

Priority Response to Multicultural Communities during coronavirus

Program Factsheet – February 2021

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Program Overview

The Priority Response to Multicultural Communities during coronavirus (COVID-19): Phase 2 ('the program') offers grants to multicultural and faith organisations in Victoria. The program ensures organisations can effectively respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and its impacts on multicultural and faith communities, and in particular respond to the distinct and disproportionate challenges experienced by women and young people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds as well as new and emerging multicultural and faith communities. It also seeks to promote capacity building among local community network and organisations.

Priority cohorts

- New and emerging multicultural and faith communities.
- Multicultural and faith youth-led and/or projects that mostly support multicultural youth.
- Multicultural and faith women-led and/or projects that mostly support multicultural women.

Program Objectives

The key objectives of the program are to:



maintain the low number and proportion of positive coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Victorian multicultural and faith communities;



increase the number and proportion of individuals testing for the coronavirus (COVID-19), support vaccine preparedness, and support high number and proportions of individuals being vaccinated in Victoria's multicultural and faith communities;



improve understanding and adherence to Victorian Government health directions among Victoria's multicultural and faith communities;



build stronger partnerships across the Victorian multicultural sector; and



build the capacity of local community networks, organisations and services to support prevention and improve preparedness against future coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreaks.

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Use of funding

Funding can be used for the following purposes:

- **Purchase of items** such as:



emergency relief essentials (including food);



personal health safety items such as masks and hand sanitizer; and



communications technology and software.

- **Delivery of services** such as:



community engagement;



health communication and education, and translation of health messages, and



outreach and community support, including translation services as part of this support.

- **Any other activities** as identified by communities and their representatives and accepted by Multicultural Affairs, which supports multicultural and faith communities to protect themselves from becoming positive to coronavirus (COVID-19) and supports testing and individuals to follow health directions; or address social and economic coronavirus (COVID-19) risk factors and vulnerabilities.

How to apply

Applications for the program must be submitted online. Please access the following link for more information including the Program Guidelines and the link to the online application form: <https://www.vic.gov.au/priority-response-multicultural-communities-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Open: 24 February 2021

Close: 4pm Friday 28 May 2020

Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

To receive this document in another format, phone [1300 112 755](tel:1300112755), using the National Relay Service 13 36 77 if required, or email the [Funding Team, CALD Communities Taskforce](mailto:multicultural.covid.taskforce@dffh.vic.gov.au) <multicultural.covid.taskforce@dffh.vic.gov.au>.

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