



# Community Language Schools Grants Program – What you need to know

The Australian Government is providing funding of \$25.6 million over 4 years starting from 2025-26, to help community language schools across Australia. This funding is being provided under the Community Language Schools Grants (CLSG) Program.

There are 4 ways the funding will be provided:

1. Continuing funding for organisations already receiving in the Community Language Schools Grants Program<sup>1</sup> (Variations).
2. Extension Round to fund community language schools not currently funded.
3. Fluency in Asian Languages – Round 1.
4. Fluency in Asian Languages – Round 2.

This fact sheet provides information about the funding to help you understand this funding.

## 1. Variations

If you already receive funding under the Community Language Schools Grants Program you might have been sent an email by the Community Grants Hub offering more funding through a Deed of Variation.

- Only organisations with a grant agreement under the previous Community Language Schools Grants Program are eligible for this variation opportunity.
- **Deadline** - If you want to accept the variation, return the signed Deed by **30 January 2026**.
- If you do not want to accept the variation offer, the Community Grants Hub must be advised **as soon as possible**.

The following outlines the new requirements for this funding.

New requirement	What does this mean for grantees?
<b>Attend a Community of Practice</b>	<p>Community Languages Australia are being funded to run community of practice sessions. In these sessions, you can share ideas and learn from others.</p> <p>The Department of Home Affairs will give them your contact details so they can invite you to join the community of practice meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By signing the variation, you allow the Department of Home Affairs to share the contacts for your community language schools with Community Languages Australia, only for running the Community of Practice.</li> </ul> <p>Community Languages Australia will contact you about when the Community of Practice sessions will start in early 2026.</p> <p>You can use grant money to cover costs to attend sessions, but you don't need to pay membership fees.</p>

<sup>1</sup> For further information about the previous program, see <https://www.grants.gov.au/Go/Show?GoUuid=ac12ae59-a5a8-4bcd-8c25-592d0ce5469b>.

<b>Spending of key priorities</b>	<p>You should spend funding on priority items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• training and professional development for teachers (through a registered training organisation) and</li> <li>• online teaching materials and IT equipment</li> </ul> <p>These are the main items the grant is meant to cover.</p> <p>You can still use the funding for other eligible costs, but if you do not spend funding on the priorities, you will need to explain why in your annual report.</p>
<b>Annual reports</b>	<p>Each year you will write a report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• how many students and classes you have held</li> <li>• how you spent the funding</li> <li>• why it wasn't spent on priority items</li> <li>• progress towards the goals of the grant.</li> </ul> <p>You will be sent a template to help you put together the information needed for the report.</p>
<b>Social cohesion requirement</b>	<p>Your organisation and staff must all help build strong, inclusive communities. If anything happens that harms social cohesion, you must report it.</p>
<b>Financial declaration</b>	<p>Each year you will need to tell us how your funding was spent using a template that we will send you.</p> <p>This will need to be signed off by an authorised person to show you spent the money correctly.</p>

## 2. Extension Round

This funding is for schools **not already funded** under the current Community Language Schools Grants program. The funding helps community language schools with the costs of delivery, professional development and teacher training, and creating new online teaching material.

- Applications opened 28 November 2025 and **close 18 December 2025 at 9:00pm AEDT**.
- Details are on GrantConnect at: [GO8072](#)

There are 3 funding tiers and a supplementary payment. More information can be found in the *Community Language Schools Grants Program – Extension Round Grant Opportunity Guidelines* on the GrantConnect website.

<b>Who can apply for the Extension Round?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community language schools that are not receiving funding under the Community Language Schools Grants Program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ You can apply for this funding if you receive any other funding from Australian Government multicultural grants programs.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Community language schools receiving funding from their state or territory governments (such as from the relevant Department of Education)</li> </ul>
<b>Who cannot apply for the Extension Round?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community language schools already funded under the Community Language Schools Grants Program that have been offered a variation.</li> </ul>

Community language schools should review the eligibility criteria in section 4 of the *Community Language Schools Grants Program – Extension Round Grant Opportunity Guidelines* for full details.

### 3. Fluency in Asian Languages – Round 1

This round will fund organisations involved in, or supporting, language education in Australia to create projects that will help more students become fluent in Asian languages through to years 11 and 12.

Project must benefit the wider community language schools sector or community, not just one school.

- Applications opened on **20 November 2025** and close at 9:00pm AEDT on **17 December 2025**.
- Information on the grant is available at GrantConnect here: [GO8054](#)

Eligible Asian languages are listed in the *Community Language Schools Grants Program – Fluency in Asian Languages – Round 1 Grant Opportunity Guidelines* on the GrantConnect website.

<b>Who can apply?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisations involved in language education.</li> <li>• Community language schools (including those already funded).</li> <li>• Organisations receiving other multicultural grants.</li> </ul>
<b>Who cannot apply for Fluency in Asian Languages Round 1?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organisations not involved in, or supporting, language education in Australia.</li> <li>• Organisations where projects are only for one community language school.</li> <li>• Projects for languages not listed in the guidelines.</li> </ul>

To apply for this grant, organisations should review the eligibility criteria in section 4 of the *Community Language Schools Grants Program – Fluency in Asian Languages – Round 1 Grant Opportunity Guidelines*.

### 4. Fluency in Asian Languages – Round 2

This round is being developed and may allow schools to apply for projects that help their own students learn Asian languages through to Year 12—if they show strong efforts to

- encourage enrolments beyond Year 7 and
- build teacher skills for secondary level.

Details of this grant will be announced on GrantConnect.

### Need Help?

Contact the Community Grants Hub.

Online contact form: [www.communitygrants.gov.au/contact-us](http://www.communitygrants.gov.au/contact-us)

Email: [support@communitygrants.gov.au](mailto:support@communitygrants.gov.au)

If you need an interpreter, please use the online contact form to request a call back with your preferred language.

Community Grants Hub will respond to your enquiry within 5 business days.

### Keep us updated

If any of your contact details change, it is important we know.

- Update your notification details in GrantConnect at <https://www.grants.gov.au/>.
- If you have applied for a grant, you *must also* email your new details to [support@communitygrants.gov.au](mailto:support@communitygrants.gov.au).