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**Department of Immigration
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National Action Plan to Build on Social Cohesion, Harmony and Security

DIMA Managed Community Partnerships 2005-06

Organisation: African Think Tank
Project Name: African Community Initiative workshop
Suburb: **State:** Victoria
Amount: \$5,500

Project Summary: This project assisted the African refugee community in Victoria to better plan for its future in multicultural Australia, including opportunities for employment and leadership for African youth. The workshop identified challenges at the individual, family and whole of community levels over the short, medium and long-term and developed strategies to maximise participation of grass roots African refugee communities in Victoria.

Organisation: Al Amanah College Inc
Project Name: The Australian Muslims Education and Mentoring Project
Suburb: West Sydney **State:** New South Wales
Amount: \$157,866

Project Summary: This project is building Muslim community capacity to respond to extremism issues through leadership development. The education and communication strategies aim to address misunderstandings about Islam and to better inform both Muslim and non-Muslim communities that Islam is against extremism. The project also aims to assist the Muslim community to construct an 'Australian Muslim identity'.

About the Organisation: Al-Amanah College was established in 1998 and has more than 600 students. It offers a bilingual teaching curriculum.

Organisation: Canberra Islamic Centre
Project Name: National Conference of Muslim Women Sawt Voices of Women
Suburb: Monash **State:** ACT
Amount: \$11,400

Project Summary: A two-day conference for Australian Muslim women was held to explore ways in which Muslim women can be further empowered to participate in public life both within the Muslim community and in wider Australian society. The conference included a mix of speakers, discussion forums, and workshops on a range of issues facing Muslim women.

About the Organisation: The Canberra Islamic Centre (CIC) aims to raise the profile of Muslims amongst Muslims in Canberra, promotes and celebrates the culturally and socially diverse identity of Canberra Muslims, maintains an educational centre and fosters co-operation and communication between different ethnic groups of Muslims through newsletters, social functions and festival celebrations.

Organisation: Christian Schools Australia
Project Name: Faith-based Schools Symposium
Suburb: North Ryde **State:** New South Wales
Amount: \$20,050

Project Summary: This was a two-day symposium for school and community leaders to discuss ways in which faith-based schools can produce engaged, informed and law-abiding citizens. The program for the symposium was developed around the theme *Choice, Engagement, Service – What We Offer To Australian Society*.

About the Organisation: Christian Schools Australia fosters leadership, growth and excellence in Christian school education. Membership includes 150 schools nationally, with around 55,000 students and 3,000 teaching staff.

Organisation: Forum on Australia's Islamic Relations (FAIR)
Project Name: Youth Fusion
Suburb: Auburn **State:** New South Wales
Amount: \$116,906

Project Summary: The project will engage young people who are looking for post-secondary school guidance by offering them a number of programs that reinforce Islamic and Australian values, strong leadership and a deeper understanding of the self. FAIR will also provide youth mentoring which will involve leadership training and public speaking.

About the Organisation: FAIR is a community organisation of young Australians working to enhance the position of Muslims and to promote a positive image of the grassroots Islamic community in Australia through advocacy, public relations and by engaging the media.

Organisation: I-Care
Project Name: Interfaith Youth Camp & Youth Group
Suburb: **State:** Queensland
Amount: \$24,250

Project Summary: A four-day camp was held in Queensland to allow Muslim youth to interact with youth from other religions in a peaceful and harmonious environment.

About the Organisation: I-Care is a community and welfare organisation based in Brisbane, which focuses on 3 areas of need within Muslim communities: families in crisis, children in foster care and youth.

Organisation: Islamic Council of Tasmania
Project Name: Muslim Community Information Sessions
Suburb: West Hobart **State:** Tasmania
Amount: \$10,730

Project Summary: This project is a series of information sessions about Islam which will be delivered to colleges, schools (primary and high school), church communities, the University of Tasmania, the Hobart Mosque, Hobart City Hall, Tasmanian Police Academy, Lions Club, and to 'Spirituality in the Pub' program. It will also organise interfaith forums with Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and other faith communities.

Organisation: Islamic Women's Welfare Council of Victoria
Project Name: Community Capacity Building Programme Development
Suburb: Northcote **State:** Victoria
Amount: \$36,939

Project Summary: The Self Esteem, Identity, Leadership and Community (SILC) Participation Project for Youth is a research and scoping project to adapt the SILC for women program for delivery to young Muslim people. It aims to develop preventive and proactive methods to deal with issues of personal, psychological and social wellbeing.

The Connectedness, Interdependence, Regard, Commitment, Love, Empathy, (CIRCLE) aims to build Muslim family capacity to assist them to deal with disadvantage and develop interpersonal skills to prevent the psychological and emotional factors that contribute to extremism. It will address intergenerational issues between parents and children, and provide information about Australian adolescent development, effective parenting, and peaceful conflict resolution.

About the Organisation: The Islamic Women's Welfare Council of Victoria is a community welfare organisation established and managed by Muslim women for Muslim women. The Council was established in 1991, as a non-religious organisation reflecting the ethnic, cultural, linguistic and sectarian diversity of Muslim women living in the state of Victoria. It aims to facilitate Muslim women's full participation and integration into Australian society.

Organisation: Islamic Women's Welfare Council of Victoria
Project Name: Community Consultation on Training of Imams
Suburb: Northcote **State:** Victoria
Amount: \$32,000

Project Summary: This project investigated community attitudes towards the development of religious training and education options for imams in Australia. The research was conducted through community consultation focus groups and individual interviews with imams, women and other relevant stakeholders in Victoria such as academics, community leaders and workers, as well as Victorian state government bodies providing services to Muslim women and youth.

