Central Australia gets $152,880 crime prevention

Minister for Justice Dr Peter Toyne today announced 13 successful applicants in Central Australia in the $400,000 Round 4 of the NT Crime Prevention Grant Scheme.

“It is extremely pleasing to fund these worthwhile crime prevention initiatives across the Territory,” Dr Toyne said.

“I am delighted with the community’s response in submitting applications for the 2003/2004 grant round for innovative projects designed to reduce crime and help build on our early successes.”

The Central Australia grants include:

- $14,500 for extension of Deadly Treadlies, a bike rebuilding project in Alice Springs.
- $7,500 for Cuz Congress, development of a 30 minute video featuring an indigenous superhero.
- $14,000 for development of workshops for youth in Hermannsburg community on law and order, health, education and employment and training.
- $14,500 for the Yarrenyty-Arltere Aboriginal Cultural Exchange Program to encourage young people to reach higher levels of education.
- $15,000 for the purchase of trail bikes for diversion project targeting young petrol sniffers.
- $15,000 for the Jaru Pirrjirdi (Strong Voices) Youth Project to provide diversionary activities for ‘at risk’ young people in the Yuendumu community.
- $15,000 for the Supporting Families with Young Children project to develop an early intervention scheme for families with children under 5 years.
- $15,000 for the Western Aranda Relekha Crime Prevention Committee to tackle the causes of crime.
- $22,380 for support and advocacy for victims of family and domestic violence at Mutitjulu and Docker River Magistrates Court.

Central Australia will also share in several Territory wide projects aimed at crime prevention.

The 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.

Regional Crime Prevention Councils have received funding for locally based crime prevention projects that include development of crime prevention strategies and law and order plans, an anti-graffiti project in Tennant Creek, and the development of a pilot early intervention project for families with children aged under five in Alice Springs.

Several Indigenous Regional Crime Prevention Councils have also been established or recognised over the past year, and have received grant funding to develop innovative, culturally appropriate solutions to law and justice issues experienced in their communities.

Dr Toyne said Regional and Indigenous Regional Crime Prevention Councils are playing vital role in keeping our communities safe and developing innovative local solutions.

“They ensure that Government remains in touch with community safety issues in regions and communities and in turn, are being provided with funding to address those problems with the benefit of local knowledge,” Dr Toyne said.

Thirteen of the projects funded in this round specifically target young people.

These include sport and recreational diversionary activities, such as a skate park in Tennant Creek.

Other projects include skills building and self-esteem development such as the “Deadly Treadlies”, a bike building project in Central Australia.

“This Government recognises that to prevent crime, the causes of crime must be tackled.”

“This means a focus on our young people, particularly those at risk of developing criminal behaviours”.

Applications for the next round of funding will be accepted from 1 July this year.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact the Office of Crime Prevention to discuss project proposals on 8999 6274.