Organisations looking after the health and wellbeing of children will receive a funding boost from a great corporate citizen.

Commonwealth Bank, through their Staff Community Fund, have granted $67,505 to seven organisations that are focused on improving the health and wellbeing of children through targeted programs.

Acting Minister for Education, John Elferink, wrote to Commonwealth Bank thanking them for their support of the local community.

“Commonwealth Bank and their staff should be congratulated for their generosity in helping organisations that are doing great work for Territory kids. I’m glad I had the opportunity to express my gratitude,” Mr Elferink said.

“Strong economies and high business confidence foster a culture of giving, when you’re doing well it is natural to want to share your good fortune.

“As the Territory economy continues to grow I hope to see more generosity spread amongst the community.”

The recipients of the grants are:

- **Corrugated Iron Youths Arts** – touring with two theatre pieces for upper primary audiences in remote schools communities ($10,000).
- **Desert Life Church Community Centre Care Arm** – provision of shade cloth for an outside play area in Alice Springs ($9,900).
- **Katherine Regional Arts** – Bush to Big Smoke program to assist students who need to move away from home to attend high school in Katherine ($9,965).
- **Magib Indigenous Benevolent Relief Fund’s Dot Com Mob** – purchase of technology to engage young people exhibiting high risk behaviour in Papunya ($10,000).
- **Mission Australia, Northern Territory** – Urban Quest competition to help young people build self-esteem and confidence through music. A competition in Darwin, Casuarina, Palmerston, Katherine and Alice Springs will be followed by the finals in Darwin and judged by three well known Australian musicians ($9,750).
- **Peer support Foundation, Darwin** – a whole school approach to support students to become confident and resilient young leaders ($7,800).
- **Red Dust Role Models** – a market garden nutrition program at Tiwi College on Melville Island ($10,000)

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