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MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM \$23 MILLION

NSW Budget 2018 provides multicultural communities with world class language services, and the delivery of partnerships and community grants, Minister for Multiculturalism Ray Williams announced.

“With this Budget, we continue to lead the way in advocating for, and investing in, our multicultural society,” Mr Williams said.

“Following our \$10.9 million investment in Community Language Schools last year, this Budget continues the NSW Liberals & Nationals Government’s strong track record in multicultural youth engagement.

“Our Government will distribute \$2.4 million in grants for youth engagement initiatives in sports, arts, community and volunteering organisations.”

An investment of \$12.4 million will continue to promote social cohesion by engaging with communities and funding grassroots multicultural festivals, partnerships and events.

Last year more than 160 festivals, partnerships, events and programs were supported by the Liberal & National Government.

In the coming year, more than 40,000 assignments in more than 100 languages will be delivered through the NSW Government’s world class interpreting and translation services.

Other 2018-19 NSW Budget highlights include:

- \$12.4 million to engage with communities, administer community projects, partnerships and grants, and provide policy advice;
- \$10 million to provide interpreting and translation services in more than 100 languages and dialects.

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