Minister for Housing Peter Chandler today opened the Northern Territory Homelessness Summit in Darwin, and thanked everyone working in the sector for their dedication.

“The collaboration between the community and the government is important to the work being done,” Mr Chandler told delegates.

“By working together we can make the best use of the funding that is provided to tackle homelessness.

“In 2012-13, specialist homelessness services will receive $11.7 million to deliver services.

“Of this, $8.6 million is contributed by the Northern Territory Government under the National Affordable Housing Agreement.

“The NT Government is putting in $29.4 million over five years for homelessness programs and initiatives under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness.”

“Over 27,000 clients were supported in 2011-12 and a further 528 Territory households were assisted under this agreement,” Mr Chandler said.

“My government will continue to deliver the Indigenous Housing program in remote Territory communities, beginning the difficult task of addressing overcrowding in those communities.

“The Government also recognises that homelessness is not a standalone issue and is influenced by the wider housing sector,” he said.

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