



2024-25 Victorian State Budget

Public Accounts and Estimates
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Portfolio overview

Supporting Victoria's multicultural and faith communities by:

- celebrating cultural diversity and traditions
- fostering community connections through cultural spaces
- facilitating equitable access to support services
- addressing racism and religious vilification
- supporting newly arrived communities
- working with communities to improve outcomes
- working with the Victorian Multicultural Commission.

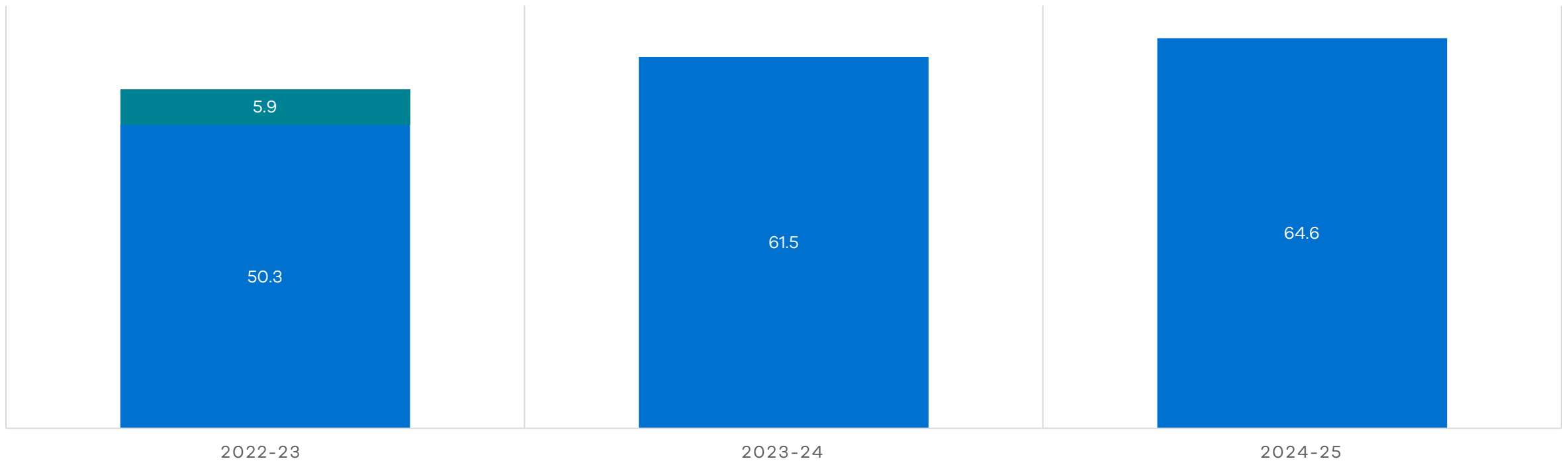


Portfolio investment since 2014-15

Since 2014, more than \$600 million has been invested in the Multicultural Affairs portfolio.

MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS TOTAL OUTPUT COST

■ \$ million ■ COVID-specific funding



Achievements in the last 12 months

In 2023-24 the Multicultural Affairs portfolio has:

- delivered **\$5.6 million** to fund 678 multicultural festivals and events
- provided **\$8.2 million** funding for 30 multicultural community infrastructure projects with more to be delivered
- invested **\$6 million** in community-led initiatives countering Islamophobia and antisemitism
- delivered **\$4.5 million** to enable targeted supports for Victorians of African heritage



Funding for government election commitments

Work is underway to deliver \$69.7 million in funding for election commitments including:

- **\$40 million** for improving community spaces and facilities
- **\$12 million** for community events and festivals
- **\$9.8 million** for the Ethnic Communities Council of Victoria, Bachar Houli Foundation, the Victorian African Communities Action Plan and multicultural museums
- **\$6 million** for anti-vilification campaigns
- **\$1.5 million** for multicultural media



The 2024-25 Victorian State Budget delivers

- **\$5.0 million** from the Multicultural Affairs portfolio for the Victorian African Communities Action Plan to deliver the successful Employment Brokers and Alcohol and Other Drugs Outreach programs
- **\$4.4 million** in support for newly arrived migrant communities, including funding for Community Hubs and Refugee Legal
- **\$4 million** for anti-vilification measures to support release of Victoria's first Anti-Racism Strategy



Thank you