary Report recommended 3 applications be funded in accordance with the Guidelines (including one deferred for decision by the Assistant Minister from the initial Selection Report), 2 applications were not recommended for funding and a final application, for the Hindu Council for Australia, was not recommended for funding but the Assistant Minister deferred the decision on this application.

This Second Supplementary Report provides the summary findings and recommendation on funding for the Hindu Council of Australia application for the SMC Infrastructure grant opportunity.

Grant Opportunity Summary	
Grant Round Type:	Closed non-competitive
Round open/close dates:	14 November 2025 – 11 December 2025
Number of invitations sent:	39
Assessment Type:	Home Affairs Assessment
Funding:	$109,381,399

This information can be used to further inform the delegate Spending Minute for this round.

Selection outcome

The Selection Advisory Panel (SAP) met on 20 February 2026 and recommended 32 applications to the Decision Maker for funding, with a total funding amount of $95.543 million (GST exclusive). Recommendations of the remaining seven applications received in response to the SMC Infrastructure grant opportunity were deferred as they contained concerns or issues that required further material clarification.

As noted in the Supplementary Report, the SAP reconvened on 13 March 2026 to consider the 7 deferred applications and one application the Minister had deferred a decision. Of these, 3 applications satisfactorily addressed issues that had been identified and were recommended to the Decision Maker for full funding. The remaining 5 applications from 3 applicants provided additional information which was assessed by the SAP as not aligning with aspects of the Guidelines and were not recommended for funding. The five applications had outstanding issues relating to:

- All or a significant portion of the grant funds were being allocated to ineligible expenditure (including property and vehicles); and/or
- The presence of a social cohesion issue that materially conflicted with the outcomes sought under the Guidelines, raised doubt over the ethical use of public resources and the applicant's ability to deliver on project outcomes.

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The Decision Maker deferred the decision on the applicant with the social cohesion issue, the Hindu Council of Australia, noting that this applicant had provided additional information since the SAP meeting on 13 March 2026 that the SAP had not yet considered.

Two members of the SAP, being a quorum of the SAP, re-convened on 15 April 2026, however the SAP Chair was unavailable.

All three members of the SAP then re-convened on 29 April 2026. To consider the available information on the applicant, including advice from the NSW and Victorian Regional Directors and Community Liaison Officer networks and a request for additional time to respond to information by the applicants lawyers.

Background

This grant opportunity fulfils elements of the election commitments made by Labor candidates in the 2025 Federal election to support multicultural communities as outlined in Labor's costed plan to Build Australia's Future.

The intended outcomes of the program activity are to:

- maintain and enhance access to multicultural infrastructure and amenity
- encourage and facilitate multicultural communities to connect and commune in a designated safe physical environment
- improve equity outcomes and social inclusion.

The applications were assessed by the SAP and documented in the Selection Report in accordance with the requirements and priorities detailed in the Guidelines, the Selection Plan, the Selection Plan: Conformance Assessment, and the Selection Report: Conformance Assessment conducted by the Community Grants Hub (all attachments to the Selection Report).

Further information regarding the background, outcomes, objectives, requirements and assessment of the grant can be found in the Selection Report and Guidelines.

Further Due Diligence Checks

The SAP requested the Multicultural Grants Team conduct further due diligence and clarification with the Hindu Council of Australia.

The Multicultural Grants Team engaged with the applicant on the matters identified by the SAP. The table below provides a summary of the communication with Hindu Council of Australia

Applicant Name	Grant ID	Engagement Summary
Hindu Council of Australia	G48-R-2007	On 13 October 2025, Multicultural Grants sent an email to the applicant in regard to the social cohesion issue requesting a response within 10 business days. There is no record of a response to this email. The Department sent an email on 25 February 2026 to the applicant seeking a response to the potential social cohesion issue, as well as clarification about Child Safety measures and budget expenditure to support the grant assessment process. The applicant provided information on 2 March 2026 about Child Safety measures and budget expenditure but did not address the social cohesion issue. The applicant provided a subsequent response on 10 April 2026 that addressed the social cohesion issue.

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	The applicant was sent further correspondence on 17 April 2026, as requested by the SAP, seeking additional information in relation to the social cohesion issue. A response to this was provided on 1 May 2026.

Selection Advisory Panel Assessment

On 15 April 2026, two SAP members (the Chair was unavailable) reconvened to consider the 10 April 2026 email response provided by Hindu Council of Australia in accordance with the process and requirements detailed in the Guidelines and Selection Plan.

