

Western Australia

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



The state's policy response to family and domestic violence is anchored in *Path to Safety: Western Australia's Strategy to Reduce Family and Domestic Violence (2020-2030)*, the *Aboriginal Family Safety Strategy (2022-2032)* and *Stronger Together: WA's Plan for Gender Equality*, which collectively emphasise prevention, accountability and culturally grounded responses.

WA has made substantial investments in front-line services across prevention, crisis support, supported accommodation, perpetrator interventions, counselling and multi-agency responses. Through the commissioning and procurement activities, there has been an emphasis on growing Aboriginal-led service provision resulting in a number of new and existing Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) delivering specialist family and domestic violence services.

Recent initiatives include the Family and Domestic Violence Taskforce which led to a focus on system reform and the new *Strengthening Responses to Family and Domestic Violence: System Reform Plan 2024-2029*. All seventeen actions in this plan are being actively implemented to strengthen practice and procedure in risk assessment, risk management, information sharing and workforce development.

Under the 2025-30 FDSV FFA, the Commonwealth and WA governments are investing \$85.95 million in new matched funding. In 2025-26, \$16.913 million is funding the following programs. A Project Plan for the remaining four years is being developed.

Program 1 - Community Outreach

Funding: \$4.222 million per annum in combined funding | **Service Type:** FDSV services and helplines | **Location:** WA

Community Outreach is operating in 22 locations to support women in the community and leaving refuges who are experiencing family and domestic violence to stay safe and keep a stable home. Support is led by the client informed by assessment of risk and can include safety planning, tenancy help and ongoing case management.

Services are delivered across WA by organisations operating refuges and safe houses. Some of these organisations are ACCOs.

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- [National Outcomes Framework Performance Measurement Plan](#)
 - Outcome 2: Services and prevention programs are effective, culturally responsive, intersectional and accessible.
 - Outcome 6: Women are safe and respected in all settings and experience economic, political, cultural and social equality.

Program 2 - Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia

Funding: \$4.000 million per annum in Commonwealth Government funding | **Service Type:** Specialist support services for diverse people and groups | **Location:** WA

Provides funding to six Aboriginal Medical Services to provide specialist family and domestic violence services in their community. Five of the services are regionally located and one is in the metropolitan area.

Support can include counselling, yarning, brief interventions, case management and referrals, with some sites also offering short-term perpetrator services.

The approach is community-led, culturally safe and coordinated with local partners.

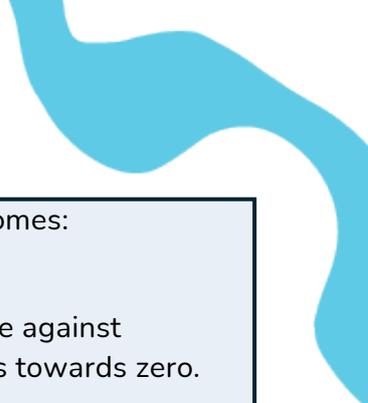
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 - Outcome 3: Community attitudes and beliefs embrace gender equality and condemn all forms of gendered violence without exception.
 - Outcome 4: People who choose to use violence are accountable for their actions and are supported to stop their violent, coercive and abusive behaviours.
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Program 3 - Refuges and Safe House Funding Uplift

Funding: \$5.216 million per annum in Western Australian Government funding | **Service Type:** Housing and accommodation services | **Location:** WA

Additional funding assists refuges and safe houses to provide consistent, quality services to adult and child victim-survivors. An increase on baseline funding for this critical service group. enables organisations to employ qualified staff and/or to provide targeted training and support, target help for children and support quicker pathways to safe, longer-term housing.



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Program 4 - Children and Young People - New Frontline Services

Funding: \$3.475 million per annum in WA Government funding | **Service Type:** Specialist support services for children | **Location:** WA

This initiative provides new therapeutic and healing services for children and young people aged up to 24 years old and who have been impacted by family and domestic violence.

Support includes counselling, practical help, a web/phone service, and a new risk and needs tool.

Services have been designed with input from a dedicated lived experience group. Two of the new services are operated by ACCOs and are targeted to Aboriginal children and young people.

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 - Outcome 5: children and young people are safe in all settings and are effectively supported by systems and services.
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