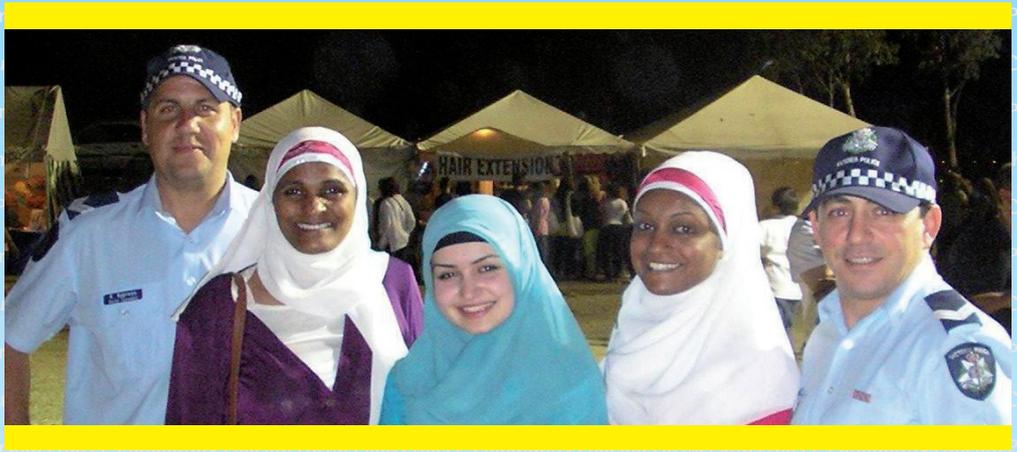


Community Policing Partnership Project

Helping to build social cohesion and harmony in partnership with Australian Muslim communities.



Police and communities working together



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improving awareness building bridges between police and multicultural communities Identifying

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY POLICING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (CPPP)?

The Community Policing Partnership Program (CPPP) is a partnership program between police services, the community, the Australian Human Rights Commission and the Australian Multicultural Foundation (AMF).

The CPPP is one of several programs that the Australian Human Rights Commission is running over three years, with special funding from the Commonwealth government, to promote social cohesion and counteract discriminatory views and intolerance towards Muslim Australians. While these projects have a “whole-of-community” approach, the program will focus on ensuring Australian Muslim communities are an essential partner in and beneficiary of these projects.

It is an initiative aimed to build relationships and a sense of trust between communities and police in multiple locations around Australia. The program will provide funding and strategic support for police and community groups to respond to issues that have been identified and agreed on between them.

Police and community groups are invited to form partnerships and to then propose specific projects that will build bridges between police and Australian Muslim communities. Prevention programs are a particular focus of the CPPP.

Through this initiative, the CPPP will add value to cultural diversity in community life and demonstrate positive responses to community policing.

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM

The objectives of the CPPP are to:

- improve relationships, and increase trust, between Muslim communities, police and support services
- promote awareness amongst Muslim community members of their rights, responsibilities and avenues of complaint
- demonstrate good-practice examples of partnerships which improve relationships between police and Australian Muslim communities, and can be used as models that may be replicated in other communities and in other locations
- improve awareness of the diversity of Muslim communities, an understanding of Islam and the issues relevant to Australian Muslim communities across the general ranks of police through education, consultation and other activities
- provide a two-way flow of experience, information and direction for police and Muslim communities to identify emerging issues, address common questions and challenges to break down stereotyping on both sides
- identify good practice in policing at local level which may assist other law enforcement agencies to develop new resources and tools, enhance community policing activities, and to help respond to complaints relating to discrimination and abuse.

As part of the overall community policing initiative, the benefits of local projects will be documented and will culminate in a special report. This will contribute to an evidence-base for a greater role for early intervention and crime prevention in policing.

Building relationships and a sense of trust between communities and police

Building social cohesion and harmony

Building good practice in policing at local level

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FUNDING?

Applications for funding can be made by police officers or community groups where there is a partnership involved with issues relating to cultural, religious and social harmony, and which include both police and Australian Muslim communities and, if relevant, other local communities. Priority will be given to project proposals which:

- are adequately documented
- build on existing networks and programs
- have a capacity to expand the partnership to include government, community, business or other relevant sectors

* If the community group is the partner applying for the funding, a copy of certificate of incorporation and the latest annual report must be attached to the application form.

SPECIAL EXCLUSIONS

The fund will not support the following:

- travel
- vehicle purchase
- buildings and other forms of capital investment
- purchase of books, videos, DVDs or similar collateral
- scholarships for personal study
- more than one request for funding in a 12 month period
- individuals

CRITERIA FOR CPPP

Preference will be given to projects that:

- meet a community need or needs that have been identified after community consultations
- serve as a model or innovation for others to address similar or comparable issues
- result in the production of resources that can be used to further CPPP objectives.
- are capable of replication
- address contemporary issues or challenges for police
- demonstrate a partnership arrangement that meets the CPPP objectives
- are able to attract other funding or support
- involves the community throughout all stages of the project
- are on-going or which establish sustainable activities



RECEIVING APPLICATIONS

The Community Policing Partnership Program has a formal application form attached to these guidelines. Applications will be considered by the selection committee that include representatives from the police, Muslim communities, the Australian Human Rights Commission and the AMF. This is the first round of funding with two more rounds in 2008 and 2009. Applicants should be aware that, because of limited available funds, this does not allow for all proposals of merit to be funded. An unsuccessful application does not necessarily mean that it was not well regarded by the selection panel. Accordingly, selection panel decisions are generally not open to review or appeal. Feedback, however, on applications will be provided.

The CPPP will consider grants of up to \$10,000

CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

Applicants seeking funds through this program must be prepared to sign a Funding Agreement in the event that their application is successful. This agreement will cover the following areas:

- terms of agreement, the level of funding, and payment schedules
- details of how funds are to be spent
- assessment and review of the project (i.e.: how the project is to be reviewed)
- report upon completion of project
- identification of all parties involved
- recognition of the Australian Human Rights Commission and AMF in all printed material and at all events
- financial statement certifying expenditure.

PROCEDURES:

Applications may be downloaded from the internet.

The Community Policing Partnership Program applications must address the selection criteria.

All applicants must complete the Grants Application Form. It is essential that all questions are answered and all requested information and documentation are supplied.

Applications must be received by the AMF by February 16, 2009

The applications may be submitted by email, fax or hard copy.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome by letter.

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