The Selection Advisory Panel was provided with:

- 10 April 2026 response from Hindu Council of Australia
- SAP Decisions Report from 13 March 2026

The SAP members reconsidered the application along with the 10 April 2026 response, previous due diligence and clarification material (Project Need, and, Organisational Capability), the extent to which the applicant had addressed the previously identified issues and concerns, and whether the application represented value with relevant money, in line with the Governments intended benefits under the grant program. The SAP concluded that the applicant had not provided sufficient additional information to clarify the issues and concerns, and mitigate risks identified at the SAP meeting on 13 March 2026.

The SAP members requested the Department contact the Hindu Council of Australia to request further information about strategies the organisation will implement for the duration of the proposed grant to mitigate against adverse social cohesion comments and actions.

All three SAP members re-convened on 29 April 2026 to consider information provided by the Department's Regional Directors for New South Wales and Victoria/ Tasmania, other information received to date, and agree next steps, pending an anticipated response from Hindu Council of Australia by 1 May 2026. The SAP was provided:

- email responses from the Regional Directors, the
- 10 April response from Hindu Council of Australia, and
- a summary of the previous considerations and SAP decisions relating to this application.

The SAP noted that the project has merit and were assessed as provide high rating responses across all criterions and could improve social cohesion, as noted in the applicant's response to criterion 1 and the Assessors' comments to this criterion.

It was broadly agreed that the **Human Rights complaint alone** would be insufficient grounds to exclude the organisation. The SAP also noted the actions by the applicant, including adverse social media commentary, means the organisation is at high risk for creating adverse impacts on social cohesion. These actions may be inconsistent with the intended outcomes of the grant opportunity as specified in the Guidelines. The SAP note that while the social media posts have reportedly been removed, this may be insufficient without:

- Acknowledgement
- Corrective action
- Preventive measures

In addition, the SAP highlighted that there are significant risks, including reputational risks, to the Department and Government, from actions such as adverse social media commentary by a grantee.

The SAP considered if there were mitigations that could be implemented, for example in the Activity Work Plan, to prevent the adverse social cohesion impacts. It was noted that Hindu Council of Australia, in their

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email response of 10 April 2026, had agreed to sign a grant agreement that included a social cohesion clause.

The SAP determined that there were no other mitigations that could be implemented to minimise or prevent the risks, apart from the social cohesion clause in the grant agreement.

Noting the project has merit, the SAP agreed to recommend funding if the Minister is prepared to accept the significant risks, such as reputational risk, to the Department and to Government, from funding an organisation that has made adverse social media commentary. It also agreed for the Chair should determine whether the response due on 1 May 2026 is significant enough to warrant further SAP discussion.

The email response provided by the lawyers for the Hindu Council for Australia was submitted to the Department on 1 May and provided to all SAP members. The Chair confirmed that this response confirms the previous decision to progress the application noting the risks. The response also outlines that the organisation has recently implemented a social cohesion policy that includes specific reference to social media history.

Probity

The probity arrangements that were described in the Selection Report continued to apply throughout the grant process, with the independent probity adviser s. 47G(1)(a) attending the SAP meeting and continuing to provide oversight and advice to ensure that applications were assessed consistently and on their own merits in accordance with the CGRP's, Guidelines and Selection Plan.

A Probity Certificate for this Supplementary Report is at **Attachment C**.

Attachments

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Attachment B – Supplementary Selection Report

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Selection Report
Supporting Multicultural Communities – Infrastructure

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Purpose

The Selection Report provides assurance the selection process for Supporting Multicultural Communities (SMC) – Infrastructure grant opportunity has been conducted in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures, the SMC Grant Opportunity Guidelines (Guidelines) and the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs).

Grant Opportunity Summary	
Grant Round Type:	Closed non-competitive
Round open/close dates:	14 November 2025 – 11 December 2025
Number of invitations sent:	39
Assessment Type:	Home Affairs Assessment
Funding:	$109,381,399

This information can be used to inform the delegate Spending Minute for this round.

