Minister for Justice, and Central Australia, Peter Toyne today recognised five Central Australian recipients of NTsafe crime prevention grants, awarded as part of a Government funding package for crime prevention projects around the Territory totalling nearly $250,000.

Successful projects include:

- $15 000 for a youth peer leadership project, a joint initiative between Alice Springs Town Council and Athletes as Role Models (ARM);
- $13 000 for enhanced night patrol activities for Ltyentye Apurte (Santa Teresa) community;
- $13 000 to Tangentyere Council for legal skills workshops for remote area night patrols;
- $10 477 to Ngkarte Mikwekenhe community for a sporting and recreation program; and
- $ 9 910 to Ngurratjuta Aboriginal Corporation to improve lighting and security for the safe house at Ulpanyali Community.

“This government wants to build a safer Territory – it is one of our key commitments,” Dr Toyne said.

“Tackling crime and improving community safety is a big challenge – that’s why we want a partnership across all tiers of government and the community.

“We need to be tough on crime and the causes of crime, and we need to put an equal effort into diverting and preventing criminal behaviour before it happens.

The Minister said that crime prevention must also recognise that different challenges exist in different areas. "We need regional solutions to resolve community safety problems."