

**Question on Notice  
No. 308  
Asked on 22 March 2005**

MRS ATTWOOD asked the Premier and Minister for Trade (MR BEATTIE) -

**QUESTION:**

- (1) Will he advise the types of grants available to organisations who wish to promote multiculturalism in the Greater Brisbane Region?
- (2) Are these expected to change in the coming financial year?

**ANSWER:**

- (1) Organisations who wish to promote multiculturalism in Queensland may apply for grants under the Multicultural Assistance Program administered by Multicultural Affairs Queensland within the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

Under the Program, funding is available for community festivals and events that promote multiculturalism and positive community relations, and for multicultural community projects with potential for strategic impact in areas of community development, community relations and cultural heritage.

Funding is also available for small community events to support emerging communities and communities in high need to stage events designed to promote an understanding of their culture and heritage to the wider community.

- (2) Grants awarded under the Multicultural Assistance Program have proved such a success that the only significant change is that this year the grants round will open earlier. Community organisations will be able to apply for grants from May 2005, enabling the announcement of successful grants well in advance of the end of the year.