



| Supporting multicultural communities | |
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| Party: | Australian Labor Party |
| Summary of proposal: The proposal would provide grant funding of \$190.3 million over 2 years for activities to support multicultural communities (see Attachment B). The funding would be distributed as \$70.3 million in 2025-26 and \$120 million in 2026-27. The proposal is non-ongoing and would start from 1 July 2025. | |

Costing overview

The proposal would be expected to decrease the fiscal and underlying cash balances by around \$196.8 million over the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period (see Table 1). This impact reflects an increase in administered and departmental expenses.

The proposal would not be expected to have an impact beyond the 2025-26 Budget forward estimates period, other than for public debt interest (PDI) costs. A breakdown of the financial implications (including separate PDI tables) over the period to 2035-36 is provided at Attachment A.

The Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) has not made any assessment as to whether the specified funding would be sufficient to meet the objectives of the proposal.

A breakdown of projects is provided in Attachment B.

Table 1: Supporting multicultural communities – Financial implications (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

| | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | Total to 2028-29 |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|
| Fiscal balance | -73.8 | -123.0 | - | - | -196.8 |
| Underlying cash balance | -73.8 | -123.0 | - | - | -196.8 |

(a) A positive number represents an increase in the relevant budget balance; a negative number represents a decrease.

(b) PDI impacts are not included in the totals.

- Indicates nil.

Key assumptions and methodology

The proposal is capped at a fixed amount, distributed over 2 years from the commencement date as specified. Departmental expenses were estimated based on the cost of administering similar programs and are assumed to be in addition to the capped funding amount. Administered expenses are as specified in the proposal. We assume that no funds allocated to a given year are left unspent.

Financial implications were rounded consistent with the PBO's rounding rules.¹

Data sources

Commonwealth of Australia (2025) *Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook 2025*, Commonwealth of Australia.

Departmental expenses were informed by similar measures in the Commonwealth budgets from 2015-16 to 2021-22.

¹ <https://www.pbo.gov.au/for-parliamentarians/how-we-analyse/pbo-rounding-rules>

Attachment A – Supporting multicultural communities – Financial implications

Table A1: Supporting multicultural communities – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^(a)

| | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 2031-32 | 2032-33 | 2033-34 | 2034-35 | 2035-36 | Total to 2028-29 | Total to 2035-36 |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Expenses | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total – administered | -70.3 | -120.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -190.3 | -190.3 |
| Total – departmental | -3.5 | -3.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -6.5 | -6.5 |
| Total (excluding PDI) | -73.8 | -123.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | -196.8 | -196.8 |

(a) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

- Indicates nil.

Table A2: Supporting multicultural communities – Memorandum item: Public Debt Interest (PDI) impacts – Fiscal and underlying cash balances (\$m)^{(a)(b)}

| | 2025-26 | 2026-27 | 2027-28 | 2028-29 | 2029-30 | 2030-31 | 2031-32 | 2032-33 | 2033-34 | 2034-35 | 2035-36 | Total to 2028-29 | Total to 2035-36 |
|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Fiscal balance | -1.6 | -6.1 | -9.1 | -9.5 | -9.9 | -10.3 | -10.8 | -11.3 | -11.8 | -12.3 | -12.9 | -26.3 | -105.6 |
| Underlying cash balance | -1.2 | -5.0 | -8.3 | -9.4 | -9.8 | -10.2 | -10.7 | -11.1 | -11.6 | -12.2 | -12.8 | -23.9 | -102.3 |

(a) As this table is presented as a memorandum item, these figures are not reflected in the totals above. This is consistent with the approach taken in the budget where the budget impact of most measures is presented excluding the impact on PDI. If the reader would like a complete picture of the total aggregate, then these figures would need to be added to the figures above. For further information on government borrowing and financing please refer to the PBO's online budget glossary.²

(b) A positive number for the fiscal balance indicates an increase in revenue or a decrease in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A negative number for the fiscal balance indicates a decrease in revenue or an increase in expenses or net capital investment in accrual terms. A positive number for the underlying cash balance indicates an increase in receipts or a decrease in payments or net capital investment in cash terms. A negative number for the underlying cash balance indicates a decrease in receipts or an increase in payments or net capital investment in cash terms.

