

## Koori Community Safety Grants Information Brochure 2012

### Koori Justice Unit



### What is the Koori Community Safety Grants Program?

Action on crime prevention and community safety initiatives are high priorities for the Victorian Government. In 2012, Minister for Crime Prevention, the Hon Andrew McIntosh MP, announced dedicated funding under the Community Crime Prevention Program (CCPP) to provide grants to support projects that will help prevent violence against women and their children<sup>1</sup>. This Koori Community Safety Grants Program (KCSGP) is a Koori-specific component of that wider grants program.

The KCSGP will provide grant funding of \$2.4 million to implement initiatives that prevent violence in Koori communities, in particular against Koori women and children.

The KCSGP will support innovative, community-based projects that seek to prevent violence before it occurs, or provide early intervention targeted at individuals/groups where there are strong signs that violence may occur.

Projects considered for funding include those that:

- reduce violence against Koori women and children
- reduce violence in the Koori community generally – including lateral violence, community/family feuding, clan rivalry, inter-generational feuding, same-sex fighting and Elder abuse
- promote healthy and respectful relationships or other strategies that reduce violence
- promote anti-violence awareness and messages
- increase the use of support services, including alternative dispute resolution services, that prevent violence
- break cycles of violence through healing activities.

Applicants are encouraged to deliver innovative initiatives that can assist in building a robust evidence base for prevention and early intervention approaches to violence.

The Koori Justice Unit (KJU) is coordinating the KCSGP, which aligns with the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement's objective of addressing Koori over-representation in the criminal justice system, as well as improving access to justice-related services and promoting greater awareness of civil, legal and political rights.

<sup>1</sup> [www.justice.vic.gov.au/violenceagainstwomengrants](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/violenceagainstwomengrants)

## What you need to know to apply for funding

### Who may apply?

Applications will only be accepted from incorporated Victorian Koori community organisations and/or incorporated community organisations in which both the majority of members and directors are Koori.

Applications will not be accepted or considered from organisations that have outstanding program reporting or financial acquittal requirements with the Department of Justice. This requirement can also apply to outstanding program and financial reporting with other Victorian and Commonwealth Government departments and agencies.

### How much funding is available?

Four (4) KCSGP grants will be awarded. Each grant will be for a maximum funding amount of \$590,000 (excluding GST). Payments will be made in instalments of up to \$190,000 in the first year, \$200,000 in the second year and \$200,000 in the final year.

At least two of the projects funded will be based in regional Victoria.

### When can projects commence?

Applicants should seek funding for projects that commence no earlier than 23 January 2013 and will be delivered over a three year period.

### Where can I find the guidelines and application?

The **Program Guidelines 2012** and **Expression of Interest** form can be obtained from your Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) Executive Officer, or online at the Department of Justice website [www.justice.vic.gov.au](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au)

If you are accessing these online, look under 'Your Rights → Indigenous Victorians → Aboriginal Justice → Initiatives of the Victorian Aboriginal Justice Agreement → Community Programs' OR type 'Community Programs' into the search box in the top right-hand corner of the homepage.

### How do I apply?

1. Read the **Program Guidelines 2012** to ensure your organisation and project are eligible for funding.
2. Contact the Regional Aboriginal Justice Advisory Committee (RAJAC) Executive Officer in your respective region to discuss the application and process for obtaining RAJAC endorsement.
3. Complete the **Expression of Interest** (EOI) form and submit to your relevant RAJAC Executive Officer.
4. If your EOI is selected to proceed to the next stage of the application process, you will be invited to submit a Full Application and provided with a \$5,000 grant to assist in its development. In addition to submitting the Full Application, applicants will be required to attend a Select-Project Management Committee (Select-PMC) meeting to provide a short presentation on the proposed project.

### Who makes decisions about funding?

The process for assessing applications is undertaken in partnership between Koori community and Victorian Government representatives. This process involves:

- endorsement of EOIs by the relevant RAJAC
- prioritisation of EOIs by the Project Management Committee (PMC)
- prioritisation of Full Applications by Select-PMC
- approval for funding by the Minister for Crime Prevention.

Further details about the assessment and approval process (including membership of PMC and Select-PMC) are available in the **Program Guidelines 2012**.

### What is the closing date for submitting my EOI?

All EOIs must first be endorsed by the respective RAJAC and then submitted to the KJU by **15 August 2012**.

Please note that this may require submitting your EOI to the RAJAC several weeks prior to the closing date above (depending on when the RAJAC will be meeting to consider applications). Please contact your RAJAC Executive Officer to discuss.

The RAJAC Executive Officer is responsible for submitting endorsed EOIs to the KJU. The KJU **will not accept** EOIs directly from applicants.

## How do I obtain RAJAC endorsement of my EOI?

Contact your RAJAC Executive Officer to discuss your EOI, the application process and deadline for submitting your EOI to the RAJAC.

RAJAC Executive Officer contact details are as follows:

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<b>Southern Metropolitan RAJAC</b> Vacant (contact the KJU)	

If you are unable to contact your RAJAC Executive Officer, further information can be obtained from:

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## What happens after I apply?

The PMC will meet in September 2012 to consider EOIs and prioritise projects to proceed to Full Application stage. The KJU will advise all applicants of the outcome of their EOI in writing.

Applicants who are invited to proceed to the next stage, will have approximately four weeks to complete and submit a **Full Application** form. The Select-PMC will meet in November 2012 to consider Full Applications.

Pending endorsement of the Full Application by the Select-PMC, approval of funding will be sought from the Minister for Crime Prevention. The KJU will notify all applicants of the outcome of their application in writing.

## Will funded projects be evaluated?

Successful grant recipients will be required to ensure that an independent evaluation of their project is undertaken and submitted to the KJU with an interim and final report. It is recommended that 10-15 per cent of the funding proposal is allocated to this task.

All organisations will be required to monitor their project on an ongoing basis, and provide six-monthly performance and financial reports outlining progress against pre-determined project outputs, outcomes, and milestones developed in conjunction with the KJU.