

# NSW Budget 2024-25

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### A Budget investing in multicultural communities

The Minns Labor Government is making a record investment in building social cohesion and supporting the State's multicultural communities in its 2024-25 NSW Budget.

The multicultural community is a critical part of the fabric of NSW.

To support these communities this Budget commits **\$85 million** over the next four years, including a record ongoing investment for Multicultural NSW.

This is designed to support our multicultural community and provide all NSW residents with access to important government information and services, regardless of where they live or what language they speak.

**\$14.5 million** over four years will be aimed at boosting social cohesion and countering violent extremism, including through the delivery of the world leading COMPACT resilience building program.

Over the 2024-25 financial year, an additional **\$7.5 million** will establish Multilingual NSW as a one-stop-shop across government to provide translation and interpreting services for important messaging, providing hundreds of jobs for community language speakers.

An extra 10,000 interpreting assignments in more than 120 languages will be delivered across NSW Courts following a **\$3 million** investment for 2024-25, creating more than 100 jobs.

Additionally, vulnerable communities will receive enhanced support for community engagement with **\$4 million** in 2024-25 to bolster Community Connection and Wellbeing.

This Budget will help improve social cohesion and community resilience through **\$2.1 million** in 2024-25 for frontline programs to build robust interfaith and cross-cultural relationships, especially targeting online hate and extremism.

Support will also be given for community organisations to deliver significant cultural events through **\$5 million** for Community Cohesion Grants. A further **\$1.2 million** is also being directed towards supporting significant state events to be held in Sydney, particularly in the West and Southwest.

This delivers on the Minns Labor Government's plan to build strong, diverse communities, to build a better NSW.

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