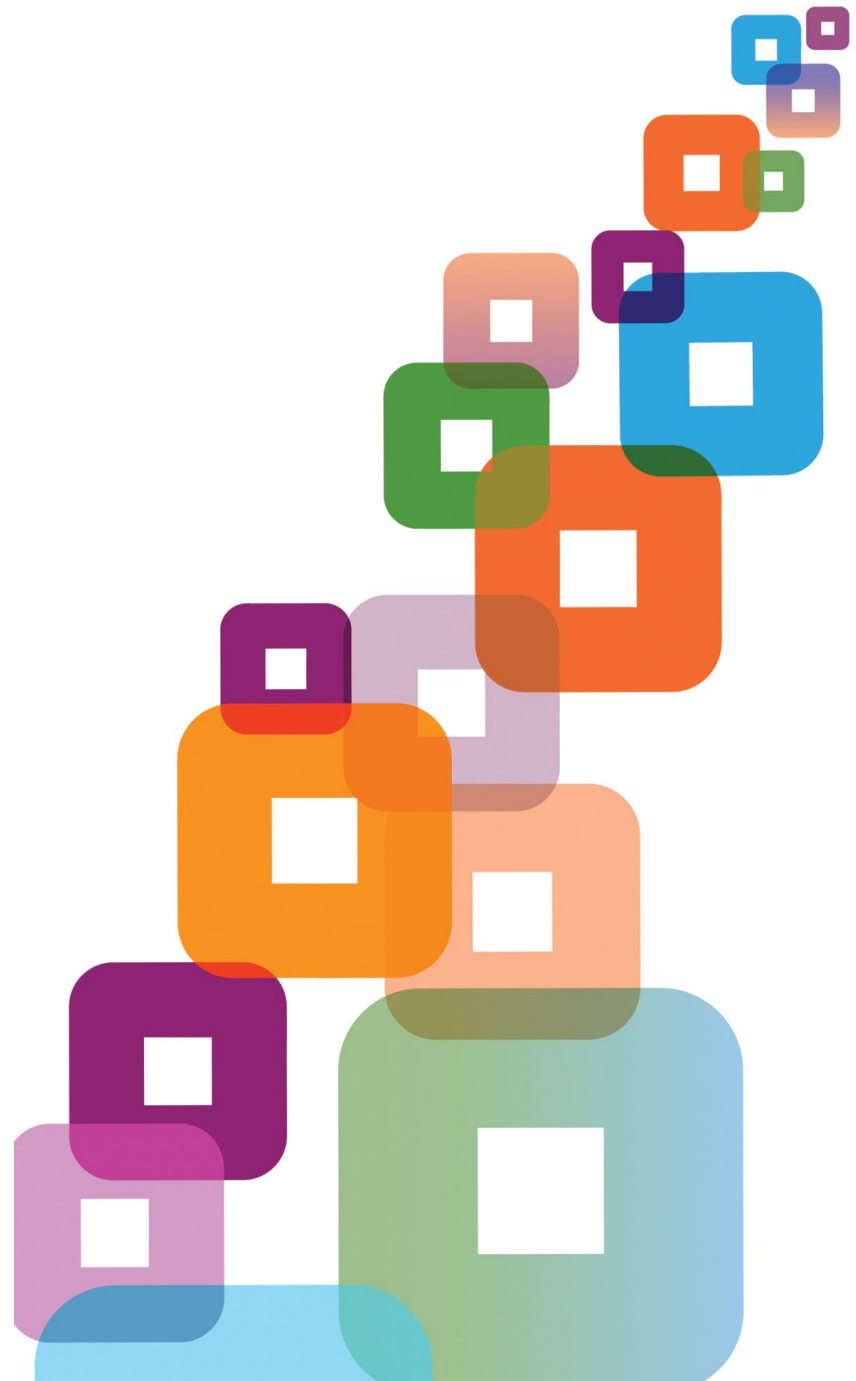




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Office of **Multicultural Interests**



# **COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM**

**Strategic Projects (up to \$100,000)**  
**Funding Guidelines**

**Applications deadline 4.00pm, Monday 11 March 2024**

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The Community Grants Program Strategic Projects (up to \$100,000) Funding Guidelines are available for viewing and download from the Office of Multicultural Interests website:

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## What is the Community Grants Program?

The Community Grants Program (CGP) is a competitive funding program administered by the Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI), within the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

The program provides funding to empower culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) communities in Western Australia to design, deliver and partner on projects that address their needs.

