



Office of Multicultural Interests Community Grants Program

The Office of Multicultural Interests (OMI) offers grant funding through its Community Grants Program (CGP).

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.

The CGP is an open competitive application process and includes the following grant categories:

Grant category	Amount available
<p>Festivals</p> <p>Festivals funding is available for events that provide a range of cultural experiences and activities that celebrate the cultural identity of CaLD communities. The event must be free or low cost, widely accessible and able to attract broad participation and attendance.</p>	<p>Grants up to \$5000</p>
<p>Community Capacity Building</p> <p>Community Capacity Building funding is available for initiatives that aim to strengthen the skills and abilities of communities to take leading roles in the development of their community, and that respond to specific needs and issues identified by the community.</p>	<p>Grants up to \$5000</p>
<p>Strategic Projects</p> <p>Strategic Projects funding is available for capacity building projects that benefit CaLD communities such as those from new and emerging communities, women, seniors, young people and regional communities.</p> <p>Projects may relate, but are not limited, to the following focus areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family and domestic violence prevention • parenting • employment and skills development • leadership • financial literacy • health and wellbeing • support for regional communities. <p>For funding requests over \$30,000 the application must also demonstrate that the project is supported by a broader strategy or a plan to deliver long-term benefits for the community.</p>	<p>Grants up to \$50,000</p>

Applicants can be CaLD community associations or CaLD community service organisations.

Timeframes for the application and approval process need to be considered by the organisation when planning the project. The process takes up to four months from submission to approval. It may take longer if the application requires further development or if there is outstanding information.

Applicants should seek advice from an OMI Community Engagement Officer on timeframes for application submission based on the stage of development of the project. Contact engage@omi.wa.gov.au or phone **(08) 6552 1607**.

More information, including funding guidelines and application forms, is available at www.omi.wa.gov.au.