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**Joint media release with Senator Dr Sam McMahon - Supporting multicultural communities in the NT**

Applications are now open for the 2020–21 Multicultural Community Amenities Grants Programs, supporting multicultural communities in the Northern Territory.

The Morrison Government has committed up to $2 million in funding to help organisations upgrade existing facilities so they are suitable for events and can accommodate culturally specific requirements.

Acting Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrants Services and Multicultural Affairs Alan Tudge said community organisations play a key role in connecting Territorians to diverse cultures and promoting social cohesion.

“These groups are vital to building stronger, more resilient and cohesive communities and we want them to have access to facilities that work for them, including modern, communal spaces," Mr Tudge said.

“These grants will back the vibrant multicultural communities in the NT at a time when keeping people connected has never been more important."

Senator for the Northern Territory Sam McMahon said the grants could provide much needed help to community groups doing it tough during COVID-19.

“This is a great opportunity for all those hard working NT organisations that do so much to look after our multicultural communities," Senator McMahons aid

“I encourage anyone involved in supporting multicultural communities to look at these grants and see how they can support that work."

Community organisations will be able to access between $25,000 and $50,000 (GST exclusive) per grant and are able to submit more than one application.

This grant opportunity is an initiative under the Mutual Understand, Support, Tolerance, Engagement and Respect (MUSTER) program announced by the Australian Government last year.

For more information and to apply for the Multicultural Community Amenities Grants in the Northern Territory, visit GrantConnect.

Applications close 27 November 2020.