



Participation for CALD Seniors - New small grants program open for applications

A new small grants program to create or expand opportunities for culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) seniors to participate in the community is now open.

Positive ageing research shows that being socially active is important for health and wellbeing. Through the Victorian Government's Participation for CALD Seniors Grants Program, eligible organisations can now apply for up to \$10,000 to help generate opportunities for socially isolated CALD seniors to participate in their local communities.

Four grant rounds will be run over four years. The Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria (ECCV) is working with the Victorian Government on the Participation for CALD Seniors Grants Program. As well as providing assistance and advice to grant applicants, the ECCV will also provide some support to grant recipients on their projects.

The first round is now open for applications and will close on 27 April 2012. More information about the grants is available on Seniors Online (www.seniorsonline.vic.gov.au) or by contacting Georgia Nicholls on (03) 9096 1052 or at Georgia.nicholls@health.vic.gov.au.

Participation for CALD Seniors grants program
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Guidelines and application form

Being socially active in the community is important for health and wellbeing. Evidence shows that older people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD) are often at a higher risk of social isolation due to a range of factors.

What is the CALD Seniors grants program?
The Participation for CALD Seniors grants program is a community grants program that provides small grants to organisations to create or expand social participation opportunities for socially isolated CALD seniors. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available.

To support funded projects, the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria (ECCV) has been funded as an implementation partner. ECCV will:

- provide advice to grant applicants
- support grant recipients to manage their projects
- facilitate cooperation and mutual support amongst groups, organisations and agencies that have received or are supporting grant recipients
- provide advice and support to grant recipients to meet their reporting requirements.

This document includes a form to apply for a grant. Completed and signed forms can be submitted via post or email. If you need assistance completing an application, contact ECCV on (03) 9349 4122.

Definition of social isolation
For the purposes of this grants program, a socially isolated person is defined as someone who is not actively participating in any groups or activities outside their family and is experiencing significant barriers to participation due to their language needs, limited mobility, health, lack of confidence, knowledge of what is available, or other issues.

Who is eligible to apply?
Any incorporated organisation is eligible to apply. Non-incorporated organisations may apply in partnership with an incorporated organisation which will manage the project funds.

If you would like help identifying a potential partner organisation near you, contact ECCV on (03) 9349 4122.

What kinds of activities will be funded?
Applications can be submitted to support social activities, such as arts and crafts, gardening or social outings that demonstrate outreach to and inclusion of isolated CALD older people.

Funded projects might involve specific strategies, such as establishing a buddy system, to build the confidence of individuals to participate in social activities.

Applicants may seek funding for strategies to engage isolated CALD older people in existing activities, such as providing leadership training that allows community champions to connect with isolated CALD people and encourage their participation in suitable activities.

Applications could also seek funding to increase the social activities of existing groups, as long as applicants can demonstrate increased involvement of previously socially isolated older people.

Participation for CALD Seniors grants program - application form
Please attach additional pages for responses where indicated*.

A. Organisation details

Name of organisation: _____
Street address: _____
Suburb: _____ Postal code: _____
Postal address: _____
Suburb: _____ Postal code: _____
Is your organisation incorporated? Yes No
If your organisation is not incorporated, what is the name of your incorporated partner organisation? _____

B. Authorised person
A person with delegated authority to submit this application on behalf of the organisation, such as Chairperson, Secretary, Public Officer or Treasurer.

Title: _____
First name: _____ Last name: _____
Position: _____
Telephone: _____ Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Project details

Project name: _____
Describe the proposed project. (In no more than 200 words.)
Attach additional page/s for this response.
Who will the project operate?
In what suburb or local government area?
What ethnic backgrounds of the people you will be seeking to include?
Is your organisation receiving any other Victorian Government funding for this project/activity?
Provide more information including the funding source. Yes No

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For further information contact Kris Spark,
Manager, Seniors Information Victoria
00 135 090 or via TIS on 13 14 50

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Ministerial Visit to ECCV



The Hon. David Davis, Victorian Minister for Health and Minister for Ageing together with ECCV Director Ross Barnett, ECCV Chairman Joe Caputo OAM and ECCV Deputy Chairs Marion Lau OAM and Eddie Micallef

ECCV hosted an aged care trend briefing on the 16th February. Guest speakers specialising in residential care, community programs and Home and Community Care (HACC) programs spoke about opportunities and challenges in aged care. The meeting provided an opportunity for Managers and CEOs from a range of organisations to ask questions and discuss issues.

The highlight of the meeting was the attendance of the Minister for Health and Minister for Ageing, Hon. David Davis. The Minister addressed the matter of the need for a culturally responsive health and aged care sector.

The Minister referred to the role of ECCV as a key organisation that the state government look to for advice of matters relating to cultural diversity and spoke of the work that is currently taking place. Hon. David Davis also announced a three year funding package directed to the ECCV on a CALD Seniors Social Participation Grant project and an Elder Abuse Community Education and Training strategy.

The Minister took questions from meeting participants and addressed concerns about HACC Planned Activity Group funding, health literacy and use of interpreters.

Galina Kozoolin, Policy Officer - Aged Care ECCV

Seniors Information Victoria (SIV) expands its service

For more than ten years, our Flinders Lane information service has worked to let older people, with English as a second language, know about our service.

We are pleased that a wide circulation of our SIV brochure in 14 languages, in December last year, has resulted in SIV receiving more phone contacts from non-English speakers via the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS).

We offer information and advice in languages

other than English on a range of issues that concern older people.

We also provide information sessions in languages other than English to community groups and have had many requests on topics ranging from concession entitlements to services in the home.

The walls of Seniors Information Victoria at 247 Flinders Lane in Melbourne are decorated with signs in many languages, all inviting people to

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