² [Online budget glossary – Parliamentary Budget Office \(pbo.gov.au\)](https://pbo.gov.au/)

Attachment B – Supporting multicultural communities projects list

Table B1: Supporting multicultural communities projects list^{(a)(b)}

| Grant recipient |
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| <i>Afghan Community celebration and achievement projects</i> |
| <i>Afghan Islamic Centre & Omar Farooq Mosque (Afghan community centre)</i> |
| <i>African Music and Cultural Festival</i> |
| <i>Al Minia Charitable Association's Community Centre New Indoor Sports Facility</i> |
| <i>Altavilla Club Kitchen Upgrade</i> |
| <i>Aman Aged Care</i> |
| <i>Armada Community Family Centre - New playground</i> |
| <i>Armenian Festival</i> |
| <i>Armenian Film Festival Australia 10-year anniversary edition</i> |
| <i>Assyrian Community Facility (St Yosip's Community Hall)</i> |
| <i>Assyrian National Council of Australia - Assyrian New Year Festival (Assyrian)</i> |
| <i>Australia Buddhist Bliss Culture Mission Expansion Project</i> |
| <i>Australian Business Association of Whitehorse</i> |
| <i>Australian Indian Community Charitable Trust Inc - digitisation and library upgrades for the Indian Museum</i> |
| <i>Australian Islamic Centre - Roof over community sports and events area</i> |
| <i>Australian Korean Association community hub upgrade</i> |
| <i>Australian Nepalese Multicultural Centre - Diggers Rest</i> |
| <i>Australian Sikh Games 2026</i> |
| <i>Bairro Português</i> |
| <i>Ballarat Veterans Hub</i> |
| <i>Ballarat Welcome Centre (BWC)</i> |
| <i>Buddhist Stupa development</i> |
| <i>Cairns Multicultural Festivals, Cairns African Festival; Diwali Celebration; Cairns Indian Festival; Chinese New Year Lantern Festival</i> |
| <i>CASS Head Office Renovation</i> |
| <i>CASS Multicultural Events</i> |
| <i>Celebrating Diversity: A Multicultural Festival for Social Cohesion and Community Connections - 2025</i> |
| <i>Central Pontian Association - Pontiaki Estia</i> |
| <i>Chabad House of Malvern - community workshops</i> |
| <i>Chinese Association of Monash (CAM) Lunar New Year Festival</i> |
| <i>Chinmaya Mission Perth - New Playground</i> |
| <i>Chung Wah Community Centre - constructing a new multifunctional community centre</i> |
| <i>City of Charles Sturt Library Event - 'Don't judge a book by its cover'</i> |
| <i>City of Unley Festival of Rice</i> |
| <i>Community Centre Infrastructure (Stage 2) - Werribee Islamic Centre</i> |
| <i>Community Hubs Australia expansion</i> |
| <i>Coogee Synagogue Kitchen Upgrade</i> |
| <i>Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Youth Services</i> |
| <i>Dandenong Diversity Festival</i> |

