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Funding to Strengthen Community Cohesion

The Federal Government will provide grants of up to \$50,000 for communities to develop projects that build stronger community relations, Federal Member for Chisholm, Anna Burke MP, announced today.

“From today, community organisations can apply for funding of up to \$50,000 under the Diversity and Social Cohesion Program to develop projects that support local communities and address issues of cultural, racial or religious intolerance,” Ms Burke said.

“Community organisations often have great ideas to address issues of cultural, racial and religious intolerance, but sometimes need additional resources to turn their plans into reality.

“A key objective of this government and the grant program is to ensure that there are opportunities for all people to participate in Australian social and cultural life.

“I encourage eligible community organisations across Australia to apply for funding so they can promote participation and build stronger community relations,” Ms Burke said.

Funding will be open to groups such as school communities, non-profit organisations, service clubs, faith groups, sporting bodies, community organisations, youth organisations and local government authorities. Universities and colleges of education are also eligible to apply.

Applications should be lodged with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) by 23 September 2011 to be considered for the first round of offers.

For further information visit www.harmony.gov.au or contact the Diversity and Social Cohesion Program hotline on 1800 782 002.

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