



# Fact Sheet

## Fostering Integration Grants 2019

Australia is a multicultural society. Integration is important – it helps to maintain social cohesion. An integrated and cohesive multicultural Australia includes migrants who:

- speak English, the national language of Australia
- embrace Australian values and abide by Australian laws
- actively participate in Australian society through work, school, and sport
- are gainfully employed
- have social networks that cross ethnic and religious groups
- are welcomed and supported by the broader Australian community.

### Fostering Integration Grants

The Fostering Integration Grants aims to assist migrants integrate within Australia by:

- encouraging the social and economic participation of migrants
- promoting and encouraging the uptake of Australian values and Australian citizenship
- promoting a greater understanding and acceptance of racial, religious and cultural diversity
- addressing issues within Australian communities that show potential for, or early signs of, low social integration.

The Australian Government announced \$2.3 million for the 2019 Fostering Integration Grants Program. Grants of between \$5,000 and \$60,000 are available across Australia.

### Who can apply?

Organisations must be not-for-profit, legally registered in Australia and one of the following:

- Indigenous Corporation
- Cooperative
- Incorporated Association
- Trustee on behalf of a Trust

Priority will be given to small not-for-profit organisations directly representing a multicultural community or those organisations who are able to demonstrate they are connected to and have a physical presence in a multicultural community.

### What can we apply for?

Examples of eligible projects include:

- festivals or cultural events,
- social activities between established and emerging communities
- workshops increasing the capacity of youth leaders to engage and support their peers
- creative arts projects to unite diverse communities
- work experience to migrants to help overcome employment barriers
- using sport to increase social interaction between different cultural groups
- linking socially isolated migrants through innovative digital platforms.

### When to apply?

The round is now open for applications. Applications close on 5 November 2019. Successful projects are expected to commence in April 2020 and be completed before 30 June 2021.

### How to apply?

To apply, please complete the online application form available from GrantConnect [www.grants.gov.au](http://www.grants.gov.au) or the Community Grants Hub [www.communitygrants.gov.au](http://www.communitygrants.gov.au).