Selection outcome

The Selection Advisory Panel (SAP) met on 20 February 2026 and has agreed to recommend 32 applications to the Decision Maker for funding, for a total funding amount of $95.543 million (GST exclusive). During quality assurance checks that were completed after the SAP meeting, one of these applications was identified as having ineligible expenditure items in their project description and budget. The SAP was advised of this issue, and the application was removed from the recommended list, with the decision on the application to be deferred to the next meeting of the SAP. However, a response received from the organisation on 12 March which clearly articulated the intended use of the funds. Following consultation, the SAP approved the application to be recommended for funding. A total of 32 applications are recommended to the Decision Maker for funding, for a funding amount of $95.543 million. The applications were assessed in accordance with the requirements and priorities detailed in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines (Guidelines) (**Attachment A**), the Selection Plan (**Attachment B**), and Selection Plan: Conformance Assessment (**Attachment C**). The results of the Selection Report: Conformance Assessment (**Attachment D**) conducted by the Community Grants Hub (the Hub) were also taken into consideration

The SAP considered all applications, deferring decisions on seven applications due to concerns or issues that required further material clarification. Details of these applications are listed at Appendix A and will be considered at a future meeting once follow up with each of the seven organisations have occurred.

During the assessment period it was noted that 12 applicants requested phasing for their funding allocation that did not match the approved funding amount agreed by the Department of Finance as listed in Appendix A of the Guidelines. Impacted applicants will be notified of the discrepancy and the correct funding amounts by financial year prior to negotiation of their grants to avoid any potential misunderstanding during grant agreement negotiations, scheduled to occur once the Decision Maker accepts the recommendation to fund the successful applicants.

Background

This grant opportunity fulfils elements of the election commitments made by Labor candidates in the 2025 Federal election to support multicultural communities as outlined in Labor's costed plan to Build Australia's Future.

The intended outcomes of the program activity are to:

- maintain and enhance access to multicultural infrastructure and amenity

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- encourage and facilitate multicultural communities to connect and commune in a designated safe physical environment
- improve equity outcomes and social inclusion.

Further information regarding the background, outcomes, objectives and requirements of the grant can be found in the Guidelines.

Summary of applications

Category	No.
Applications received on time	37
Applications received late	3
Total applications received	40
Applications not accepted or withdrawn due to multiple applications	1
Applications not accepted due to ineligibility	0
Applications not accepted due to non-compliance	0
Total applications assessed	**39**

Compliance and Eligibility checks

The Hub reviewed the applications submitted in accordance with its Selection Plan – Conformance Assessment (**Attachment C**).

The Selection Report: Conformance Assessment Report (**Attachment D**) identified eligibility or compliance issues with the 40 applications received. The Grant Opportunity Delegate made decisions as outlined in the report in **Attachment D** resulting in 39 applications proceeding to assessment by the Department.

The Department reviewed applications for alignment with Policy Intent of the grant opportunity and identified five applications that partially aligned with policy intent.

- The Grant Opportunity Delegate recommended the Project Alignment be changed to fully aligns with policy intent for three applications, and two applications to remain as partially aligns with policy intent with the issues identified to be addressed during negotiations of the grant agreement and activity work plan, including ensuring suitable monitoring arrangements are in place.
- During the assessment phase, one additional application was identified as not aligning with policy intent. This application was presented to the SAP for consideration and has been deferred for decision by the SAP, pending further information.

Due Diligence checks

The SMC: Infrastructure round was a closed non-competitive grant opportunity and was established to assess organisations that had been invited to apply for funding to fulfil commitments made by the Labor Party as part of the 2025 Federal Election. In line with all grant opportunities, due diligence checks were undertaken.

The Multicultural Grants team conducted internet searches on the organisations and their key personnel as outlined in the Selection Plan (**Attachment B**). Results of the checks were recorded in the Organisational Risk Review Register (**Attachment E**).

- Two organisations were identified as medium risk

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  - one organisation was potentially non-compliant with another of the Department's grant programs and one organisation had a potential social cohesion issue.

- Following the Organisational Risk Review, the Department became aware of another organisation with a potential social cohesion issue.

The SAP considered these findings, including legal advice and agreed to defer decision on these applications (included in the 7 outlined above) pending the opportunity for these organisations to respond to these issues. The SAP will consider these matters in a future meeting.

The Department requested Financial Viability Assessments for 10 organisations (indicated with an asterisk in the table at Appendix B) based on initial ratio analysis undertaken by the Hub and contained in the Conformance Assessment Report and/or funding amounts. On behalf of the Department, the Hub engaged Vincents (an independent external financial risk assessor) to undertake these Financial Viability Assessments. The result of the assessments was:

- Seven organisations were identified by Vincents with an Acceptable, Acceptable to Moderate or Moderate risk rating and as being suitable to fund, depending on their projects meeting overall assessment criteria for the grant opportunity.
- Two organisations were analysed by Vincents as representing a moderate to high financial risk that would require various financial risk mitigations to be suitable to fund. The SAP considered these financial viability analyses and recommended funding subject to the application of significant risk mitigations.
- One other organisation was analysed by Vincents as representing a high financial risk that Vincents recommended the department should not fund. The SAP considered this financial viability analysis and recommended funding subject to significant financial risk mitigations.

