

2022–23 Victorian State Budget

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Families,
Fairness
and Housing

Key achievements over the last 12 months

In 2021-22, we continued to partner with Victoria's multicultural communities to strengthen services and create social and economic opportunities.

Highlights:

- › Pandemic support for **1.5 million** Victorians including emergency relief, targeted outreach and communications including vaccine information.
- › Funded **30** organisations to upgrade and build multicultural community facilities.
- › Supported **500+** face-to-face, digital or hybrid festivals and events.
- › **850+** multicultural seniors organisations funded.
- › Legal support for **2,500** people seeking asylum and **2,300** Afghan community members.
- › Supported **1,500+** students and families from African backgrounds, along with **300+ jobseekers of African heritage** to gain training, certification, and employment opportunities.
- › Worked with the Anti-Racism Taskforce to run a consultation to inform Victoria's first Anti-Racism Strategy



Dedicated COVID-19 supports in 2021-22

In 2021-22, **\$21.7 million** was allocated to the CALD Communities Taskforce to support multicultural communities impacted by the pandemic.

- › To date, this funding has delivered:
 - » over **500** projects with **340** community organisations across **73** LGAs
 - » support for **176,000** families and households.
 - » **\$8.45 million** for the Priority Response to Multicultural Communities grants program
 - » **\$6.8 million** for communications and engagement initiatives including:
 - **\$5 million** across two rounds of the Multicultural Communications Outreach Program
 - Continuation of the National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcasters' Council's Multilingual News Service broadcast in **19 languages** on ethnic community radio and online
 - » **\$6.4 million** to support vaccine uptake among multicultural communities across 12 LGAs



Funding overview

Multicultural Affairs initiatives announced in the 2022-23 Budget total **\$22.7 million** and include:

- › **\$6.7 million** to continue critical settlement support services for Priority Newly Arrived Migrant Communities
- › **\$6.4 million** for continuation of the Multicultural Community Infrastructure Fund
- › **\$4.4 million** for continued delivery of Victorian African Communities Action Plan initiatives
- › **\$3.7 million** to continue COVID-19 support for multicultural communities
- › **\$1.1 million** for the Multicultural Festivals and Events program
- › **\$0.3 million** for Language Services Procurement Reforms



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