NT Government Multicultural grants open

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The Northern Territory Government is calling for applications for Round One of the 2016-2017 Multicultural Grants Program (MGP).

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Peter Styles said the MGP provides support for migrant and multicultural communities to develop projects that encourage social inclusion and cohesion.

“The Territory’s long history of cultural and linguistic diversity has enriched our society economically, socially and culturally,” Mr Styles said.

“This grants program provides funding toward the promotion of this rich cultural and linguistic diversity.

“It has supported a number of popular cultural events in recent years such as the Cyprus Food and Wine Festival, the Japanese Community’s Bunka No Hi (Cultural Day) and the Diwali Festival of Lights celebration.

“The MGA is focused on assisting projects through voluntary, charitable or not-for-profit migrant and multicultural community organisations however, other incorporated organisation are eligible to apply.”

Eligible projects must:

- be consistent with the aims of the grants program;
- have identifiable outcomes and project objectives;
- be part of a comprehensive plan to address need(s) identified by the applying organisation/group;
- not have commercially-oriented objectives; and
- be completed within twelve months of receipt of the assistance.

Mr Styles said the NT Government was working with the Territory’s multicultural citizens to achieve increased social cohesion.
“Consultation concluded just last month on our new Draft Multicultural Participation Framework Discussion Paper which will help shape future government policy,” Mr Styles said.

“The Country Liberals Government is working hard to deliver our plans for a prosperous economy, confident culture, strong society and balanced environment and the Multicultural community is an important element of this plan.”

The Multicultural Grants Program Guidelines are available at www.multicultural.nt.gov.au or by contacting the Office of Multicultural Affairs by email at multiculturalaffairs.dcm@nt.gov.au.

Applications close 31 March 2016.

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