

2023–24 Victorian State Budget

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Portfolio overview

Supporting Victoria's multicultural and multifaith communities by:

- › celebrating and sharing diverse cultures and traditions
- › improving inclusion and participation of multicultural Victorians
- › supporting access to services and information
- › including the voice of multicultural communities in government's work
- › working with the Victorian Multicultural Commission
- › providing support for newly arrived communities.



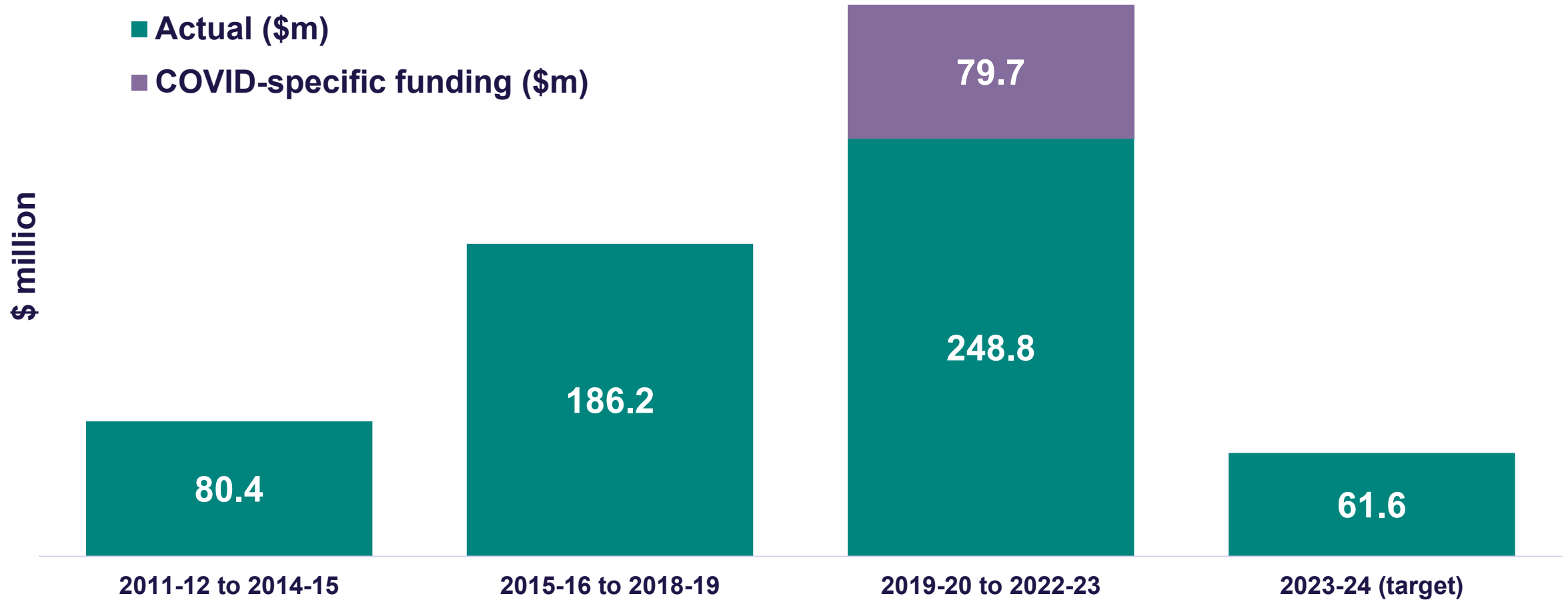
Achievements in the last 12 months

- › Funded 458 multicultural festivals and events
- › Funded 33 multicultural community infrastructure projects including upgrades and new builds
- › Supported 77 organisations with capacity building grants
- › Supported almost 1,000 multicultural seniors' groups to build stronger connections with their communities
- › Raised awareness of the religious and cultural use of the sacred swastika, as part of work to ban Nazi symbols
- › Provided a tailored emergency response for multicultural communities during the 2022 floods.



Investment in the portfolio 2014–15 to 2023–24

Multicultural Affairs Policy and Programs output



Funding the government's election commitments

The 2023-24 Victorian State Budget invests \$69.7 million in the multicultural affairs portfolio to deliver:

- › **\$40 million** to build better community spaces and facilities
- › **\$12 million** to deliver community events and festivals of significance
- › **\$9.8 million** to support the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria, Bachar Houli Foundation, the Victorian African Communities Action Plan and multicultural museums
- › **\$6 million** to deliver anti-vilification campaigns
- › **\$1.5 million** to support multicultural media
- › **\$450,000** to support key community organisations.



Portfolio priorities for the year ahead

In 2023-24, key priorities include:

- › Delivering on the Victorian African Communities Action Plan to improve the outcomes of Victorians of African heritage
- › Delivering state culturally significant events celebrating multicultural communities
- › Supporting reforms including anti-vilification protections for multicultural and multifaith Victorians
- › Establishing a new law reform consultative committee
- › Supporting newly arrived migrant communities
- › Continuing development of Victoria's first whole-of-government Anti-Racism Strategy



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