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Community Languages Multicultural Grants 2019

Community language schools help students learn and use another language and connect young Australians to the languages and cultures of their ancestors. Learning a second language can establish wider intercultural appreciation and cross-cultural awareness.

As Australia's population becomes increasingly diverse, community language schools help to build strong communities. They help strengthen social cohesion and respect for Australia's many different cultures.

Community Language Multicultural Grants

The Community Language Multicultural Grants Program aims to:

- support the maintenance, development and acquisition of languages other than English.
- connect young Australians to the languages and cultures of their community.
- enhance cross-cultural awareness and respect for cultural diversity.

The Australian Government announced \$10 million over two years for the Community Languages Multicultural Grants. The program will comprise two discrete streams:

- Stream One: Per-capita funding
- Stream Two: Project funding

Stream One: Per capita grant to help cover school operating costs. All eligible community language schools will receive funding based on eligible student numbers.

Stream Two: Eligible community language schools can apply for up to \$25,000 for a project grant to develop resources or training to benefit the community language sector more broadly. This is an open competitive process.

Who can apply?

Organisations must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines. Under Stream Two, applications from organisations applying as a consortium will be prioritised. Applicants are encouraged to seek endorsement for their proposed project from either the national peak body or a state and territory peak body relating to community languages.

What can you apply for?

Stream One eligible expenditures include:

- wages or allowances to individuals teaching language classes
- purchase of teaching materials and resources
- stationery, photocopying
- educational equipment or technology
- school administration costs
- professional development courses

Stream Two eligible expenditures include development of:

- curriculum or units of work
- teaching materials and resources
- professional development programs
- innovative projects using digital platforms to improve technology resources for the classroom

How to apply

For information on the grants, including instructions on how to apply, visit GrantConnect www.grants.gov.au and the Community Grants Hub www.communitygrants.gov.au. You can also subscribe to be notified of upcoming grant opportunities on the community grants website.