

Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment 2025-31 – Community-Led Development

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OTHER

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth Northern Territory
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2031.
Purpose	This Schedule supports the delivery of the community development and jobs and training investment priorities under the <i>Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment: Investing in Aboriginal Self-determination to Close the Gap in the Northern Territory Partnership Agreement</i> (NTRAI Partnership Agreement). The NTRAI Partnership Agreement is between the Commonwealth, the Northern Territory and the Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APONT). This Schedule recognises that investment in place-based community development is essential to supporting the achievement of multiple outcomes under the <i>National Agreement on Closing the Gap</i> (National Agreement), including: • Outcome 7 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth are engaged in employment or education. • Outcome 8 – Strong economic participation and development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities. • Outcome 17 – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have access to information and services enabling participation in informed decision-making regarding their own lives. This Schedule aims to deliver on key objectives set out in the NTRAI Partnership Agreement, which are aligned to the Priority Reforms set out in the National Agreement, including: <u>Priority Reform One</u> • Provide a flexible partnership framework for joint design; planning; decision making; implementation; monitoring and evaluation; reporting and accountability of the remote service system; consistent with the strong partnership elements described in the National Agreement. • Align and strengthen the governance of the Commonwealth NTRAI investment in remote services within the Northern Territory's Closing the Gap governance framework.

	• Meet the contemporary needs expressed by communities. <u>Priority Reform Two</u> • Resulting in tangible action and local jobs in remote communities in line with the Aboriginal employment target in the Additional Terms of this Schedule. • Building the capacity and capability of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) in remote communities to deliver high quality services. <u>Priority Reform Three</u> • Strengthening the standard of remote services, including the design, management and delivery of high-quality, culturally responsive services. • Ensuring Aboriginal people living in remote communities have equitable access to mainstream services in a way that is relevant to their context. • Identifying and eliminating racism in mainstream organisations and institutions delivering services to remote communities. • Embedding and practicing meaningful cultural safety in government organisations delivering services to remote Northern Territory communities. • Delivering mainstream services for remote communities in partnership with remote communities and their organisations. <u>Priority Reform Four</u> • Providing Aboriginal communities, primarily through their representative organisations and the ACCO sector, with access to the data and information they need to make decisions, subject to meeting privacy requirements, and ensuring data security and integrity. • Supporting Aboriginal communities, primarily through their representative organisations and the ACCO sector, to build capability and expertise in collecting, using and interpreting data to support self-determination. Funding provided under this Schedule builds on other Commonwealth investment in remote Aboriginal communities through the NTRAI and is intended to supplement service delivery in the Northern Territory. It is not intended to exclude or disadvantage the Northern Territory Government from accessing other funding sources, including from the Commonwealth. Acknowledging the supplementary nature of NTRAI investment, where the Northern Territory Government negotiates with the Commonwealth for new funding for services and programs within the scope of NTRAI, the Northern Territory will notify the Commonwealth of the funding being provided under NTRAI for those services and programs with appropriate records maintained.
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Community-Led Development Program

This Schedule provides supplementary funding to support Community-Led Development activities and Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities. The Schedule is intended to be an enabler that strengthens the capacity of communities to pursue their social and economic development aspirations.

The Schedule supports the following activities:

- Community-Led Development activities in a minimum of 8 sites.
- Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities in a minimum of 8 sites.
- Capital works (including upgrades, maintenance and improvements to existing infrastructure) to support the delivery of Community-Led Development activities, and, where co-located with these, Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities.

Community-Led Development activities

This Schedule provides funding to support the delivery of Community-Led Development activities in a minimum of 8 sites.

This includes:

- supporting the recognition and development of cultural authorities;
- supporting the development of community-led plans;
- improving the delivery and decision-making regarding government services; and
- supporting the transition of services to community-control.

The aim of this approach is to support and empower Aboriginal communities and regions to lead their own development, strengthening local governance and creating pathways for sustainable economic and social outcomes that reflect community aspirations.

The services to be provided will be co-designed with each community and reflect each community's priorities. These services are intended to complement but not replace existing community development programs and initiatives.

Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities

This Schedule provides funding to enable communities to support community-led initiatives to grow the local economy, through the delivery of jobs, training and business services in a minimum of 8 sites.

The services to be provided will be co-designed with each community and reflect each community's priorities. These services are intended to complement but not replace existing Commonwealth employment and training services, and to enable the Northern Territory to leverage and build on existing training and employment initiatives across remote areas of the Northern Territory.

	There is potential for management of the Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities funding to be led by a suitable ACCO. Any future transition of delivery responsibility for outputs and activities under this Schedule to an ACCO will be done in line with Clause 12 of the Partnership Agreement. <u>Community-Led Development activities – Capital Works</u> The Schedule provides funding for minor capital works, including upgrades, maintenance and improvements to existing community infrastructure, to ensure adequate facilities for the delivery of Community-Led Development activities, and, where co-located with these, Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities. NOTE: The intention of this output is to deliver capital works through the provision of grants to Aboriginal corporations, or auspicing bodies, for the delivery of those works.
Governance	The NTRAI Partnership Agreement sets out the enduring shared decision-making arrangements to guide NTRAI investment and maximise alignment to Closing the Gap Priority Reforms, including establishing the NTRAI Joint Steering Committee (JSC). To facilitate shared decision-making, monitoring and oversight of NTRAI investment by the JSC, the Northern Territory Government will: • Prepare plans to outline the strategic direction of outputs funded through this Schedule and submit these for consideration by the JSC. ○ Plans provide a mechanism for shared decision-making and oversight of investment and reform effort, not operational arrangements for service delivery. Plans do not establish additional requirements for the purpose of assessing performance against milestones for the provision of payments to the Northern Territory Government. • Prepare progress reports at 6-month intervals as per the due dates in Table 2 which will be submitted to the JSC for consideration. The JSC will provide advice to the Commonwealth delegate on the alignment of plans and progress reports with the Partnership Agreement and Closing the Gap Priority Reforms. This advice must be provided within 10 business days of the plan being tabled. The delegate will consider the JSC's advice in determining relevant milestone payments. If the JSC does not provide advice regarding alignment with the Partnership Agreement and the Closing the Gap Priority Reforms within 10 business days, the Commonwealth delegate will proceed with their consideration of relevant milestone payments. The parties acknowledge payment decisions are a matter for the Commonwealth delegate in line with the <i>Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations</i>. The Commonwealth will make payments subject to

	performance reports demonstrating relevant milestones have been met by the Northern Territory Government. Consistent with the NTRAI Partnership Agreement, the JSC will monitor the progress and outcomes of this Schedule to ensure this investment priority remains responsive to the evolving needs of remote Northern Territory Aboriginal communities. This may include recommending to the Ministers responsible adjustments to this Schedule over time. In accordance with Clause 14 of the NTRAI Partnership Agreement, the parties will work collaboratively through the JSC to embed Priority Reform 4 into the monitoring and evaluation of progress and outcomes relating to outputs delivered under this Schedule.																																								
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Additional terms	Roles and responsibilities The Northern Territory is responsible and accountable for: - Overseeing the Community-Led Development and Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities, including maximising opportunities for ACCOs to deliver services and activities funded through this Schedule. - Overseeing the delivery of associated capital works across relevant sites. - Managing financial and service delivery risks associated with delivering the outputs and activities under this Schedule. - Reporting on the delivery of outputs and activities funded through this Schedule in accordance with the milestones at Tables 2 and 3. - Leading community engagement on the implementation of this Schedule.																																								

