

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Territory Families and Urban Housing:

Funding for Domestic Violence Programs

On 1 December 2021, the Minister for Territory Housing and Urban Housing announced that an additional \$15 million in funding would be made available to combat domestic violence in the Northern Territory.

1. Please provide details as to which organisations will be recipients of this additional funding.

ANSWER

- \$6.5 million to Dawn House to build seven transitional and crisis accommodation homes;
 - \$3 million for Katherine Women's Crisis Centre infrastructure grant funding to increase capacity;
 - \$1.5 million for Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter infrastructure grant funding to build six transitional accommodation homes;
 - \$1 million in funding for *Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Partnership Grants*
 - \$2.05 million in remote non-government operated domestic and family violence Safe House infrastructure grant funding.
2. Please provide details as to how much each recipient organisation will receive as part of this additional funding.

ANSWER

- As listed above.
- *Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Partnership Grants* were launched on 10 February 2022 with the grant round closing on 7 April 2022 – they are currently being assessed.
- Non-government operated domestic and family violence Safe Houses, who had not already received infrastructure funding, were invited to apply for infrastructure grant funding with the applications now assessed and awarded as below:

Specialist DFV Service	Allocation ex GST
Miyalk Domestic and Family Violence Shelter (Crisis Accommodation Gove)	\$68,073
One Tree Community Services (Wadeye Safe House)	\$110,686
Galiwin'ku Women's Space	\$141,205
West Arnhem Regional Council (Gunbalanya Safe House)	\$43,655
Mabunji Aboriginal Corporation (Borrooloola Safe House)	\$25,429
CatholicCare NT (Milikapiti Safe House)	\$149,387
CatholicCare NT (Naiyu Safe House)	\$63,573
SUB-TOTAL NORTHERN	\$602,008
Women's Safety Services of Central Australia	\$566,875
Barkly Regional Council (Ali Curung and Elliot Safe Houses)	\$56,675
Tennant Creek Women's Refuge	\$178,722
SUB-TOTAL SOUTHERN	\$802,272
YWCA	\$100,000
DIMS (DAIWS)	\$197,114
SUB TOTAL DARWIN	\$297,114
TOTAL ESTIMATE	\$1,701,394
Remainder - to be transferred to the DFSV partnerships grants program	\$348,606

3. Please provide details on what services each recipient organisation will be providing to combat domestic violence.

ANSWER

Dawn House provides services to women and children escaping domestic and family violence which includes provision of safe and secure crisis accommodation for women and children, domestic violence counselling and domestic violence community education.

The **Katherine Women's Crisis Centre (KWCC)** provides safe and supportive accommodation for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence. KWCC delivers a Critical Intervention Outreach Service to women that have previously utilised the KWCC accommodation services or who have been referred through the Family Safety Framework. This outreach service provides the women with ongoing support and referral.

The **Darwin Aboriginal and Islander Women's Shelter** provides safe and culturally appropriate services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who are homeless or escaping family violence. The services provided include support, referral, outreach and domestic violence crisis accommodation.

All non-government operated domestic and family violence Safe Houses, provide safe and secure crisis accommodation for women and children.

4. Please provide details as to what the timeframes are for releasing this funding, and how long this additional funding will remain in effect.

ANSWER

The funding is all non-recurrent, and the timeframes for release are as follows:

- The \$2.05 million for remote infrastructure grants is being distributed to approved services in May 2022. Funds were allocated through an expression of interest process open to all of the Department's funded specialist services, with the exception of those already receiving major infrastructure grants. A total of \$1.7 million was requested and approved. The remainder of \$348,000 was approved for transfer to the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Community and Place Based Partnerships Grants.
- The \$1 million for the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Community and Place Based Partnerships Grants is being allocated through an open grants process through GrantsNT. The total funding available was supplemented by an additional \$348,000 as per the above. The grants program closed on 7 April 2022 and applications are being assessed by an expert panel, with recommendations provided for approval in early May. It is anticipated that grant funds will be released in May 2022.
- The major infrastructure grants (\$11 million) will be released to the three services in 2022-23, for infrastructure works to commence. Each service is currently in the process of commencing project planning and site approvals.

5. Please provide details as to how much of this funding will be distributed to the Darwin region, the Katherine region, the Barkly region and the Central Australian region.

ANSWER

See table above, noting that this does not include the \$1.34 million being allocated under the Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Community and Place Based Partnerships Grants DFSV partnerships grants program. The final outcomes of the grants program assessment process will be known in May 2022.