Chief Minister Clare Martin today announced grants worth $150,000 to community groups participating in the Year of the Outback.

These funds are part of the overall $450,000 the Territory will be putting towards the Year of the Outback.

"There was an overwhelming response to invitations in the NT News and regional press to apply for the community grants," Ms Martin said.

"This demonstrates that more and more Territorians are recognising the important of the Year of the Outback and want to be part of the celebrations.

"The successful grants have demonstrated a clear relevance to the Year of the Outback and will both benefit and promote the Territory.

"I wish the successful applicants all the best for their respective events and am sure they will be well supported by communities across the Territory."

A total of 108 applications were received, with 33 being successful (see attachment).

The successful projects were assessed and ranked according to specific criteria, and include two requests for which funding had already been earmarked, namely the Centre Rocks Project and Year of the Outback National Women's Group.

The list was determined following a comprehensive assessment process undertaken by a Steering Committee made up of a representative each from the NT Tourist Commission; Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs; and Department of the Chief Minister.