

Tuesday, February 27th 2007

CALL FOR MULTICULTURAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Michael Atkinson today called for applications for funds under the second round of the Multicultural Grants Scheme.

The scheme provides more than \$300,000 across the year, and has been increased by more than 300% since the Rann Government came to office in 2002.

“The Government is pleased to support our ethnic and multicultural organisations in increasing the understanding of the culturally diverse society in which we live, improving equality and tolerance, and increasing participation by South Australians of all backgrounds in public life,” Mr Atkinson says.

Grants are made towards projects in four categories: Festivals, Projects and Events, Community Development and Using the Media to Promote Multiculturalism.

Money awarded under the scheme is designed only to cover project costs partially, with applicants expected to make up the difference.

Up to \$20,000 is available for major festivals and up to \$15,000 is available for major projects and events or community schemes.

A list of all the grants provided under the first round of this year’s scheme, announced back in December, can be found on the Multicultural S.A. website www.multicultural.s.gov.au. Among the successful applicants then were:

- **Austrian Association of S.A. Inc.** towards the cost of the activities for the 50th Anniversary celebrations (\$2,000)
- **Chinatown Adelaide of S.A. Inc.** towards the cost of the 2007 Chinatown Lunar New Year celebrations (\$3,500)
- **Club India International S.A. Inc.** towards the cost of the National Cultural Symposium for Anglo-Indians (\$1,100)
- **Flambouron Philanthropic Society of S.A. Inc.** towards the cost of printing a history book to celebrate the 50 Year Anniversary of the Organisation (\$2,000)
- **Filipino Settlement Co-ordinating Council** towards the cost of a two-day Filipino Expo (\$1,000)
- **Kilburn Blair Athol Community Action Group** towards the cost of the 'Together in Diversity' project (\$1,500)
- **Middle Eastern Communities Council of South Australia** towards the cost of the 2007 Middle Eastern Cultural Festival (\$3,000)
- **Migrant Women's Support and Accommodation Services Inc.** towards the cost of the development of a website (\$1,500)

- **Riverland Multicultural Forum Inc.** towards the cost of the 2007 Riverland Multicultural Festival (\$3000)
- **Rotary Club of Murray Bridge** towards the cost of the 2007 Murraylands Multicultural Festival (\$2,500)
- **Somali Community Development Organisation** towards the cost of the 'Somali Women's Cultural Active' Project (\$800)
- **South Australian Bangladeshi Community Association** towards the cost of the 2007 Bangla New Year Festival (\$1,500)
- **South East Multicultural Network** towards the cost of the 2007 Blue Lake Multicultural Festival (\$2,000)
- **Veneto Club Inc.** towards the cost of a data projector (\$1,000)
- **Vietnamese Farmers Association Inc.** towards the cost of the 2007 Vietnamese New Year Festival in Virginia (\$2,500)

“The funded projects allow community groups to showcase the many aspects of South Australia’s multicultural landscape that enrich the lives of us all,” Mr Atkinson says.

Guidelines, application forms and further details are available from the Multicultural S.A. website, by ringing freecall 1800 063 535 or via email multicultural@sa.gov.au.

The deadline for the current round of applications is 30th March 2007.