



Refugee Advice and Casework Service

Established in 1987, RACS provides free, expert legal services to asylum seekers and refugees in need.

RACS strives to ensure that individuals and families at risk of persecution gain access to equal and fair representation before the law so they may be granted due protection in accordance with Australia's international obligations.

After 85% of its funding was retracted by the Federal Government, RACS presented VFFF with a comprehensive fundraising strategy to develop an independent future. This resulted in a Challenge Grant, suggested by VFFF as a means to incentivise RACS and its potential supporters. Under the terms of the grant, VFFF committed to contributing up to \$660,000 over two years. For every dollar raised by RACS, VFFF provides another \$0.33 once its quarterly fundraising target has been reached.

"RACS is now providing more legal advice to people striving to obtain safety than at any time in our 26 year history. The Challenge Grant has provided RACS with a clear incentive to reach and exceed our fundraising and humanitarian goals. It has also had the effect of affirming everyone connected with RACS, from our staff to our volunteers and supporters, but especially the worthy and resilient people we serve every day." - RACS

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Refugee Advice and
Casework Service (RACS)
transition to a new
financial model.