	• Embedding the following principles into grant agreements with ACCOS: ○ Grant agreements will support alignment and coordination with other services in communities. ○ Community-Led Development activities and Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities will be clearly defined and distinct from one another, noting the delivery of activities may be co-located. • Where appropriate, establishing partnership arrangements with Aboriginal communities and ACCOs to support the delivery of Community-Led Development and Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities under this Schedule. The Commonwealth: • Is responsible for making payments under this Schedule to support the Northern Territory to deliver the agreed community-led development outputs. • Commits to sharing relevant data aligned with outcomes identified in the NTRAI Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Framework to support its implementation. The Commonwealth and Northern Territory are responsible for: • Upholding FFA Principles including demonstrating evidence of cost-effectiveness. • Liaising with the JSC prior to the release of any media statements relating to the Schedule. • Maximising opportunities to coordinate service delivery under this Schedule with other place-based services and investments. • Actively participating in the implementation of the overarching NTRAI MEAL Framework as described under the monitoring and evaluation section of this Schedule. APONT is responsible for delivering ACCO sector strengthening grants, including to build organisational and financial management capacity within ACCOs. The Commonwealth will manage any funding agreements with APONT for ACCO sector strengthening grants consistent with the terms set out in the relevant funding agreement. Reform Ambition Payments provided through this Schedule support important services delivered to Aboriginal Territorians who live, or are from, remote Northern Territory communities. The parties agree that a principle underpinning this Schedule is ensuring the continuity of these services is maintained through certainty of
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funding flows and appropriate service delivery risk management.

To support this continuity in service delivery, and in accordance with Clause 23 of the *Federation Funding Agreement – Affordable Housing, Community Services and Other*, the Northern Territory Government will report the minimum required to demonstrate milestones have been met, as set out at Table 2 and Table 3.

Acknowledging the shared reform ambition set out in the NTRAI Partnership Agreement, the parties also commit to working towards the below aspirational target over the six-year term of NTRAI investment for community-led development.

This Schedule sets an aspirational Aboriginal employment target of 60 percent for employment/FTE positions in each funded site.

This target reflects the shared aspirations of the parties to the NTRAI Partnership Agreement and is not intended to represent a benchmark for the purpose of assessing performance against milestones for the provision of payments to the Northern Territory Government under this Schedule.

Acknowledging the importance of promoting local Aboriginal employment through this Schedule, grant-funded organisations will be required to prioritise the employment of local Aboriginal community members in the delivery of Community-Led Development activities and Jobs, Training and Business Services activities wherever possible.

Site Selection

The site selection methodology for the Community-Led Development activities and Jobs, Training and Business Services activities will be agreed by the JSC, consistent with clauses 8.17 - 8.18 of the NTRAI Partnership Agreement.

Sites will be agreed by the JSC within 10 days of sites being tabled for consideration.

If the JSC cannot agree sites within 10 business days of the sites being tabled for agreement, the Commonwealth delegate will select the first 3 sites for Community-Led Development activities and for Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities, based on any available advice from NTRAI JSC members and in line with any methodology agreed by the JSC.

The JSC will then agree timeframes for selection of the remaining 5 sites under the Schedule. If the JSC does not agree the remaining sites within 10 business days of the sites being tabled for agreement, the Commonwealth delegate will select the remaining 5 sites in line with the process outlined above.

Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning

Monitoring and evaluation will occur through the NTRAI MEAL Framework as outlined in the NTRAI Partnership Agreement, and the FFA Schedule – NTRAI

	Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning. The JSC will oversee the development of the overarching NTRAI MEAL Framework which will be underpinned by Schedule specific 2-year plans, a contemporary program logic and a data matrix, to outline the intended links between the activities, outputs and outcomes supported by this Schedule and the broader outcomes and objective of the Partnership Agreement. The data matrix will outline the proposed measures, baseline data and indicators for monitoring and evaluating progress and outcomes achieved by the outputs funded through this Schedule. Through Clause 14.3 of the NTRAI Partnership Agreement, the Commonwealth and Northern Territory commit to maximising transparency in relation to broader funding commitments and allocations for remote service delivery in the Northern Territory. This requirement will be met by the parties through the NTRAI MEAL Framework.
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Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary				
Output	Performance milestones	Reporting period	Report due	Payment
Community-Led Development activities	Provision of plans for Community-Led Development activities, in accordance with the requirements set out in Table 3 and tabled for consideration by NTRAI JSC, consistent with the arrangements set out in the Governance section of Table 1, for the periods: 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2029 1 July 2029 – 30 June 2031	1 July 2026 – 30 June 2029	30 September 2026	\$2,266,300
		1 July 2029 – 30 June 2031	1 April 2029	\$1,923,200
	Provision of 6 monthly progress report on the plan that includes the requirements set out in Table 3 and tabled for consideration by the JSC, consistent with the arrangements set out in the Governance section of Table 1.	-	-	-
	Payments will apply based on the number of locations in which activities are established, in line with the fixed and pro-rata weightings outlined below:			
	A fixed payment applies for progress toward the establishment of activities in 3 locations.	1 July 2026 – 31 December 2026	1 April 2027	\$2,266,301
	Pro-rata payments apply based on the number of locations out of 3 established by the end date of the respective reporting period, as per Table 2.a.	1 January 2027 – 30 June 2027	1 October 2027	Up to \$3,500,970
		1 July 2027 – 31 December 2027	1 April 2028	Up to \$3,500,970
	Pro-rata payments apply based on the number of locations out of 6 established by the end date of the respective reporting period, as per Table 2.b.	1 January 2028 – 30 June 2028	1 October 2028	Up to \$3,846,399
		1 July 2028 – 31 December 2028	1 April 2029	Up to \$3,846,399
	Pro-rata payments apply based on the number of locations out of 8 established by the end date of the respective reporting period, as per Table 2.c.	1 January 2029 – 30 June 2029	1 October 2029	Up to \$4,952,239
		1 July 2029 – 31 December 2029	1 April 2030	Up to \$4,952,239
		1 January 2030 – 30 June 2030	1 October 2030	Up to \$5,100,805

