

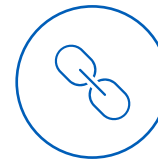
Multicultural Connect Grants Program

Building an inclusive, harmonious and united Queensland

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Program particulars



The LNP Government committed **\$5M over four years** for the building and upgrading of community facilities to support multicultural organisations.

Capital infrastructure funding will be available under the new **Multicultural Connect Grants Program** for projects that enable access to permanent facilities by the multicultural community.

Grants of up to **\$500,000** are available for community projects to upgrade or build community halls, meeting spaces, or sporting facilities.

Applicants must make a **cash contribution** that is equal to the grant amount being sought.

Outcomes

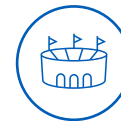
Program Objective

- Support multicultural organisations by increasing access to community halls, meeting spaces and sporting facilities, to enhance community infrastructure.

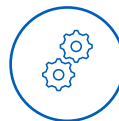
Funding Outcomes



Timely and cost-effective delivery



Enhanced and flexible infrastructure



Increased organisational use



Better accessibility and inclusivity

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Applicants



Local government bodies



Not-for-profit/charitable organisations

Eligible Projects



New
OR
Upgraded



Community halls



Meeting spaces and hubs



Sporting facilities



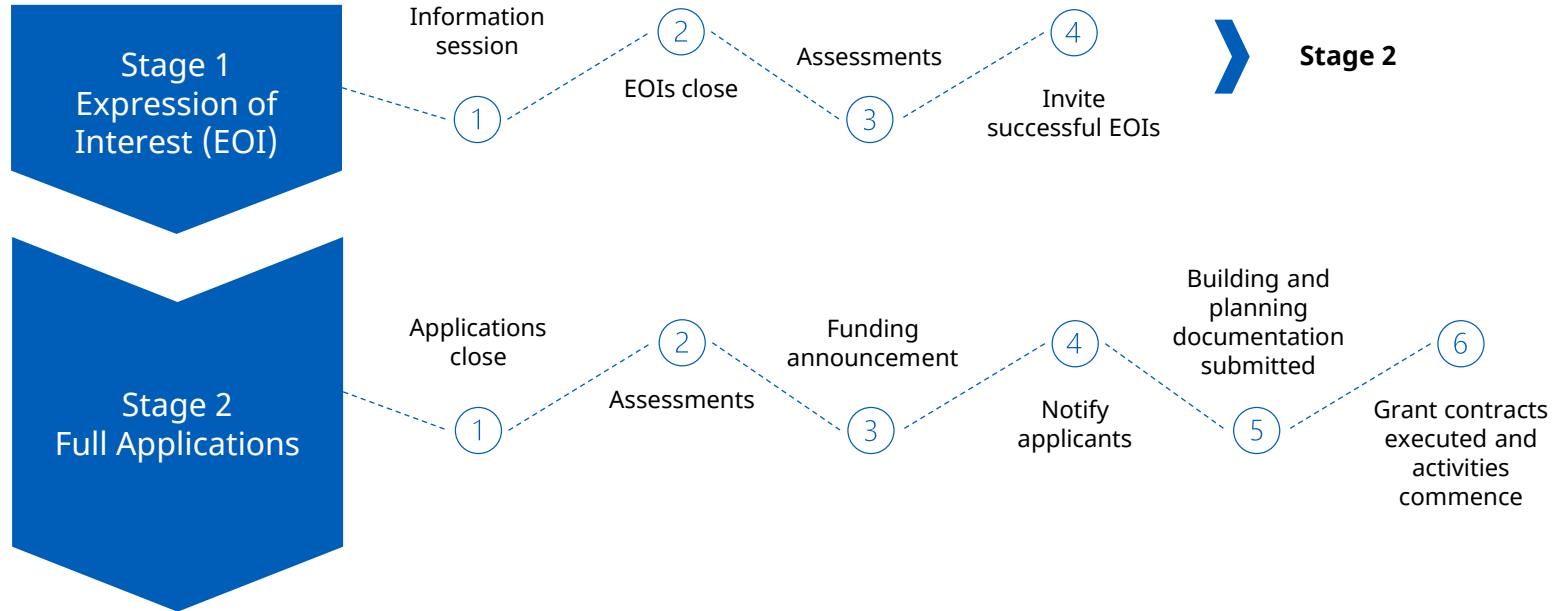
Other community facilities



Enable **access to permanent and quality facilities** for multicultural groups

NB: Please ensure you read the guidelines to know what projects and costs will not be funded under this program

Applying for funding



Before You Begin

- ✓ Applications are submitted online through [SmartyGrants](#).
- ✓ Please refer to the [Funding Guidelines for Capital Infrastructure Projects](#).
- ✓ Ensure your project aligns with guidelines, purpose and meets mandatory requirements.
- ✓ Ensure you provide a clear understanding of the project need, outcomes and how you will deliver.
- ✓ Look at [assessment criteria](#) in the guidelines – see what we're looking for.
- ✓ Engage with project partners early – time goes quickly.
- ✓ Note that applications are for **one** funded project only.
- ✓ You can submit your application in any language.
- ✓ Once you submit your application, you should receive a confirmation via email.
- ✓ SmartyGrants will not allow late submissions after 11.59 pm on the closing date.

