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COMMUNITY LANGUAGE GRANTS AN INVESTMENT IN OUR YOUTH

More young Australians will have the opportunity to learn another language through the Morrison Government's \$10m community language grants program.

A total of 364 community language schools across Australia will receive a base payment of \$1,500 and a per capita payment of up to \$60,000 in grant funding.

The grants can be used to support their operational costs such as staff wages, teaching materials and resources, as well as professional development programs.

Acting Minister for Immigration, Citizenship, Migrant Services and Multicultural Affairs Alan Tudge said the grants will deliver a stronger Australia.

"Dual language skills give young Australians a competitive edge in an increasing globalised workforce, and build our capacity as a nation to engage openly and confidently with the rest of the world," he said.

"It also strengthens social cohesion by connecting young Australians to other cultures, which is so important given our diverse multicultural society."

Community language schools across Australia provide language programs in 70 different languages, teaching more than 100,000 school-aged children (up to year 12) after school or on weekends.

Applications for a second stream of funding, with up to \$25,000 available for projects that support the community language school sector, are currently under assessment with a decision regarding outcomes to be made soon.

More information on the Program is available on GrantConnect, the Government's community grants website www.grants.gov.au

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