



Settlement Grants Program (SGP) 2012–2013

About the SGP

The Australian government recognises the role the community sector plays in the provision of settlement services for newly arrived humanitarian entrants and migrants.

Through the government's National Compact with the not-for-profit sector, the government aims to find new and better ways of working together with the sector based on mutual trust, respect and collaboration. This is based on a shared vision, purpose, principles and aspirations.

Strengthening the SGP

In recognition of the specialised nature of settlement services, the Australian government has strengthened the SGP to enhance the quality of settlement services being provided to eligible entrants.

The outcomes of settlement services will also be aligned with the key measures of social participation, economic well-being, independence, personal wellbeing and connection to the community.

Aim of the SGP

The SGP is guided by the following overarching policy principles and SGP providers will develop:

1. Welcoming communities

Work in communities to support responsive local services, build capacity and community connections, and create a welcoming environment and opportunities for new arrivals.

2. Connected individuals

Work with individuals through the provision of casework services to connect them to mainstream services.

3. Connected government

Promote access and equity by playing a brokerage and advocacy role with government agencies on behalf of new communities.

In addition to this, targeted support will be provided for emerging communities to help build their capacity to assist in their settlement.



Through the SGP, the government's aim is to assist eligible entrants to settle, become self-reliant and participate equitably in Australian society as soon as possible after arrival. Eligible clients include:

- humanitarian entrants
- family migrants with low levels of English proficiency
- dependants of skilled migrants in rural and regional areas with low English proficiency.

The delivery of settlement services

Supporting the ongoing nature of settlement services, the government will fund SGP grants in 2012-13 primarily for the delivery of refugee and migrant settlement services and support for emerging ethno-specific communities.

Refugee and migrant settlement services are usually delivered by not-for-profit community based organisations, generally located in areas where people are settling. These organisations usually have strong

links to their target group(s) and/or focus on working explicitly with migrant and humanitarian entrants and their communities. Funding will be for the following types of services:

- casework or coordination and delivery of services
- community coordination and development
- youth settlement services.

In the absence of organisations in areas of settlement need or where there is insufficient capacity to meet the demand, consideration will be given to funding generalist organisations with the capacity to deliver settlement services.