The CGP supports CaLD community-led activities that:

- celebrate and promote Western Australia’s cultural diversity
- build the capacity of individuals, families and communities to contribute to the civic and economic life of the State
- improve the accessibility and effectiveness of services.

## Strategic Projects (up to \$100,000)

This funding category supports capacity building projects that benefit CaLD communities, including those targeting new and emerging communities, women, seniors, young people and regional communities. The project must be supported by a broader strategy or deliver long-term benefits for CaLD communities, and improve the accessibility and effectiveness of services for CaLD communities.

Projects must be delivered for a minimum 12 months and commence from July 2024 and no later than January 2025.

Projects must address one of the following priority issues:

- mental health and wellbeing
- youth support and development
- community education
- family health and safety.

**Applications to the Strategic Projects (up to \$100,000) category are by invitation from OMI following the submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI).**

EOI forms are available for download from the ‘Community Grants Program’ page at [www.omi.wa.gov.au](http://www.omi.wa.gov.au)

OMI will only accept one application per applicant organisation.

Organisations may not receive new funding through this category while delivering an existing project supported by this funding.

### **Definition of culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD)**

Culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) was introduced in 1996 to replace ‘non-English speaking background’ (NESB) and was intended to be a broader, more flexible and inclusive term. It is generally applied to groups and individuals who differ according to religion, language and ethnicity and whose ancestry is other than Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, Anglo Saxon or Anglo Celtic.

## Eligibility

Applicant organisations must be a CaLD community service organisation based in Western Australia invited by OMI to apply.

### Definition of a CaLD community service organisation

To be classified as a culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) community service organisation, the organisation must demonstrate and provide evidence that they meet the following criteria:

- The association is incorporated under the *Western Australia Associations Incorporation Act 2015*, or is a not-for-profit organisation based in Western Australia.
- The objectives of the organisation (in the organisation's Constitution or Rules) clearly state that it is specifically established for and its core business and focus is to either: provide support and deliver services and programs to CaLD communities; or
- represent and advocate for the interests of CaLD communities.
- The organisation has ongoing operational resourcing and employs paid staff.
- The Management Committee or Board and staffing profile of the organisation reflects CaLD communities, and it has a commitment to workforce training in cultural competency.
- The organisation has internal policies and procedures that demonstrate a commitment to multiculturalism and cultural diversity.

An organisation that engages with CaLD communities as an incidental service is not eligible.

**Auspice arrangements are not accepted for applications to the Strategic Projects category.**

## Who is not eligible?

- Local\*, State and Commonwealth Government agencies
- Unincorporated not-for-profit organisations
- Commercial or for-profit organisations
- Educational institutions/agencies including schools, universities and TAFE colleges
- Individuals
- Political organisations.

\*OMI may accept applications from regional Local Government agencies or appropriate regional organisations where there is no other suitable organisation to apply.

### Child safeguarding

Every child has the right to feel safe when participating in arts, cultural, sporting, recreation and community activities.

Organisations that undertake child-related work or activities have a duty of care to keep children and young people (those aged under 18 years) safe from harm. Protecting children and young people from harm, harassment, discrimination and abuse is in part a legal requirement, an ethical obligation and a future requirement.

Organisations that receive this funding may be required to complete the Child Safeguarding Self-Assessment provided by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

For further information please go to [dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/child-safeguarding](http://dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/child-safeguarding)

## What applications cannot be supported?

Funding cannot be considered for projects that:

- have already taken place
- commence before July 2024
- are planned to run less than 12 months
- would be more appropriately supported through an alternative funding source
- are solely for fundraising activities
- are taking place outside of Western Australia
- are primarily of a religious nature
- are solely a seated concert or performance format
- celebrate national days, independence days or commemorative events.

Applications from organisations with outstanding funding reporting with OMI may not be considered for assessment.

## Assessment criteria

Applications will be assessed against the criteria and weightings outlined below:

### Community need

**40%**

- The application demonstrates a specific need for a CaLD community or communities that relates to an identified priority issue.
- The application demonstrates the CaLD community's support for and involvement in the project.

### Purpose

**40%**

- The application demonstrates that the project will address the specific need that relates to an identified priority issue.
- The application demonstrates that the project will build the capacity of a CaLD community group or groups.
- The project is supported by a broader strategy or a plan to deliver long-term benefits for the CaLD community.
- The project will improve the accessibility and effectiveness of services for CaLD communities.

