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# Multicultural Grassroots Initiatives (MGI) Round Two

Open for applications from **10 November 2025**  
to **9:00 pm AEDT on 5 December 2025.**

# Key Topics

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# Program Overview

- The Multicultural Grassroots Initiatives (MGI) grant program forms part of the Modernised Multicultural Grants Program (MMGP).
- The MGI grant opportunity seeks to provide funding to community-led grassroots organisations that embrace Australia's multicultural diversity and help multicultural communities to become an active part of Australia's economic and social development.

## Round 1

- Provided funding to 132 organisations for activities in 2024-25 and 2025-26.
- More than 800 applications were received.



# MGI Round 2 - Guidelines

## **Guiding Document: Grant Opportunity Guidelines (GOGs)**

- Learn about eligibility, application process, and more from this crucial resource.
- Visit [www.grants.gov.au](http://www.grants.gov.au) for the guidelines.
- Find a Q&A section and a sample application form, along with the application submission portal.

## **Stay Informed: Register and Receive Updates**

- Register on GrantsConnect for program updates.
- Receive notifications on documentation changes and program developments upon registration.

# MGI Round 2 - Objectives

The objectives of the **grant opportunity** are to:

- enhance the capacity of multicultural community led grassroots organisations to foster a cohesive multicultural Australia
- increase understanding of racial, religious and cultural diversity
- foster integration through increased levels of social participation by culturally and linguistically diverse Australians
- foster a sense of community and belonging among culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

# Who is eligible to apply

Eligible legal entity types:

- Company
- Cooperative
- Incorporated Association
- Indigenous Corporation
- Statutory Entity

If you are applying as a Trustee on behalf of a Trust, the Trustee must be an eligible entity as listed above.

Further information on entity types is available on the Community Grants Hub legal webpage - <https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/information/information-applicants/legal-entity-status>.



# Additional eligibility criteria

- If you received funding under MGI round 1 you **cannot** apply for round 2.
- If you applied in round 1 you will have to submit a new application for round 2.
- We cannot provide individual feedback to Round 1 applicants. General feedback on Round 1 is available at: <https://www.communitygrants.gov.au/grants/2024-2668>



# Additional eligibility criteria

## What is considered a grassroots organisation

- Primary purpose relates to a culturally or linguistically diverse community group within Australia.
- Not for profit.
- Had a maximum of **3** paid, full-time employees in either the 2023–24 or 2024–25 financial year.
- Revenue in either the 2023–24 or 2024–25 financial year was less than \$500,000.



# Multiple Applications - Location

- You may submit more than one application as long as each application is for a different location (defined as Statistical Area Level 3 – SA3 on the Australian Bureau of Statistics website).
- An SA3 is a type of geographic region used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics to break Australia into medium-sized areas.
- To find out about your SA3 go to <https://maps.abs.gov.au/>



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# Questions

# Funding Overview

- Up to **\$5 million** is available over 2 years from 2025–26 to 2026–27 for MGI Round 2.
- Funding applied for should be the same amount in the 2025–26 and 2026–27 financial years.
- The maximum time for your grant to be completed is 18 months. Grants are expected to start in June 2026 and your activity must be completed by December 2027.



# Eligible Activities - Events

- Cultural festival or event
  - Multicultural festival or event
  - Harmony Week event.
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- Funding of between \$10,000 and \$20,000 GST Exclusive.



**Note:** Events that build understanding between communities and build intercultural links across communities in Australia are encouraged.

# Eligible Activities - Programs

Examples:

- Cultural or intercultural sports program or event
- Cultural or intercultural art project
- Cultural or intercultural youth, parent, woman's or men's group program.

Funding of between \$10,000 and \$80,000 GST Exclusive.

**Note:** Programs that build understanding between communities and build intercultural links across communities in Australia are encouraged.

# Changes to Round 2

- Simplified application process.
- Changes to eligibility and assessment criteria.
- Funding streams reduced.
- Multiple applications for different locations.
- Intercultural links encouraged.
- Community of Practice.



# Community of Practice

- Regular Community of Practice meetings held by Welcoming Australia.
- Share experience and learn from other grantees.
- Receive information and advice to help you with your grant delivery.

# Eligible Expenditure

Grant funding can be used for these types of costs:

- staff and volunteer costs
- costs of project related expenses
- administration costs
- promotion costs.



More detail is in section 5.3 of the Grant Opportunity Guidelines.



# Ineligible Expenditure

**Grant funding cannot be used for the following activities:**

- purchase of land;
- major capital expenditure, construction or capital works;
- the covering of retrospective costs;
- costs incurred in the preparation of a grant application or related documentation; or
- overseas travel or activities or programs that will be delivered outside of Australia.



# Assessment Criteria

## Criterion 1: Need – 75%

- Who will your activity support and what are their needs?
- Describe how this activity will help the target community.
- How will your activity contribute to the grant program objectives, including if and how it will build understanding between communities and build intercultural links across communities in Australia?



# Assessment Criteria

## Criterion 2: Capability – 25%

- What skills does your organisation have to implement the proposed activity?
- What is your connection with the target community?
- How will you ensure relevant community groups participate in your grant activity?
- What other organisations or stakeholders will you work with to deliver your activity?
- Describe similar activities that you have delivered in the past.



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# Questions

# Attachments

The following supporting documents **must** be attached to your application:

- Your governing document

Entity Type	Governing Document
Incorporated Association	Statement of purposes and rules or articles of association
Company	Constitution
Company Limited by Guarantee	Constitution
Indigenous Corporation	The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations' (ORIC) rule book for Indigenous Corporations
Cooperative	Constitution
Statutory Entity	The rules or governing document set out or defined in the entities' constituting legislation or charter

- A profit and loss statement, annual report, or audit report from either the 2023–24 or 2024–25 financial year that specifies your revenue in that financial year was less than \$500,000.

# Attachments

If applying as a Trustee on behalf of a Trust, the following supporting document **must** be attached to your application:

- Trust deed and any subsequent variations.

If applying under a consortia arrangement the following document must be attached:

- Letter of declaration of your consortia relationship.



# How to apply



To apply, you must:

- complete the online application form on [Grant Connect \(www.grants.gov.au\)](http://www.grants.gov.au)
- provide all the information requested
- address all eligibility and assessment criteria
- include all necessary attachments.

## Remember:

- Each organisation can only submit one application per location.
- If multiple applications are submitted in the same location, only the most recent one will be accepted.
- Late applications may not be accepted.

# Next steps



## Grant opens

- You can apply for a Multicultural Grassroots Initiatives – Round 2 grant from **10 November 2025** on the Australian Government's grants information system [GrantConnect \(www.grants.gov.au\)](http://www.grants.gov.au).

## Grant closes

- You must submit your application/s to the Community Grants Hub by **9:00 pm AEDT on 5 December 2025**.

## Grant Outcomes

- Applicants notified in approximately April 2026.
- Activities commence in approximately June 2026.

## Getting Help

- Information is also available on the online application form or by contacting the Community Grants Hub by email at [support@communitygrants.gov.au](mailto:support@communitygrants.gov.au)





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# Final Questions