Preliminary assessment

The preliminary assessment of applications was undertaken by the Preliminary Assessors identified in, and in accordance with, the process and requirements detailed in the Guidelines and Selection Plan. The Preliminary Assessors used a three-point scale to rate applications against the two selection criteria (project need, and, organisational capability), which were equally weighted, providing a total score out of six. The results of the preliminary assessment were recorded in the Assessment Report (**Attachment F**) and provided to the Selection Advisory Panel.

Selection Advisory Panel assessment

The Selection Advisory Panel undertook its assessment of applications in accordance with the process and requirements detailed in the Guidelines and Selection Plan.

The Selection Advisory Panel was provided with:

- Grant applications submitted by the applicants
- Published Grant Opportunity Guidelines
- Assessment Report
- Organisational Risk Review Register.
- Financial Viability Assessments for the identified 10 applicants.

The SAP reviewed each application to assess the extent to which it represented value with relevant money in line with the Governments intended benefits under the grant program. The SAP concluded that applications where the grant fully funded the intended project, or contributed to a broader project, represented value with relevant money in the context of the Governments intended outcomes and objectives.

The SAP convened on 20 February 2026. In this meeting, the SAP decided to recommend 32 applications to the Delegate. Shortly after, a quality assurance exercise identified an application with potential ineligible expenditure. The SAP therefore had questions about the remaining 8 applications (including this additional application), which required further consideration before finalising a decision. At this time, it was agreed to

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defer this to allow the department the opportunity to obtain additional information and decide at a future meeting. A response was received from one of the applicants on 12 March, and after deliberation between the SAP chair and one of the SAP members (as the second SAP member was away), it was agreed the organisation be recommended for a grant.

For the 32 applications recommended for approval by the Delegate, the SAP carefully considered responses to criterion 1 (Project Need) and Criterion 2 (Organisation Capability – being the extent to which applicants demonstrated their ability to deliver the project). In some cases, the SAP noted issues identified by the Preliminary Assessors and, where issues remained, awarded an overall rating of partially meets the criteria. The SAP considered that in selecting a "*partially meets"* rating, the remaining issues and gaps could be addressed during the grants negotiation process and given the Government's commitments to these projects, the applications were recommended to be fully funded.

The SAP considered the outcomes of the financial viability assessments and noted three applicants were rated as significant financial risk. Considering the actions suggested by the financial analyst, the SAP recommended risk mitigation measures, including staggering payments and linking milestone payments to the applicant providing strong evidence of delivery and that the project is progressing. This evidence, depending on the project and applicant, could include other funding sources such as evidence of approval of loans, and statements from a building certifier that construction is progressing in a satisfactory manner.

The SAP noted that 12 applicants had requested funding different to what is outlined in Appendix A of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. If the applicants are successful, they will be notified before they receive grant agreements of the correct funding amounts in each financial year. This is consistent with the approach taken in the Supporting Multicultural Communities: Amenities and Supporting Multicultural Communities: Rapid Assistance grant opportunities where applicants were notified before negotiation of grant agreements.

Following the SAP meeting, the Grant Lead continued to follow up on applicants' documents for outstanding information requested by the SAP.

Whether applications partially or fully met the criteria, the SAP recommends any issues be addressed in the negotiation of grant agreements and/or Activity Work Plans to provide further assurance that the organisations have the capability, capacity, processes and reporting frameworks in place to complete their activities and acquit the funds appropriately.

Probity

All staff involved in the due diligence checks and assessment signed Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality declarations prior to conducting internet searches or accessing the applications. No conflicts of interest were identified. Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality declarations were reviewed during the assessment period with no amendments being made.

The independent probity adviser s. 47G(1)(a) provided probity advice as required, conducted a probity briefing of the Selection Advisory Panel and attended the Selection Advisory Panel meeting ensuring that applications were assessed consistently and on their own merits in accordance with the CGRP's, Guidelines and Selection Plan.

A Probity Certificate is at **Attachment G**.

