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Short Term Accommodation Boost For Alice Springs

Central Australians at risk of homelessness will have access to new services with the Territory Government announcing the allocation of two properties for short term accommodation.

Minister for Housing Rob Knight today announced Aboriginal Hostels Limited and Alice Springs Youth Accommodation Support Services (ASYASS) are the successful accommodation providers following an extensive expression of interest process.

“The Government recognises the need for short term accommodation services across the Territory and these two properties will provide a total of 43 beds in Alice Springs,” Mr Knight said.

“Providing these facilities for non-government organisations is part of the Henderson Government’s commitment to tackling homelessness.”

Expressions of interest for the properties were sought late last year and in principle approval has been given to Aboriginal Hostels Limited to operate the Mount Gillen Hostel, and to ASYASS to operate 9 Priest Street.

Aboriginal Hostels will use the 11 one-bedroom units and 12 two-bedroom units to provide short term accommodation to homeless Indigenous people and families who are travelling into Alice Springs for medical treatment.

ASYASS will provide a transitional housing program for youth aged between 16 and 21 who are at risk of homelessness from the four two-bedroom units on Priest Street.

“Government will continue to work with the housing support sector to boost short term accommodation services across the Territory,” said Mr Knight.

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