



# Anna Burke MP

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### Assisting new arrivals in Whitehorse

Newly arrived migrants in Whitehorse will receive greater support and assistance following the announcement of \$659,000 in funding grants, Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke said today.

Chinese Community Social Services Centre and the Migrant Information Centre in Box Hill will receive the support as part of the Government's *Settlement Grants Program*. The program aims to help migrants become self-reliant, contribute to the national economy and acquire crucial skills and knowledge about life in Australia.

"It is essential that we assist migrants to settle successfully into our communities," Ms Burke said.

"Our newest residents make a significant contribution to our society and this grant will assist in their cultural transition into Australian life and encourage greater social participation.

Ms Burke said Chinese Community Social Services Centre will receive \$254,000 in funding to administer projects focussed on family stream entrants.

"This funding will allow the Centre to deliver important initiatives to help Chinese migrants make the transition to life in Australia.

"It will be used to deliver group information sessions, casework, community orientation tours, information about citizenship and front counter service," she said.

Meanwhile, the Migrant Information Centre will receive \$405,000 to implement projects which will assist new arrivals to orient themselves to the community.

"It's about providing practical assistance to promote self-reliance," Ms Burke said.

During the 2010-11 financial year, the Rudd Government will spend \$25.8 million on the Settlement Grants Program to enable 224 organisations to deliver a total of 226 projects.

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