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MULTICULTURAL EVENTS AND FESTIVALS SET TO BRIGHTEN STREETS OF CASTLE HILL

Community groups will be hosting cultural events and festivals across Castle Hill with support from a record \$1 million investment by the NSW Government.

The groups are among more than 160 that are being supported with a share in \$1.09 million through the NSW Government's Stronger Together Grants Program to host local cultural events and festivals.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said this investment has been made possible thanks to the \$28 million multi-year funding that had been secured through the 2022-23 NSW Budget.

These events and festivals are just what Castle Hill needs to help celebrate our diverse communities and bring people together in family-friendly environments," Mr Williams said.

"While bringing people together they will also help break down barriers between cultures and build mutual understanding and respect of each other."

Groups that applied for funding were awarded between \$5,000 and \$15,000 to host their events.

Community groups are also able to apply for grants through the Stronger Together Project Grants. Funding between \$20,000 and \$40,000 is on offer to groups wanting to develop projects that help drive social cohesion in their local area.

Funding will be available for projects delivered between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023. Applications for these grants will be open until 5pm Friday, 26 August. More information about the grants can be found at <https://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/grants>

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