



Strengthening Multicultural Queensland program 2024-25 project funding

Multicultural project funding, previously available under the Celebrating Multicultural Queensland program, will now be available under the new **Strengthening Multicultural Queensland (SMQ) program**. The 2024-25 project funding round is opening soon, for projects to be delivered from 1 July 2025.

THE FUNDING ROUND WILL OPEN ON 16 SEPTEMBER AND CLOSE ON 12 NOVEMBER 2024.

The SMQ program will support projects that promote intercultural understanding, foster social inclusion and community cohesion, and empower diverse communities.

- **Category 1 – Empowering Multicultural Community Projects**
 - Provides funding for innovative and strategic projects that address barriers and create opportunities for people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds leading to more inclusive, resilient, and cohesive communities.
 - **One-off funding of up to \$100,000 (GST exclusive) is available.**
 - Projects are to be delivered from 1 July 2025 and can be delivered over a two-year period to 30 June 2027.
 - *This expands on the previous Economic and Social Participation category to be more flexible in supporting community needs.*
- **Category 2 – Youth and Community Connection Projects**
 - Provides funding for innovative projects which break down barriers and increase community access and inclusion for young people from culturally diverse backgrounds.
 - Young people must be involved in the design and delivery of the project.
 - **One-off funding of up to \$100,000 (GST exclusive) is available.**
 - Projects are to be delivered from 1 July 2025 and can be delivered over a two-year period to 30 June 2027.

Please ensure you carefully read the **Funding Guidelines for Multicultural Projects** for applicant eligibility, and funding information and requirements, including how your application will be assessed. To access the guidelines and information on how to apply, please visit www.dcssds.qld.gov.au/smq-program.

We will be hosting two **Information Sessions** through Microsoft Teams to provide information about the program and the changes that have been made, the application form, the process of applying for funding, and assistance available. The sessions will also provide an opportunity for questions. The sessions will be held on:

- **Tuesday, 17 September 2024, from 5.30pm to 6.15pm – click [here](#) to register**
- **Thursday, 19 September 2024, from 4.15pm to 5.00pm – click [here](#) to register.**

If you would like to attend one of the sessions, please ensure you register by **Friday, 13 September 2024**.

The Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland will also be hosting an online Grants Writing Workshop on **1 October 2024** where you can learn how to present your idea in a grant application in a clear and succinct way, and to make sure that you provide all the information needed for grant assessors. Click [here](#) to register. If you have any queries, please email funding@maq.qld.gov.au