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		1 July 2030 – 31 December 2030	1 April 2031	Up to \$5,100,806
Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities	Provision of plans for Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities, in accordance with the requirements set out in Table 3 and tabled for consideration by the JSC, consistent with the arrangements set out in the Governance section of Table 1, for the periods: 1 July 2026 – 30 June 2029 1 July 2029 – 30 June 2031	1 July 2026 – 30 June 2029	30 September 2026	\$1,169,700
		1 July 2029 – 30 June 2031	1 April 2029	\$1,153,919
	6 monthly progress report on the plan that includes the requirements set out in Table 3 and tabled for consideration by the JSC, consistent with the arrangements set out in the Governance section of Table 1. Payments will apply based on the number of locations in which activities are established, in line with the fixed and pro-rata weightings outlined below:	-	-	-
	A fixed payment applies for progress toward the establishment of activities in 3 locations.	1 July 2026 – 31 December 2026	1 April 2027	\$1,169,700
	Pro-rata payments apply based on the number of locations out of 3 established by the end date of the respective reporting period, as per Table 2.d.	1 January 2027 – 30 June 2027	1 October 2027	Up to \$2,100,582
		1 July 2027 – 31 December 2027	1 April 2028	Up to \$2,100,582
	Pro-rata payments apply based on the number of locations out of 6 established by the end date of the respective reporting period, as per Table 2.e.	1 January 2028 – 30 June 2028	1 October 2028	Up to \$2,307,840
		1 July 2028 – 31 December 2028	1 April 2029	Up to \$2,307,840
	Pro-rata payments apply based on the number of locations out of 8 established by the end date of the respective reporting period, as per Table 2.f.	1 January 2029 – 30 June 2029	1 October 2029	Up to \$2,971,343
		1 July 2029 – 31 December 2029	1 April 2030	Up to \$2,971,343
		1 January 2030 – 30 June 2030	1 October 2030	Up to \$3,060,484

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		1 July 2030 – 31 December 2030	1 April 2031	Up to \$3,060,484
Community-Led Development activities – Capital Works	Provision of a plan for Community-Led Development activities – Capital Works, in accordance with the requirements set out in Table 3 and tabled for consideration by the JSC, consistent with the arrangements set out in the Governance section of Table 1.	1 July 2026 – 30 June 2031	30 September 2025	\$4,500,000
	6 monthly progress report on the plan, in accordance with the requirements set out in Table 3 and tabled for consideration by the JSC, consistent with the arrangements set out in the Governance section of Table 1. Payments will match 'Table 2.g – Progress Milestone Payments' below.	1 January 2027 – 30 June 2027	1 October 2027	\$2,250,000
		1 July 2027 – 31 December 2027	1 April 2028	\$2,250,000
		1 January 2028 – 30 June 2028	1 October 2028	\$1,000,000
		1 July 2028 – 31 December 2028	1 April 2029	\$1,000,000
		1 January 2029 – 30 June 2029	1 October 2029	\$832,500
		1 July 2029 – 31 December 2029	1 April 2030	\$277,499
		1 January 2030 – 30 June 2030	1 October 2030	Nil
		1 July 2030 – December 2030	1 April 2031	Nil

Pro-Rata Milestone Payments

NOTE:

Pro-rata payments are allocated to financial year according to progress report due date.

