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Darwin reaps $65,350 crime prevention windfall

Minister for Justice Dr Peter Toyne today announced 7 successful Darwin applicants as part of 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”

- $15,000 for Darwin City Council to develop a crime prevention strategy and action plans.
- $10,000 for skill development workshops run by the Indigenous Youth Arts Council and the Corrugated Iron Youth Arts.
- $15,000 to implement and maintain crime prevention at Borella Park.
- $10,000 for improved security around the Casuarina Business Area.
- $10,350 to provide an opportunity for ‘at risk’ young men and women in Darwin to visit a remote cattle station for two weeks.
- Darwin will also share in several Territory-wide crime prevention strategies.

Regional Crime Prevention Councils have received funding for locally based crime prevention projects that include development of crime prevention strategies and community safety plans.

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.

“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 around the Territory.

These include sport and recreational diversionary activities, such as a skate...
park in Tennant Creek and expansion of the “onto the Grind” project in Palmerston.

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

Awareness of issues associated with crime are also being highlighted, including a performing arts program for Indigenous youth run by Corrugated Iron Youth Theatre.

“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.