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TOWARDS A BETTER CENTACARE AREA

Katherine residents can look forward to a more pleasant public space with the Territory Government granting \$14,800 towards improving the area around Centacare NT on the corner of Giles and First Streets.

Centacare NT successfully applied for the funding in the 2004/05 round of the NT Crime Prevention Grant scheme.

Justice Minister Dr Peter Toyne today announced the grant, along with 15 others throughout the NT ranging from a protocol for bar staff on how to deal with drug facilitated sexual assault (aka drink spiking) to an early intervention family support program.

“This is an important part of the Building Safer Communities framework – communities and the Government working together to combat crime,” Dr Toyne said.

“Property crime has already been cut in half and we’re working hard to reduce the rate of violent crime.

“The Centacare project will include replacing damaged street furniture, commissioning a community art project and improving the physical surrounds of the 60-year-old Tamarind Tree.

As well as the Centacare project the wide range of grant recipients include: \$50,000 to Mission Australia for its *Community Safety Through Family Participation* pilot project, \$15,000 to the Alice Springs Youth Accommodation Support Service for its *Deadly Treadlies* program and \$13,000 to the Aherrenge Association Inc for a music project.

A project list with more detail is attached. There was also some funding to ongoing programs for previous crime grants’ recipients.

The NT Crime Prevention Grant Scheme annually grants \$400,000 in funding to support community crime prevention projects that build safer communities. It is split over three levels – small crime prevention grants, regional crime prevention council grants and targeted crime prevention grants.

Small Crime Prevention Grants:

Small grants of up to \$15,000. Available to community organisations to develop innovative crime prevention projects.

Regional and Indigenous Crime Prevention Council Grants:

Establishing Regional and Indigenous Crime Prevention Councils is a key focus of the Government's plan to tackle crime across the Territory.



The Regional and Indigenous Crime Prevention Grant pool includes specific grants of \$5000 to establish Regional and Indigenous Crime Prevention Councils, and grant funding to support the development of regional crime prevention projects.

Regional and Indigenous Crime Prevention Councils may apply for grant funding for regional crime prevention strategies.

The Councils stimulate and sustain community involvement in crime prevention and provide advice to Government on what's working in crime prevention for each region of the Territory.

Targeted Crime Prevention Grants:

Evidence based crime prevention strategies that target identified crime problems may be eligible for Targeted Crime Prevention Grant funding.

A total funding pool of \$180,000 each year is available for larger targeted crime prevention projects.

Projects may also be eligible for recurrent funding in this category.

Trial crime prevention projects can be eligible for targeted crime prevention grants and proposed projects can be co-funded by Government or other partners.

The \$20,500 grant to the Shop Distributive and Allied Employees Association in a previous round helped produce a Shop Safe Kit for retailers which is used to reduce the incidence of crime in the retail industry, particularly armed robbery and other violent crimes against retail workers.

The grants are administered by the Office of Crime Prevention in the Department of Justice.

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