| Grant recipient |
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| <i>Darusalam Improved Security, Safety and Facility Upgrades</i> |
| <i>Eastern Sydney Islamic Welfare Services - Community Centre Upgrade</i> |
| <i>Eastwood Chinatown Precinct - traditional Chinese architectural elements</i> |
| <i>El Dunnieh Sons Charity Association Community Centre upgrade</i> |
| <i>Enhancing ICT Capacity and Expanding Learning Spaces for Migrants and Vulnerable Communities</i> |
| <i>Expansion of Jewish House</i> |
| <i>Festa Di Madonna Di Montevergine, 70th Anniversary Community Event</i> |
| <i>Festival of Lights</i> |
| <i>Glen Waverley Chinese New Year and Lantern Festival</i> |
| <i>Grand Cultural Festival</i> |
| <i>Greek Centre Hub in Russell St Melbourne Upgrade</i> |
| <i>Greek Orthodox community Hellenic Historical and Cultural Centre</i> |
| <i>Greek Orthodox Cultural and Language Enrichment Centre - construct a Greek cultural hub</i> |
| <i>Greek Village Hall - construct a Greek cultural hub</i> |
| <i>Hellenic Museum - Greek Exhibition</i> |
| <i>Hermis-Ilion Hall and Library Restoration</i> |
| <i>Hillview Alfresco and Outdoor Area Upgrades</i> |
| <i>Himilo Bridges Project</i> |
| <i>Hindu Temple Extension - Canteen & Kitchen</i> |
| <i>Ibleo Club - Kitchen Upgrade</i> |
| <i>Illawarra Multicultural Community Centre</i> |
| <i>India House - Springfield</i> |
| <i>Indian Australian Hockey Team</i> |
| <i>Infrastructure upgrade for St George Chaldean Catholic Parish</i> |
| <i>Inter-community engagement with Jewish Holidays in Sydney</i> |
| <i>International Food Garden</i> |
| <i>Internet Connection Upgrade - Buddhist Vihara Victoria</i> |
| <i>Iraqi Graduates Forum</i> |
| <i>Islamic Association of Western Sydney Suburbs (IAWSS) 'Rooty Hill Masjid' (Mosque)</i> |
| <i>Jewish Arts Quarter</i> |
| <i>Karma Kitchen</i> |
| <i>Keysborough Gurudwara Sikh Temple - New community playground</i> |
| <i>Khalsa Shaouni Sikh Temple Upgrade</i> |
| <i>Knox Italian Club - Air Conditioning Upgrades</i> |
| <i>Kouchkovski Social Club - improvements to roofing</i> |
| <i>Lane Cove Indian Community Celebrations</i> |
| <i>Lao New Year festival 2026 - 50-year anniversary</i> |
| <i>Latvian Hall Upgrade - renovation including new door and windows</i> |
| <i>Lunar New Year Festival</i> |
| <i>Macarthur Mother Language Monument</i> |
| <i>Macedonia Park 40th anniversary</i> |

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| <i>Maggie Beer - CALD Aged Care and Food</i> |
| <i>Mandaeen Australian Community Cultural Club</i> |
| <i>Mandogalup Community Centre</i> |
| <i>Manningham Asian Cultural Festival (ABAW)</i> |
| <i>Māori Cultural Centre - development of community hub</i> |
| <i>Maurice Zeffert Aged Care - Backup power system</i> |
| <i>Media Bridge Project</i> |
| <i>Melbourne Cobras</i> |
| <i>Melkite Community Hall Upgrade</i> |
| <i>Mid-Autumn Festival</i> |
| <i>Mirrabooka Mosque - Multipurpose Community Space</i> |
| <i>Mirrabooka Multicultural Hub Renovations</i> |
| <i>Multicultural Communities Swimming and Water Safety Program</i> |
| <i>Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australia (MSCWA) - Community Bus</i> |
| <i>Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australia (MSCWA) - Women's Shed and Multicultural Hub</i> |
| <i>Multicultural Youth Hub</i> |
| <i>Multifunction Centre Development</i> |
| <i>Museum of Chinese in Australia (MOCA)</i> |
| <i>Nawroz Festival (Updated)</i> |
| <i>Newcastle Hindu Temple upgrade</i> |
| <i>Nilkanth Centre - Shree Swaminarayan Mandir Bhuj Sydney</i> |
| <i>Nonna's Cucina Upgrades</i> |
| <i>North Coast Crime Infrastructure Action Plan - CCTV</i> |
| <i>Northcote Baptist Church Chapel Kitchen Renovation</i> |
| <i>Norton Street Italian Festa</i> |
| <i>Our Lady Guardian of Plants Hall</i> |
| <i>Our Lady of Lebanon and ANZAC Memorial</i> |
| <i>Palmerston Mosque and Cyclone Shelter</i> |
| <i>Parramatta Islamic Cultural Association Service</i> |
| <i>Parramatta Safety Package - CCTV</i> |
| <i>Pavement Development - Sri Guru Nanak Satsang Sabha (SGNSS)</i> |
| <i>Perth Hindu Temple - new classrooms and multipurpose hall</i> |
| <i>Perth North Tamil School - 30th Anniversary</i> |
| <i>Philippine Community Events</i> |
| <i>Polish Club Sikorski Community Playground.</i> |
| <i>Priority 2: Spanish Club of WA Barbeque Area Renovation</i> |
| <i>Ramadan Night Market Dandenong by Bright Community Organisation Inc</i> |
| <i>Refurbishment of Reservoir Senior Citizens Centre</i> |
| <i>Refurbishment of the Northcote Senior Citizens Centre</i> |
| <i>Renovation of Abu Talib Community Centre</i> |
| <i>Rhodes Multicultural Community Association Lunar New Year Festival 2026</i> |

