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Central Australian youth targeted

Reaching out to youth and diverting them away from self destructive behaviour will be boosted in Central Australia this year with three successful applicants for crime prevention grants running youth oriented programs.

The Papunya Youth Outreach project ($30,000), Anmatjere Youth Services program ($23,000) and Mt Theo-Jaru Pirrijirdi Youth Development project ($15,000) are part of the latest successful new recipients of the NT Government’s $400,000 Crime Prevention Grant Scheme 2005/06 round.

Justice Minister Dr Peter Toyne said the projects focus on addressing youth issues and creating a more positive environment for young people as a way of preventing crime and improving community safety.

“Creating diversionary activities will help young people turn away from a life of crime by participating in positive sport, recreation and educational activities.”

“These projects, along with the four other successful Central Australian grant applicants, will help communities and organisations to create safer communities and prevent crime,” Dr Toyne said.

“The government is committed to recognising projects where community groups are willing the partner us in preventing crime and improving community safety. This is a key plank of the government’s Building Safer Communities whole-of-government framework.”

Territory-wide there were 23 successful applicants from a field of 53 in the 2005/06 grants round.

Other program recipients include: $49,000 to Mission Australia for their Community Safety Through Family Participation (court support) project and $10,000 to Julalikari Council for a Dry Area awareness campaign.

The NT Crime Prevention Grant Scheme annually grants $400,000 in funding to support community crime prevention projects that build safer communities. The grants are administered by the Office of Crime Prevention in the Department of Justice.

Applicants are judged on a range of crime and community safety considerations and grants are provided for worthwhile, innovative and creative crime prevention and community safety programs.

A project list with more detail follows. There was also some funding to ongoing programs for previous crime grants’ recipients. And administrative grants of $5000 were given to each of the 10 Regional and Indigenous Crime Prevention Committees.

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