Submitting an EOI



Applications Open

17 October 2025

Applications Close

14 November 2025



Your application must demonstrate:

- ☒ Alignment with eligibility, funding objective and outcomes
- ☒ Benefits, need and value of the project
- ☒ Project readiness
- ☒ Applicant capacity, capability, experience and resources
- ☒ Financial capability and evidence of matched funding

- ☒ Ensure your application and project aligns with the mandatory assessment criteria.
- ☒ Notification in writing of the outcome of EOI.
- ☒ Invitation to submit application does not guarantee you will be successful in receiving funding.

Submitting a Full Application



Applications Open

8 December 2025

Applications Close

30 January 2026



Your application must demonstrate:

- ☒ Need and value for the project
- ☒ Clear and detailed project plan
- ☒ Project sustainability
- ☒ Further details about applicant capacity, capability, experience and resources
- ☒ Value for money/ cost effectiveness

- ☒ Ensure your application and project aligns with the mandatory assessment criteria.
- ☒ Demonstrate strong community need, and engage with project partners
- ☒ You will be required to provide a detailed project plan and budget.

Project Planning

Key Activity Title	Description	Start date (dd/mm/yyyy)	End date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Responsibility	Cost
Must be no more than 6 words. e.g. networking sessions; workshops; classes etc.	Must be no more than 20 words. One per row. Add more rows if you want to list additional activities.	Must be a date.	Must be a date.		Must be a dollar amount.
Pour the foundation * Word count: 3 words	Pour a foundation for a community hall *	01/08/2026  *	15/08/2025  *	Builder *	\$50,000.00

What stage of readiness is the proposed project at? *

- ☐ Conceptual stage
- ☐ Detailed stage
- ☐ Signed contract
- ☐ Tender
- ☐ Sketch plans
- ☒ Ready to proceed to construction
- ☐ Other (please specify below).

Project Budget

Income

MCGP Funding requested Amount (excluding GST) *

Applicants matching cash contribution Amount *

Must be a dollar amount.

Additional Income

Click 'Add More' to include extra rows if required.

Maximise

Additional Income Type	Description	Status of Funding	Amount
Local Government grant	grant	Confirmed	\$100,000.00

Word count: 3 word

Expenditure Item	Description	MCGP Funding Allocation	Total Amount
Structural walls *	Walls and framework Word count: 3 words	\$100,000.00 *	\$100,000.00 *
Foundation	Pouring of foundation Word count: 3 words	\$100,000.00 *	\$100,000.00 *
Interior exterior fitt	Walls and internal fixtures Word count: 4 words	\$100,000.00 *	\$100,000.00 *
Electrical	Electrical and lighting Word count: 3 words	\$48,000.00 *	\$50,000.00 *
Roof	Roof completed Word count: 2 words	\$150,000.00 *	\$200,000.00 *
Must be no more than 10 words. Provide a detailed and clear description for the assessors to understand what and how the funding will be used towards			

Costs must **directly** relate to construction and be essential in successfully completing the project, such as:

- ☒ Materials for construction,
- ☒ Hired/leased plant and equipment,
- ☒ External labour hire,
- ☒ External consultants,
- ☒ Project management (directly related to managing the construction of approved works), and
- ☒ Other relevant expenses.

Assessment and Approval Process



Your application will be assessed by an **assessment panel** through a merit-based process.



You may be contacted through this process if any additional information is required.



If you have been successful but received reduced funding, the department may contact you to discuss.



This process can take several months.

Requirements for Successful Applicants

Successful applicants will have **8 weeks** to provide the following documentation:

- ☒ Copies of all permits, approvals and relevant insurances
- ☒ Evidence of your matching cash contribution
- ☒ Final and detailed Project Plan
- ☒ Evidence of licensed contractors engaged (Queensland Building and Construction Commission)
- ☒ A minimum of 2 written quotes for works required



After receiving all your supporting documentation, approvals and insurance certificates:

- ☒ A funding contract will be executed – First payment 5%
- ☒ Acknowledge the Queensland Government funding
- ☒ A quarterly progress report will be required
- ☒ Any changes to your project will need approval



NB: MAQ will contact you to check in on the progress of finalising the planning and approvals.

Assistance

Guidelines



For questions about the program



- Contact Multicultural Affairs Queensland at funding@maq.qld.gov.au

SmartyGrants



For technical assistance with your SmartyGrants account



- Contact SmartyGrants Technical Support on (03) 9320 6888 or service@smartygrants.com.au
- Support desk hours are 9am to 5pm AEST Monday to Friday



For help completing your application form



- Refer to the *SmartyGrants – Help Guide for Applicants* on the SmartyGrants website

Other



For further help



- Visit the [Ethnic Communities Council of Queensland](#) website for information on upcoming education workshops and to access the Online Learning Hub for easily accessible courses and resources

Questions?

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