### Organisational capacity

**20%**

- The application demonstrates the organisation has the skills and experience to deliver the event and manage identified risk.
- The project is based on a realistic budget and represents value for money.
- The project is supported by a sound project plan and details how the project will be promoted.

It is recommended that applicants submit supporting material relevant to their activity, as indicated in the application form.

### Funding is allocated in line with the principles of:

- equity: providing fair and equitable distribution of funding across CaLD communities, types of projects, and regions of Western Australia.
- quality and value for money: achieving the best use of resources to maximise funding value.

## What costs can be supported?

- Short-term staffing costs.
- Advertising, publicity, promotion, marketing, printing and publishing.
- Venue hire, equipment hire and cleaning.
- Administration (e.g. telephone, postage and stationery expenses).
- Transport costs (e.g. bus hire or public transport costs for local travel within Western Australia).
- Document preparation or printing.
- Provision of interpreting and translating services.
- Contribution towards catering and food costs up to a maximum 10% of the OMI grant.
- Creche facilities.
- Training and accredited courses.

## What costs cannot be supported?

- Existing, ongoing or recurrent organisational costs (e.g. salaries, fees and lease or rental payments).
- Venue hire for the applicant organisation's own venue.
- Purchase of capital equipment (e.g. computers, photocopiers and vehicles).
- Capital works (e.g. purchase of land or buildings, repairs, extensions, renovations or maintenance).
- Accommodation costs.
- Conference attendance costs.
- Research related items.
- Interstate or overseas travel (inbound or outbound, including airfares).
- The cost of prizes or gifts.

## What is the application process?

Strategic Projects (up to \$100,000) funding is available through an annual competitive grant round each year.

Applicants must be a CaLD community service organisation based in Western Australia invited by OMI to apply.

Organisations should first contact the OMI Grants Officer to confirm their eligibility and receive advice about the application requirements and process.

**Applicants are required to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) prior to starting the application process.** The EOI provides a high-level overview of the project and how it relates to an identified priority issue. The EOI is a starting point for discussions with an OMI team member, assists in planning and is used by OMI to confirm the eligibility of the organisation and proposed project. The EOI form can be downloaded from the 'Community Grants Program' page at [www.omi.wa.gov.au](http://www.omi.wa.gov.au)

OMI team members will work with applicants to complete the EOI and ensure that the project meets the funding requirements before they provide an application form. OMI team members can then continue to assist applicants in the development of the project and provide guidance on the application and make sure it contains all the required information in readiness for submission.

All applications will be required to identify any risks relevant to the activity as a result of COVID-19 (such as health restrictions) and the strategies for mitigation. For further information please go to [wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/covid-19-coronavirus)

After the application deadline, OMI conducts a final eligibility check to ensure the application can be submitted for panel assessment.

It takes up to three months from the deadline to assess, approve and communicate results to applicants. It is intended that applicants will be advised of outcomes by the end of June 2024.

## What is the approval process?

Applications are subject to a competitive assessment by an independent panel against the assessment criteria and the general criteria of the program, taking into consideration the funding principles (see page 4). Recommendations from the panel are submitted to the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests for approval. Once the approval process is finalised and the outcomes released, applicants can seek feedback on their application.

Funding is highly competitive and limited. Should your organisation be offered a grant, the amount of funding approved may be less than the amount requested in your application. In this case grant recipients will be asked to revise their budget and project in line with the funding offered, or to secure funding from another source.

## Preparing your application

Applicants should contact the OMI Grants Officer to seek advice on timeframes for application submission and for assistance in the development of the application.

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Applications must be presented on the Strategic Projects (up to \$100,000) application form which will be provided by an OMI team member to eligible applicants following the submission of an EOI.

Supporting material such as a copy of the applicant organisation's certificate of incorporation, planning documents, samples of promotional material or letters of support may be submitted as attachments to the application form.

Templates to assist with the preparation of your application are available for download from the 'Project planning resources' page at [www.omi.wa.gov.au](https://www.omi.wa.gov.au)

## Submitting your application

Applications and supporting material must be submitted by **4.00pm, Monday 11 March 2024** by email to [grants@omi.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants@omi.wa.gov.au)

Late applications cannot be accepted.

Applicants will be sent a formal notification of receipt within one week of the round closing date.