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Appendix B – Invited organisations – funding specified in Guidelines

Ref	Organisation legal entity name	Activity description	2025–26	2026–27	2027–28	Total funding (excluding GST)
G48-R-000424	* JEWISH ARTS QUARTER LTD	Construction of the Jewish Arts Quarter (JAQ) on Selwyn Street Melbourne, delivering a multi-purpose precinct including accommodating several key institutions, a performing arts theatre, co-working facilities and activated open areas to offer a rich and immersive community space.	$8,000,000.00	$10,000,000.00	$ 0	**$18,000,000.00**
G48-R-001530	THE TRUSTEES OF THE LEBANESE MARONITE MISSIONARY	The design and construction of a 2 storey community center with offices and amenities over a basement parking. Including concrete Slabs, metal roof frame and covering, brickwork and glazing, soundproofing, solar panels and an internal lift.	$2,000,000.00	$1,000,000.00	$ 0	**$3,000,000.00**
G48-R-001614	* The Greek Orthodox Community of Oakleigh and District Inc	Construction of a Greek Cultural Hub in Oakleigh, including site works	$500,000.00	$4,000,000.00	$ 0	**$4,500,000.00**
G48-R-001617	Trustee for Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Bhuj - Sydney Australia Trust	Establish the Nilkanth Community Hub in Kings Park, converting a warehouse into a multipurpose space	$ 0	$1,300,000.00	$ 0	**$1,300,000.00**
G48-R-001693	CHUNG WAH ASSOCIATION	Construction of a new community centre in Bently, Western Australia. The two-storey facility will include a main performance hall, a dining hall, two dance studios, three activity rooms, office spaces, landscaped gardens, and a car park.	$750,000.00	$250,000.00	$ 0	**$1,000,000.00**
G48-R-001725	* Turbans 4 Australia	Turbans 4 Australia to expand facilities into Adelaide, South Australia. The proposed new facilities in Adelaide will serve as multipurpose community centre, including a community kitchen and multicultural support centre	$1,600,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$1,600,000.00**
G48-R-001934	SRI KRISHNA BRUNDAVANA LTD	Construction of a state of the art cultural and multi-functional facility at Marsden Park, NSW. The project includes basement parking, a multi-purpose hall, kitchen, dining hall, outdoor dining area, basement car park, footpaths, a children's play area, additional hall and classrooms, and accommodation facilities. The design focuses on accessibility, sustainability, and safety, with features such as ramps, energy-efficient lighting, solar systems, and CCTV security.	$1,500,000.00	$750,000.00	$250,000.00	**$2,500,000.00**
G48-R-001992	WERRIBEE ISLAMIC CENTRE LIMITED	Construction of a purpose-built library at the Werribee Islamic Centre, to support the development of a shared community space, library and gym facilities in addition to a recently completed mosque and childcare centre on-site	$350,000.00	$150,000.00	$ 0	**$500,000.00**
G48-R-002007	HINDU COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA LIMITED	Upgrades to the Karma Kitchen, including new dining area and industrial kitchen, storage, bathroom facilities, landscaping and refurbishment of the existing house on site	$ 2,400,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$2,400,000.00**
G48-R-002008	VITRAAG JAIN SHWETAMBAR SANGH INCORPORATED	Creation of a multipurpose community and cultural centre in Girraween, including an assembly hall with advanced AV systems, storage, and parent rooms; classroom facilities; a library; and supporting infrastructure including a commercial kitchen, over 100 car parking spaces, loading docks, offices, male and female amenities, and other essential services.	$2,000,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$2,000,000.00**

