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# Multicultural Peak Body Funding

## Feedback for applicants

The Department of Home Affairs (the department) has provided the following general feedback for applicants of the Multicultural Peak Body Funding grant opportunity.

Assessment of applications was in accordance with the procedure detailed in the grant opportunity guidelines (the guidelines) and outlined in the selection process below.

## Overview

The application submission period opened on 26 November 2024 and closed on 22 January 2025.

The Multicultural Peak Body Project Funding (MPBPF) grant opportunity provided funding for 3-5 National Multicultural Peak Body organisations to partner with the Australian Government to strengthen Australia's multicultural capacity and promote a greater understanding and acceptance of Australia's inclusive national identity, civics and citizenship, and multi-faith diversity. The grant was announced as part of the Government's response to the [Multicultural Framework Review<sup>1</sup>](#).

The objectives of the grant opportunity are to enable national multicultural peak bodies to:

- build and support partnerships with the Australian Government to strengthen Australia's multicultural capacity and promote a greater understanding and acceptance of Australia's inclusive national identity, civics and citizenship, and multicultural and multi-faith diversity
- deliver projects and activities that enhance the multicultural sector, organisations and individuals to facilitate the participation and inclusion of both new and emerging communities as well as established community groups.

The intended outcomes of the grant opportunity are:

- improved partnerships between the multicultural sector and Government to build on the strengths of multiculturalism and enable the Australian Government to respond to contemporary challenges.
- improved outcomes for multicultural communities through increased awareness and elevation of multicultural voices in service design, delivery and reform.

## Selection Process

The Community Grants Hub (the Hub) undertook the initial screening for organisation eligibility and compliance against the requirements outlined in the guidelines. This information was provided to the department's grant opportunity delegate for final decisions on whether an application met the eligibility and compliance criteria.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about-us/our-portfolios/multicultural-framework-review>

The department assessed and considered eligible and compliant applications through an Open Competitive, grant process.

The selection advisory panel (panel) established by the department, comprised of subject matter experts who assessed applications and provided advice to inform the funding recommendations to the Financial Delegate.

The panel's consideration of assessed applicants was, based on:

- meeting the compliance requirements outlined in the guidelines
- meeting the eligibility requirements outlined in the guidelines, including the definition of a National Multicultural Peak Body at section 4.1
- how well the responses met the assessment criteria
- the volume of applications received and the extent to which applications compared to other applications
- the provision and appropriateness of the requested attachments
- whether the application demonstrated value with relevant money
- whether the application demonstrated capability and experience in delivering similar activities to those outlined in the guidelines
- whether the application demonstrated an understanding of issues facing multicultural communities
- whether the application identified stakeholders required to deliver the identified priority activities outlined in the guidelines
- the risks identified and the proposed mitigation strategies
- whether the applicant was already receiving funding for peak body services or funding to deliver similar activities outlined in the guidelines.

## Selection Results

There was a strong interest in the grant opportunity and applications were of a high standard. The preferred applicants demonstrated their ability to meet the grant requirements outlined in the guidelines based on the strength of their responses to the assessment criteria.

The Hub notified applicants of the outcome in writing, where their applications did not meet the requirements outlined in the guidelines.

This feedback is provided to assist grant applicants to understand what comprised a strong application and what was a quality response to the assessment criteria.

## Criterion 1

**Describe how your organisation will partner with the Australian Government to achieve the objectives of the grant opportunity.**

When addressing the criterion applicants discussed:

- multicultural issues they identified that were impacting on multicultural communities, organisations and/or broader Australian society
- how they would work with the Australian Government on strengthening multicultural capability
- how they would improve outcomes for multicultural communities through increased awareness and elevation of multicultural voices in service design, delivery and reform.

**Strong applications:**

- Demonstrated a strong understanding of the issues facing multicultural communities and identified possible ways to address them.
- Demonstrated an ability and willingness to work in partnership with the Australian Government, including details of how they will engage with the Department of Home Affairs.
- Provided a clear link between achievement of outcomes and how the activities are in line with the Grant Opportunity Objectives and Outcomes specified in the guidelines.
- Provided comprehensive information relating to what the activities will achieve and how they will improve outcomes for multicultural communities aligned with the Grant Opportunity Objectives and Outcomes specified in the guidelines.

**Criterion 2**

Describe how your organisation engages in an inclusive and representative manner with multicultural communities, organisations and individuals.

When addressing the criterion applicants have:

- provided details on how they have approached delivery of a similar activity/ies in the past
- outlined the mechanisms, processes and partnerships in place for consulting and collaborating among a wide range of multicultural groups, including across geographic, cultural, linguistic and faith communities and organisations
- provided details on how they would analyse, measure and evaluate performance of projects to demonstrate success and outcomes.

**Strong applications:**

- Provided evidence of previous experience and the ability to deliver similar national activities to a range of culturally and linguistically diverse organisations or individuals.
- Provided evidence of existing established processes and mechanisms to undertake consultation and collaboration with the multicultural sector, including existing partnership arrangements. Evidence of engagement with a wide variety of cultural backgrounds.
- Provided detailed descriptions of past and current activities, including delivery channel and engagement method.
- Included evidence of established processes and practices for engagement to achieve outcomes for a range of geographical, cultural, linguistic and faith communities and organisations.
- Demonstrated ability to analyse, measure and evaluate performance of projects and included examples from previous experience.

## Criterion 3

### Describe how you will ensure the efficient and economical use of grant funds when delivering your grant activities

When addressing the criterion applicants have:

- provided an indicative budget outlining the funding required and the allocation against items
- identified any key risks to their organisation and its ability to deliver activities
- outlined staffing and governance structures for managing the grant activity.

#### **Strong applications:**

- Utilised the budget template.
- Provided an indicative budget that demonstrated strong value for money and clear evidence of economic planning.
- Indicative budget demonstrated consideration of the allocation of specific amounts of funding for each activity.
- Provided risk planning strategies, including management plans and mitigation strategies, such as specific key risks to their organisation and its ability to deliver the proposed activities.
- Demonstrated strong governance and staffing structures in place for their organisation and gave considered thought on how to utilise or adapt these structures to manage the proposed grant activities.

## Individual feedback

Individual feedback will be provided for this grant opportunity.

As set out in the section 9.1 of the GOGs, applicants seeking individual feedback should submit requests to [multiculturalgrants.collaboration@homeaffairs.gov.au](mailto:multiculturalgrants.collaboration@homeaffairs.gov.au). Requests for individual feedback will only be accepted within 5 days of receipt of the outcome of your application. Feedback will be provided within 10 days of receipt of the request.