The Northern Territory Government today handed over a cheque for $15,000 to the Palmerston City Council to undertake the Palmerston Community Space Project – an NT Pilot, part of a government funding package for crime prevention projects around the Territory worth nearly $250,000.

Acting Justice Minister Kon Vatskalis said the funding will enable the Palmerston City Council to address a range of issues relating to youth behaviour in public space in the city.

"One of this government's commitments to crime prevention has been to support early intervention projects involving young people and I will be very interested to hear about the outcomes of this project, he said.

"The Palmerston City Council's Community Space Project – an NT Pilot will examine youth behaviour at shopping centres, public parks and the Palmerston bus exchange.

"We must try to stop harm to our people and property before it happens," Mr Vatskalis said.

"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 project follows on from a report on the use of public space in Darwin and Palmerston.

The initial consultation was funded jointly by NT Police and Palmerston City Council.

The project is also expected to provide useful information for the development of similar strategies for other urban centres across the Territory.