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G48-R-002033	* SANTHOM CULTURAL CENTRE LTD	Creation of the Santhom Community Hub and Resource Centre, a multipurpose facility including a South Indian migration museum and library showcasing Malayalam literature and resources.	$500,000.00	$3,500,000.00	$ 0	**$4,000,000.00**
G48-R-002190	SOUTHERN MIGRANT AND REFUGEE CENTRE INC	Establishment, including design and fit-out, of a permanent facility to house the Southern Migrant Resource Centre in east Victoria.	$ 0	$1,250,000.00	$ 0	**$1,250,000.00**
G48-R-002192	ABU TALIB COMMUNITY CENTRE INC.	Expansion of the Abu Talib Community Centre in Hallam.	$420,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$420,000.00**
G48-R-002240	HINDU ASSOCIATION OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INC	To build a educational and cultural building to facilitate religious and community events inclusive of a car park at the Perth Hindu Temple.	$1,000,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$1,000,000.00**
G48-R-002242	The trustee for DUNNIEH ASSOCIATION TRUST	Upgrade Community Centre's internal facilities, including meeting spaces and new bathrooms.	$ 350,000.00	$325,000.00	$325,000.00	**$1,000,000.00**
G48-R-002243	Khalsa Shaouni Inc	Construction of a new dining hall and commercial-grade kitchen and upgrades to existing amenities to ensure a safe, inclusive and sustainable environment.	$3,000,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$3,000,000.00**
G48-R-002244	MULTICULTURAL SERVICES CENTRE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED	Establishment of the Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australia Women's Shed and Multicultural Hub.	$250,000.00	$200,000.00	$ 0	**$450,000.00**
G48-R-002257	Sydney Marae Alliance	Establishment of a dedicated Māori Cultural Centre and Marae in Western Sydney, creating a dedicated space in the heart of South West Sydney for traditional ceremonies, festivals, exhibitions and education programs.	$1,000,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$1,000,000.00**
G48-R-002258	MULTICULTURAL SERVICES CENTRE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED	Construction of a second storey and rooftop community garden at 20 Cobbler Place, Mirrabooka, principally to be used as a Multicultural Hub. The Hub will also provide a physical space for multicultural communities to connect and allow for facilitation of meetings, shared spaces for skills building, income earning opportunities for CaLD women and visual arts exhibitions for emerging CaLD artists	$300,000.00	$200,000.00	$ 0	**$500,000.00**
G48-R-002262	Shree Swaminarayan Temple (Mandir) Perth Australia Inc	Creation of a multipurpose multistorey facility at the Shree Swaminarayan Temple, including relocation of existing shed, service upgrade and foreshore management.	$3,250,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$3,250,000.00**
G48-R-002265	SAIVA MAHA SABAI OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED	Building of a multicultural community centre in Mandogalup WA, to support cultural events, educational programs and social activities.	$ 0	$1,800,000.00	$ 0	**$1,800,000.00**
G48-R-002284	AUSTRALIA BUDDHIST BLISS CULTURE MISSION INC	Expansion of the current Australian Buddhist Bliss Culture Mission building, including improvements of existing facilities, a reconfigured courtyard and parking area, a kitchen relocation and technology upgrades	$400,000.00	$500,000.00	$700,000.00	**$1,600,000.00**
G48-R-002285	THE GREEK ORTHODOX COMMUNITY OF MELBOURNE AND VICTORIA	Creation of the St Dimitrios Multi Function Art Space in Windsor. This project will improve existing facilities and create a multi-function arts and community space that will provide versatile, inclusive space for community gatherings, educational activities and for local events	$123,000.00	$800,000.00	$300,000.00	**$1,223,000.00**
G48-R-002290	AL-MINIA CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION LTD	Build the Al Minia Charitable Association's new Indoor Sports Facility, including the construction of a purpose-built, multifunctional recreational facility designed to to support a variety of community-based sporting and social activities.	$700,000.00	$300,000.00	$ 0	**$1,000,000.00**
G48-R-002291	* Holy Apostolic Catholic Assyrian Church of the East Property Trust	Establishment of a new 600 person St Yosip Parish community hall in Leppington, including site costs, services, parking, landscaping and	$2,500,000.00	$2,500,000.00	$ 0	**$5,000,000.00**

