



Welcome to Hume City Council's Expression of Interest for up to \$20,000 to support multicultural communities in Hume City to access practical support as a result of COVID-19.

This opportunity is funded by the Victorian Government.

Hume City Council will support local organisations working with multicultural communities to meet the demands of increased referrals and service provision by providing funding to organisations to expand the following supports.

- Food relief and essential services (including staffing costs)
- Bicultural workers
- Health services
- Access to computer devices

Hume City Council encourages community led organisations to apply.

Organisations already working with local multicultural communities are also encouraged to apply.

All activities must be carried out in compliance with COVID-19 health directions which can be found at [coronavirus.vic.gov.au](https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

Organisations must be able to begin delivery immediately, and complete project delivery within three months.

PLEASE SEE OVER FOR GUIDELINES, ELIGIBILITY AND EXCLUSIONS



PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES CLOSELY

Applicants who are able to demonstrate that their programs/services directly support at least one of the following languages and community cohorts will be prioritised:

Language groups:

- Arabic, Turkish, Assyrian, Chaldean, Italian, Vietnamese, Punjabi, Sinhalese, Tamil, Hindi, Filipino, Urdu, Samoan

Communities:

- Eritrean, Indian, Iraqi, Jordanian, Lebanese, Nepalese, Filipino, Samoan, Somali, Sri Lankan, Turkish, International Students, recently arrived migrants, and refugee/ asylum seekers

Within these cohorts, the following postcodes/ suburbs are priority areas for service delivery relating to this fund:

- 3047 (Broadmeadows/Dallas/Jacana)
- 3048 (Coolaroo/Meadow Heights)
- 3049 (Attwood/Westmeadows)
- 3064: (focus on Roxburgh Park/Craigieburn)

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, your organisation must be:

- An incorporated entity and registered charity/not for profit organisation with DGR status; or
- A Tertiary institution based in Hume; or
- One of the 15 schools in Hume that provide Community Hubs (eligible for a Community Hubs based/related initiative only)

In addition, your organisation must:

- Provide evidence of existing service and reach to multicultural communities in Hume (this must be identifiable to specific communities, see priority cohorts)
- Provide evidence of appropriate insurances (ie. Public Liability Insurance)
- Engage with Council to agree terms for delivery of the program including providing full financial and statistical acquittal
- Have no outstanding debts with Hume City Council
- Have satisfactorily acquitted any previous funding received by Hume City Council; or

- Have an approved project plan in place for any current funding agreements with Hume City Council
- Be able to demonstrate previous experience in delivering similar activities.
- Be able to demonstrate their capacity to deliver an additional project concurrently, and ability to commence immediately.

WHAT CANNOT BE FUNDED/APPLIED FOR

- Fixed/permanent equipment, building maintenance or capital improvements (such as heating or cooling systems, shade sails, solar panels)
- Activities that require retrospective funding
- Proposals that are inconsistent with the aims of this Fund or Council priorities
- Proposals that include tobacco, alcohol or gambling related activities
- Proposals that primarily address shortfalls in funding, or are already funded from other Local Governments, State and/or Federal Government
- Proposed activities, projects, programs and events that are already owned, managed or funded by Hume City Council

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED

- Proof of Incorporation/DGR status
- Proof of existing service provision and programs
- Bank Details
- Evidence of appropriate insurances (i.e. public liability insurance required)

PLEASE NOTE

- You may be asked for other supporting documents to show that your programs/ services directly support at least one of the identified cohorts.
- You may apply for more than one program stream within the one application form.
- Council will accept only ONE application from any one organisation.
- Maximum funding available: \$20,000 per organisation.

Applicants may not be funded for the full amount requested.

ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS

Food & essential services

- Programs providing direct relief to multicultural members i.e. food parcels*, food vouchers, toiletries and essential items (i.e. medication) phone/internet/utilities vouchers.
- May include up to 25% of total budget for staffing/wages to support delivery of the program.

*Please note, provision of prepared and/or cooked food must be compliant with Food Handling requirements.

Bicultural Workers

- Support for engaging Bicultural workers/ increasing hours of employment for existing bicultural workers to engage with and support target cohort individuals and communities.
- Leverage cultural knowledge, local connections and lived experience to:
 - communicate more effectively on COVID-related messaging/program initiatives; and,
 - provide culturally safe support to help community members access available support services.
- Organisations will need to be able to identify specific multicultural community targeted for worker/s and programs that the workers will be supporting.

- Organisations already working with local multicultural communities are encouraged to apply.
- Preference will be given to organisations that are expanding the capacity of existing bicultural workers or workers that can commence immediately.

Health Services

- Programs with multicultural community that increase knowledge/understanding of COVID-19 risks and prevention, or addressing mental health, family violence, social inclusion, anti-racism activities.
- May include staffing/wages (Preference will be given to organisations that are employing bicultural workers to deliver these programs).

Access to computer devices

- This program is in partnership with **ENABLE Social Enterprise** – ENABLE provide high quality refurbished computers in bulk at low costs, and is for devices only; software and internet access are not included.
- You must be able to identify a specific cohort with an existing need (i.e. culturally specific unemployed cohort, EAL students, partner organisation of local seniors group).
- Families with school children seeking support for home schooling are excluded as State Government Program provides this support.

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