

Northern Territory

Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses 2025-30 Federation Funding Agreement (FDSV FFA)- Project Plan Summary



The Northern Territory (NT) continues to experience the highest rates of family, domestic and sexual violence (FDSV) in Australia, with domestic and family violence (DFV)-related homicide and assault rates far exceeding national averages. Recent trends show substantial increases in reported DFV assaults and persistently elevated sexual assault rates. Geographic isolation, limited-service infrastructure and complex social determinants compound harms across communities.

Aboriginal people are severely and disproportionately impacted, representing most victim-survivors in assault and homicide statistics. These realities highlight the urgent need for culturally grounded, community-led responses and long-term systemic reform. The NT's context underscores the importance of targeted prevention, strengthened therapeutic and crisis services, and coordinated efforts across governments and local organisations to reduce violence and improve safety outcomes.

Under the 2025-30 FDSV FFA, \$13.270 million in new matched funding is being invested by the NT and Commonwealth governments into three programs over five years.

Program 1 - Strengthening Risk Assessment and Management Framework (RAMF) Implementation (RAMF Champions)

Funding: \$3.317 million in Commonwealth Government funding | **Service Type:** Early intervention activities | **Location:** NT

RAMF Champions are embedded in universal services (like health, disability or settlement services) to help staff spot DFV risk early and connect people to specialist help.

A coordinator supports Champions, leads a community of practice and facilitates training and policy updates.

This is especially important in regional and remote areas where specialist services are limited.

This program contributes towards the achievement of the following national outcomes:

- [Closing the Gap targets and outcomes | Closing the Gap](#) –
 - Outcome 13: by 2031, the rate of all forms of family violence and abuse against Aboriginal women and children is reduced by at least 50%, as progress towards zero.
- [National Outcomes Framework Performance Measurement Plan](#)
 - Outcome 1: Systems and institutions effectively support and protect people impacted by violence.
 - Outcome 2: Services and prevention programs are effective, culturally responsive, intersectional and accessible.

Program 2 - Early intervention grants for young people starting to use violence

Funding: \$3.317 million in Commonwealth Government funding | **Service Type:** Early intervention activities | **Location:** NT

This grants program funds targeted early help for young people aged 11–17 who are starting to use violence at home or in relationships.

Activities can include individual or group therapy, education and culturally appropriate programs, with victim-survivor safety at the centre.

Services are coordinated across Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs), universal services and specialist providers.

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 - Outcome 1: Systems and institutions effectively support and protect people impacted by violence.
 - Outcome 4: People who choose to use violence are accountable for their actions and are supported to stop their violent, coercive and abusive behaviours.
 - Outcome 5: children and young people are safe in all settings and are effectively supported by systems and services.

Program 3 - Primary Prevention Grants

Funding: \$6.6 million in NT Government funding | **Service Type:** Prevention and early intervention activities | **Location:** NT

These grants support community-led primary prevention projects that challenge and change social and cultural attitudes, practices and structures that drive violence.

Projects prioritise safety, draw on evidence, partner with ACCOs and include an evaluation.

Funding is spread across urban, regional and remote settings.

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 - Outcome 2: Services and prevention programs are effective, culturally responsive, intersectional and accessible.
 - Outcome 3: Community attitudes and beliefs embrace gender equality and condemn all forms of gendered violence without exception.