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		construction of the community hall which will service both the wider community and church community.				
G48-R-002294	THE MELBOURNE VINAYAGAR HINDU SANGAM INCORPORATED	Construction of the community hub at the Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar Hindu Temple in The Basin, including adaptable spaces designed for multiple uses.	$1,800,000.00	$200,000.00	$ 0	**$2,000,000.00**
G48-R-002297	St Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church Incorporated	Construction of a Youth and Community Centre at St Mary's the Nativity Orthodox Church in Mays Hill	$2,000,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$2,000,000.00**
G48-R-002313	* AFGHAN ISLAMIC CENTRE AND OMAR-FAROOQ MOSQUE INC.	Construction of a new Afghan Islamic Centre & Omar Farooq Mosque (AICOM) community hub in Melbourne's southeast. The centre will feature a mosque, multipurpose hall, classrooms, offices, and support facilities	$1,000,000.00	$3,000,000.00	$1,000,000.00	**$5,000,000.00**
G48-R-002323	* The Greek Orthodox Community of New South Wales Ltd	Construction of the Hellenic Historical and Cultural Centre	$ 0	$4,500,000.00	$ 0	**$4,500,000.00**
G48-R-002324	Chaldean Catholic Dioces Incorporated	Establishment of the Chaldean Diocese youth centre that features meeting rooms, a library, a media room and a pastoral centre for assisting Chaldean Australians	$500,000.00	$2,000,000.00	$500,000.00	**$3,000,000.00**
G48-R-002326	TIGRAY ORTHODOX TEWAHEDO DEBRE AMIN ABUNE TEKLEHAIMANOT CHURCH INC	Construction of a multipurpose hall that will be used as a hub for our community, especially our youth, the multipurpose hall will provide a flexible, inclusive community event space, along with 130 car parking bays	$1,000,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$1,000,000.00**
G48-R-002328	* UMA CENTRE LTD	Construction of a Community Centre integrating sport, education and social services in Western Sydney.	$ 0	$10,000,000.00	$ 0	**$10,000,000.00**
G48-R-002332	SRI DURGA ARTS/CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL CENTRE INC.	Construction of a Community and Cultural Precinct on Neale Road, Deanside. The Centre will cater for a wide variety of immediate social needs and community activities.	$250,000.00	$2,500,000.00	$2,250,000.00	**$5,000,000.00**
G48-R-002334	The Trustees Of The Roman Catholic Church For The Diocese of Saint Maron Sydney	Lift infrastructure and shaft works at the St Joseph's parish site on Acton Street in Croydon	$500,000.00	$1,000,000.00	$ 0	**$1,500,000.00**
G48-R-002354	City of Ryde Council	Revitalisation and upgrade of the Eastwood Town centre.	$100,000.00	$250,000.00	$1,650,000.00	**$2,000,000.00**
G48-R-002356	The Trustees Of The Roman Catholic Church For The Diocese of Saint Maron Sydney	The development of the piazza forecourt and ANZAC Memorial above the car park that is being developed.	$500,000.00	$500,000.00	$1,000,000.00	**$2,000,000.00**
G48-R-002360	* FEDERATION OF INDIAN COMUNITIES OF QUEENSLAND INCORPORATED	Establish a new 'House of India' community and cultural centre in South East Queensland including a dedicated hub for community activities and cultural events, as well as a meeting place for Indian community associations, and other multicultural and faith groups.	$2,500,000.00	$2,000,000.00	$1,000,000.00	**$5,500,000.00**
G48-R-002482	* Turbans 4 Australia	Support the delivery of a multipurpose facilities in Thomastown Victoria. The proposed new facilities in Thomastown will include community kitchen and multicultural support centre	$988,399.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$988,399.00**
G48-R-002505	* Turbans 4 Australia	Support the delivery of a multipurpose facilities in Cowan Perth. The proposed new facilities in Cowan will include community kitchen and multicultural support centre	$1,600,000.00	$ 0	$ 0	**$1,600,000.00**

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Purpose

This Supplementary Selection Report (Supplementary Report) serves as an addenda to the Selection Advisory Panel Selection Report dated 12 March 2026 (Selection Report) (**Attachment A** and **Attachment B**) for the Supporting Multicultural Communities (SMC) – Infrastructure grant opportunity. The Selection Report described how the SMC Infrastructure grant opportunity had been conducted in accordance with the Department's policies and procedures, the SMC Grant Opportunity Guidelines (Guidelines) and the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles 2024 (CGRPs). The outcome of the Selection Report recommended that 32 of the 39 applications received in response to the grant opportunity be funded in accordance with the Guidelines with the remaining seven applications requiring further clarification to be obtained and considered to provide the Selection Advisory Panel the necessary detail on which to finalise its assessment and make a recommendation of funding.

This Supplementary Report provides the summary findings and recommendation on funding of the remaining seven applications for the SMC Infrastructure grant opportunity.

Grant Opportunity Summary	
Grant Round Type:	Closed non-competitive
Round open/close dates:	14 November 2025 – 11 December 2025
Number of invitations sent:	39
Assessment Type:	Home Affairs Assessment
Funding:	$109,381,399

This information can be used to further inform the delegate Spending Minute for this round.

Selection outcome

As noted in the Selection Report, the Selection Advisory Panel (SAP) met on 20 February 2026 and recommend 32 applications to the Decision Maker for funding, with a total funding amount of $95.543 million (GST exclusive). Recommendations of the remaining seven applications received in response to the SMC Infrastructure grant opportunity were deferred as they contained concerns or issues that required further material clarification.