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Organisation: Islamic Women's Welfare Council of Victoria
Project Name: Reclaiming a Diverse Australia
Suburb: Northcote **State:** Victoria
Amount: In-kind assistance

Project Summary: This project involved research into perceptions held by non-Muslim people living in Victoria of Muslim women and Muslims in general. The research looked at various sources of information, media representation and made suggestions for improved relations.

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Organisation: Islamic Women's Welfare Council of Victoria
Project Name: Self Esteem, Identity, Leadership and Community Participation Project (SILC) – for Women
Suburb: Northcote **State:** Victoria
Amount: \$48,000

Project Summary: The Self Esteem, Identity, Leadership and Community Participation for Women (SILC) workshops promote positive change for Muslim women at the individual, family and community levels, and in the broader Australian community, and assist them to understand their rights and responsibilities. It is designed to develop Muslim women's leadership capacities and personal skills in a range of areas, including education, the workplace, parenting and dealing with domestic violence.

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Organisation: Minaret College
Project Name: Forum to Develop an Islamic Leadership Program
Suburb: Springvale **State:** Victoria
Amount: \$1,192

Project Summary: This forum brought together key stakeholders to discuss a tertiary program in Islamic Leadership. The Islamic Leadership Program is expected to be a public diploma program with several courses of studies. The aim of the program is to produce knowledgeable and viable leaders from within Australian Muslim communities who could relate Islam to the Australian context.

About the Organisation: Minaret College aims to provide an integrated Islamic and secular education and produce Muslim graduates, who are independent, self-motivated, and possess the knowledge and skills to compete for admission to universities of their choice.

Organisation: Monash University
Project Name: Introducing Australia: A Short Course for Clergy New to Australia
Suburb: Monash University **State:** Victoria
Amount: \$60,000

Project Summary: This project aimed to impart knowledge and understanding of Australia's cultures, values, political and religious diversity to Australian religious workers, particularly members of the clergy who are new arrivals in Australia. Course material was designed and delivered for a two day course that familiarised religious workers with Australian values. Topics included Australia's legal and constitutional framework, religious/ethnic composition, religious settlement, interfaith relations, political culture, and media.

About the Organisation: This course was developed by Monash University's School of Political and Social Inquiry.

Organisation: Muslim Women's National Network of Australia
Project Name: Building Bridges
Suburb: Auburn **State:** New South Wales
Amount: \$9,600

Project Summary: This project is promoting understanding, engagement and integration between Muslim women and other sections of the community through a series of events based on the United Nations Calendar of International Days. The events will dispel misunderstandings of Muslim women and build positive relations between Muslims and non-Muslims.

About the Organisation: The Muslim Women's National Network of Australia (MWNNA) is a peak body representing a network of Muslim women's organisations and individuals throughout Australia. The MWNNA is a multicultural Muslim women's organisation that welcomes Muslim women of all ages, occupations and ethnicities.

Organisation: Muslim Women's National Network of Australia
Project Name: Muslim Women's participation in Islamic Religious Life in Australia
Suburb: Auburn **State:** New South Wales
Amount: \$6,750

Project Summary: This project aims to investigate how Australian imams and religious scholars are positioned in relation to their attitudes towards Muslim women's participation in religious and broader society. This research is building on earlier project research, which investigated women's access to mosques in Sydney. The research is based on individual interviews with local imams and religious scholars.

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Organisation: Rotary Tasmania
Project Name: Rotary Youth Leadership Programme
Suburb: Hobart **State:** Tasmania
Amount: \$932.21

Project Summary: A member of Tasmania's Muslim community was selected to participate in the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) 2006 program. RYLA is an intensive leadership programme for young people aged 18 to 26. The programme topics included leadership fundamentals, ethics of positive leadership, the importance of communication skills, problem-solving and conflict management, building self-confidence and self-esteem, community and global citizenship, as well as Rotary's purpose and service to the community.

About the Organisation: Rotary Tasmania comprises business and professional leaders who take an active role in their communities. Rotary members effect change within the community, develop leadership skills, study and work on international humanitarian issues and develop relationships with community and business leaders.

Organisation: Royal Life Saving Society Australia
Project Name: NSW Muslim Youth Aquatic Recreation Project Stage 1
Suburb: Auburn **State:** New South Wales
Amount: \$50,000

Project Summary: This project expanded an existing Arabic youth programme to areas with high Muslim populations. Young people from Arabic communities were trained in the Bronze Medallion qualification and in pool life-guarding. The project developed links between Muslim community groups, Royal Life Saving and local aquatic facilities. It also provided employment skills oriented towards aquatic careers and assisted aquatic facilities to provide facilities to meet Muslim community needs.

About the Organisation: Royal Life Saving is a national water safety, swimming and life saving education organisation which has been serving Australia for over 100 years.

Organisation: TAFE QLD
Project Name: Justice of the Peace Training
Suburb: Southbank **State:** Queensland
Amount: \$13,612

Project Summary: This project funded community members to undertake a TAFE Justice of the Peace training course. The intent was for leading members of the community to be educated and available to Muslim community members to provide advice on basic legal and policing matters.

Organisation: The University of Newcastle
Project Name: Crossing Bridges and Strengthening Harmony: Understanding Muslim Australians
Suburb: Callahan **State:** New South Wales
Amount: \$9,790

Project Summary: This project created a brochure and an online document aimed at the whole community to provide information about Muslim beliefs, practices and customs. These publications included frequently asked questions and ideas for how the mainstream community can build closer relationships with Muslim people. The brochure was distributed to police, academics, councils and the broader community. An information booklet was also produced for Muslims new to Newcastle to assist with their adjustment to living in a new city and country.

About the Organisation: International Student Support Services at The University of Newcastle provides international students with a range of welfare and support services, and ensures that they have access to the services and information that will make their stay in Newcastle a rich and academically rewarding experience.