Community groups will be able to tap into a new $400,000 Crime Prevention Grant Scheme unveiled by Minister for Justice and Attorney-General, Dr Peter Toyne today.

The new-look, targeted scheme also received a funding boost of $150,000 to $400,000 each year for the next three years reflecting the Government’s commitment to tackling crime.

In detailing the structure of the new scheme Dr Toyne said the Government’s holistic approach to tackling crime and building safer communities is reflected in the new scheme.

"Preventing crime before it starts through crime prevention initiatives and addressing localised crime problems, is a key focus of the Government’s six-point plan on crime.

"In a new approach from Government, the scheme also incorporates a regional emphasis aimed at harnessing community efforts and expertise in fighting crime at the community level," Dr Toyne said.

The $400,000 Crime Prevention NT Grant Scheme is composed of:

- $120,000 to fund small grants to community organisations for innovative one-off crime prevention programs that contribute to community safety
- $100,000 to establish Regional Crime Prevention Councils and fund regional crime strategies
- $180,000 to fund targeted crime prevention projects developed through community and government partnerships

Dr Toyne said Regional Crime Prevention Councils will have an important and invaluable role to play in crime prevention by stimulating and sustaining crime prevention strategies at a community level.

"Building partnerships between crime prevention community groups and Government will ensure Government is in touch with crime issues at the local and regional level," Dr Toyne said.

The Office of Crime Prevention, a central Government agency, will work with Regional Crime Prevention Councils to develop and implement larger targeted crime prevention strategies.

In partnership, Regional Crime Prevention Councils and the Office of Crime Prevention, will provide ongoing support and advice to community members and local crime prevention groups on contemporary crime prevention issues, strategies and initiatives.

"The Government supports the critical role community groups play in tackling crime and the new Crime Prevention NT Grant Scheme will foster and support effective and targeted intervention at the community level," Dr Toyne said.

A Grant Application Package can be obtained from the website www.
crimeprevention.nt.gov.au or by contacting Crime Prevention NT on 8999 6274 during normal business hours.