Extra funding from the Northern Territory Government has enabled the Asthma Foundation to relocate to new premises in Darwin.

The Health Minister Chris Burns said more than $87,000 was given to the organisation to move from the Royal Darwin Hospital Campus to Woolner in inner Darwin.

“The Asthma Foundation is an organisation involved in very important work,” Dr Burns said.

“Moving to a base within the community will broaden the Foundation’s profile by making it more visible and more accessible to the public.

“It’s an unfortunate fact that 9% of men and almost 12% of women in the Territory suffer from asthma. In children the figure is closer to 17%.

“These figures are similar to the national figures. In fact, asthma is the most common cause of absenteeism from schools and one of the 10 most common reasons for visiting a GP.”

Asthma is a chronic disease causing episodes of wheezing, shortness of breath and chest tightness.

Dr Burns said the Asthma Foundation aims to reduce the burden of asthma in the Territory by providing education and support to sufferers, their families and health care providers.

“The Territory Government is proud to support the Asthma Foundation in ensuring healthier Territory families.”

The Asthma Foundation has relocated to 14/16 Charlton Court, Woolner.