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| <i>Saint Savvas Parish NT Community</i> |
| <i>Santhom Community Hub Development</i> |
| <i>Security & infrastructure upgrade - Siri Guru Nanak Darbar</i> |
| <i>Security upgrade - Greek Orthodox Community of NSW</i> |
| <i>See-Yup Temple - matched repairs funding</i> |
| <i>Serbian Folkloric Festival</i> |
| <i>Shoalhaven Multicultural Hub</i> |
| <i>Shree Swaminarayan Temple - New Community Building</i> |
| <i>Shree Vitraag Jain Community Centre</i> |
| <i>Shreenath Dham Haveli - Cultural & Community Centre</i> |
| <i>Shri Sanatan Dharam Society of Victoria - Fence for Fijian temple (SSVSV)</i> |
| <i>Shri Shiva Temple's Diwali festival</i> |
| <i>Sicilia Club Kitchen Upgrades</i> |
| <i>Sikh Gurdwara - Community Kitchen Upgrade</i> |
| <i>Sikh volunteer security perimeter fencing and safety measures</i> |
| <i>Singh Sabha Playground upgrade</i> |
| <i>South Sea Islander Hut</i> |
| <i>Southern Migrant Resource Centre</i> |
| <i>Sri Durga Hindu Temple - Community & Education Centre, and Emergency Accommodation Facility</i> |
| <i>Sri Krishna Brundavana Sydney Community Hall (SVKVS)</i> |
| <i>Sri Vakrathunda Vinayagar Temple</i> |
| <i>St Charbel Harmonisation and Connectivity Project</i> |
| <i>St Demetrios Hall Upgrade</i> |
| <i>St Elias Melkite Community and Church Precinct</i> |
| <i>St John Paul II Church Upgrades</i> |
| <i>St John the Beloved in Mount Druitt</i> |
| <i>St Joseph Italian Community Centre Upgrade</i> |
| <i>St Joseph's Maronite Church - Elevator and Elevator Shaft Upgrade</i> |
| <i>St Mary's the Nativity Orthodox Church Youth and Community Centre</i> |
| <i>St Mary's Chaldean Community Development</i> |
| <i>St Michael Church - Expansion of Ethiopian Support Services</i> |
| <i>St Rafqa Community and childcare centre</i> |
| <i>St Spyridon Parish Hall Upgrade</i> |
| <i>Swan Punjabi Mela Festival 2025</i> |
| <i>Sydney Murugan Community Centre</i> |
| <i>TAHA Community Centre</i> |
| <i>Tet Festival</i> |
| <i>The Barrio Fiesta (Filipino)</i> |
| <i>The ECSCC 35th Anniversary Celebration 2026</i> |
| <i>Tigray Orthodox Church - Multipurpose building</i> |
| <i>Turbans 4 Australia - Community Kitchen & Multicultural Support Centre</i> |

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| <i>Turbans 4 Australia - Community Kitchen and Multicultural Support Centre</i> |
| <i>Turbans 4 Australia - Community Kitchen and Multicultural Support Centre Scullin</i> |
| <i>Ukrainian Centre Noble Park</i> |
| <i>United Muslim Association Centre</i> |
| <i>Upgrade to Campania Club Carpark</i> |
| <i>Upgrades to Queanbeyan Multicultural Centre and Goulburn Multicultural Centre</i> |
| <i>Vaishnav Sangh of Sydney - Hindu Cultural Events</i> |
| <i>WA Punjabi Club - Community van</i> |
| <i>Wellsprings for Women - new infrastructure - including meeting space, kitchen, oven and pergola</i> |
| <i>West's Multicultural Event</i> |
| <i>World's largest Shabbat - Celebration of Light and Love</i> |
| <i>YMCA Springfield Central Community Centre Upgrade</i> |
| <i>Young Sikh Professionals Network - Networking Activities and Events</i> |

- (a) This list may not be exhaustive.
- (b) Project grant value breakdown is not provided as some project funding was incorporated in the 2025 Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO). This costing reflects funding not included in PEFO.