The SAP reconvened on 13 March 2026 to consider the seven deferred applications following the receipt additional information that assisted in clarifying the concerns and issues identified. Of the seven deferred applications, two applications satisfactorily addressed the concerns and issues that had been identified and are recommended to the Decision Maker for full funding (**Appendix A**). The remaining five applications from three applicants provided additional information and clarification which has been assessed by the SAP as not aligning with aspects of the Guidelines and are not recommended for funding. The areas in which these five applications have ongoing issues relate to the following:

- All or a significant portion of the grant funds were being allocated to ineligible expenditure (including property and vehicles); and/or
- The presence of a social cohesion issue that materially conflicted with the outcomes sought under the Guidelines, raised doubt over the ethical use of public resources and the applicant's ability to deliver on project outcomes.

Details of the unsuccessful applications and applicants are provided at **Appendix B**.

The two additional applications that are recommended for funding for the amount of $6m sees a total of 34 applications being recommended to the Decision Maker for funding, with a total funding amount of $101.543 million.

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Background

This grant opportunity fulfils elements of the election commitments made by Labor candidates in the 2025 Federal election to support multicultural communities as outlined in Labor's costed plan to Build Australia's Future.

The intended outcomes of the program activity are to:

- maintain and enhance access to multicultural infrastructure and amenity
- encourage and facilitate multicultural communities to connect and commune in a designated safe physical environment
- improve equity outcomes and social inclusion.

The applications were assessed by the SAP and documented in the Selection Report in accordance with the requirements and priorities detailed in the Guidelines, the Selection Plan, the Selection Plan: Conformance Assessment, and the Selection Report: Conformance Assessment conducted by the Community Grants Hub (all attachments to the Selection Report).

Further information regarding the background, outcomes, objectives, requirements and assessment of the grant can be found in the Selection Report and Guidelines.

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Selection Advisory Panel Assessment

The SAP reconvened on 13 March 2026 to consider the further due diligence and clarification undertaken by the Multicultural Grants Team with each of the applicants and in accordance with the process and requirements detailed in the Guidelines and Selection Plan.

The Selection Advisory Panel was provided with:

- Grant applications submitted by the applicants
- Additional information provided by the applicants
- Legal advice from the Department's Legal Division
- Published Grant Opportunity Guidelines
- Selection Report
- Organisational Risk Review Register.

The SAP reconsidered each application along with the further due diligence and clarification material to assess the extent to which each met the criteria (Project Need, and, Organisational Capability), the extent to which each applicant had addressed the previously identified issues and concerns, and whether it represented value with relevant money in line with the Governments intended benefits under the grant program. The SAP concluded that in most cases, the applicants had provided sufficient additional information to clarify the issues and concerns which enabled it to conclude its assessment of the applications.

Two applications were assessed against the criteria and as representing value with relevant money in the context of the Governments intended outcomes and objectives and are recommended for funding (**Appendix A**). The remaining five applications were assessed as not meeting the criteria as the additional clarification material either did not fully address the issues and concerns raised despite multiple attempts to further clarify the matters with the applicant, or the additional clarification material confirmed that the issue or concern was non-compliant with the conditions of the Guidelines and ineligible for grant funding (**Appendix B**).

Probity

The probity arrangements that were described in the Selection Report continued to apply throughout the grant process, with the independent probity adviser s. 47G(1)(a) attending the SAP meeting and continuing to provide oversight and advice to ensure that applications were assessed consistently and on their own merits in accordance with the CGRP's, Guidelines and Selection Plan.

A Probity Certificate for this Supplementary Report is at **Attachment C**.

Attachments

Attachment A – Selection Report

Attachment B – Assessment Report

Attachment C – Probity Certificate

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Appendix A – Applications Recommended for Funding

Grant ID	Organisation	Issue Requiring Clarification	SAP Consideration
G48-R-1992	Werribee Islamic Centre	**Application lacked sufficient information:** very limited detail in application responses to selection criteria, budget and project.	SAP concluded that the additional clarification material provided sufficient clarity to fully assess the application and determined that it successfully met the conditions of grant under the Guidelines, the application provides value with relevant money, with no remaining material issues to be addressed. The SAP recommends this grant for funding to the Decision Maker.
G48-R-2360	Federation of Indian Communities of Queensland	**Project alignment and ineligible expenditure:** application is unclear whether grant funds may be used to purchase land. **Application lacks sufficient information:** very limited detail in responses to budget and project readiness.	SAP concluded that the additional clarification material provided sufficient clarity to fully assess the application and determined that it successfully met the conditions of grant under the Guidelines, the application provides value with relevant money, with no remaining material issues to be addressed. The SAP recommends this grant for funding to the Decision Maker.

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