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APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR MULTICULTURAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS FUNDING

Multicultural and multifaith organisations in Hawkesbury are encouraged to apply to for funding to support grassroots festivals and events under Multicultural NSW's Stronger Together Grants Program.

Member for Hawkesbury Robyn Preston said the Stronger Together Grants Program would enable successful organisations to access between \$5,000 and \$15,000 to help organise festivals which celebrate and enhance our state's cultural diversity.

"Community festivals truly bring our local area together, and by supporting grassroots organisations we are fostering an even greater sense of harmony and cultural diversity in our local community," Ms Preston said.

"This program is also about supporting local businesses as thousands flock to festivals across NSW each year, stimulating local economic growth and productivity."

Shadow Minister for Multiculturalism, Mark Coure said the continuation of this successful program is thanks to the former NSW Coalition Government's record investment over two years for our multicultural communities in the 2022-23 Budget.

"Many of our local communities are already home to wonderful and vibrant annual festivals and this funding will go a long way to support existing festivals and encouraging more to occur," Mr Coure said.

The funding is available for community groups planning to deliver festivals and events between 1 March and 31 July 2024.

Applications are open now and close 3pm, Friday 13 October 2023.

For more information, visit <https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/stronger-together-events-festivals/>

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