Pro-rata payments are rounded down to the nearest dollar.

Table 2.a		FY 2027-28	
Community-Led Development activities (up to 3 locations)	Weighting	Report period Jan-June 2027	Report period July-Dec 2027
Progress report due date		1 Oct 2027	1 April 2028
1 community	35%	\$1,225,339	\$1,225,339
2 communities	65%	\$2,275,630	\$2,275,630
3 or more communities	100%	\$3,500,970	\$3,500,970
NOTE: Pro-rata payments apply from 2027-28	FY 100% Total:	\$7,001,940	

Table 2.b		FY 2028-29	
Community-Led Development activities (up to 6 locations)	Weighting	Report period Jan-June 2028	Report period July-Dec 2028
Progress report due date		1 Oct 2028	1 April 2029
1 to 2 communities	35%	\$1,346,239	\$1,346,239
3 communities	50%	\$1,923,199	\$1,923,199
4 to 5 communities	80%	\$3,077,119	\$3,077,119
6 or more communities	100%	\$3,846,399	\$3,846,399
NOTE: Pro-rata payments apply from 2027-28	FY 100% Total:	\$7,692,798	

Table 2.c		FY 2029-30		FY 2030-31	
Community-Led Development activities (up to 8 locations)	Weighting	Report period Jan-June 2029	Report period July-Dec 2029	Report period Jan-June 2030	Report period July-Dec 2030
Progress report due date		1 Oct 2029	1 April 2030	1 Oct 2030	1 April 2031
1 to 3 communities	35%	\$1,733,283	\$1,733,283	\$1,785,281	\$1,785,282
4 to 5 communities	60%	\$2,971,343	\$2,971,343	\$3,060,483	\$3,060,483
6 to 7 communities	85%	\$4,209,403	\$4,209,403	\$4,335,684	\$4,335,685
8 or more communities	100%	\$4,952,239	\$4,952,239	\$5,100,805	\$5,100,806
NOTE: Pro-rata payments apply from 2027-28	FY 100% Total:	\$9,904,478		\$10,201,611	

Table 2.d

		FY 2027-28	
Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities (up to 3 locations)	Weighting	Report period Jan-June 2027	Report period July-Dec 2027
Progress report due date		1 Oct 2027	1 April 2028
1 community	35%	\$735,203	\$735,203
2 communities	65%	\$1,365,378	\$1,365,378
3 or more communities	100%	\$2,100,582	\$2,100,582
NOTE: Pro-rata payments apply from 2027-28	FY 100% Total:	\$4,201,164	

Table 2.e

		FY 2028-29	
Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities (up to 6 locations)	Weighting	Report period Jan-June 2028	Report period July-Dec 2028
Progress report due date		1 Oct 2028	1 April 2029
1 to 2 communities	35%	\$807,744	\$807,744
3 communities	50%	\$1,153,920	\$1,153,920
4 to 5 communities	80%	\$1,846,272	\$1,846,272
6 or more communities	100%	\$2,307,840	\$2,307,840
NOTE: Pro-rata payments apply from 2027-28	Fy 100% Total:	\$4,615,680	

Table 2.f

		2029-30		2030-31	
Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities (up to 8 locations)	Weighting	Report Period Jan-June 2029	Report Period Jul-Dec 2029	Report Period Jan-Jun 2030	Report Period Jul-Dec 2030
Progress report due date		1 Oct 2029	1 April 2030	1 Oct 2030	1 April 2031
1 to 3 communities	35%	\$1,039,970	\$1,039,970	\$1,071,169	\$1,071,169
4 to 5 communities	60%	\$1,782,805	\$1,782,805	\$1,836,290	\$1,836,290
6 to 7 communities	85%	\$2,525,641	\$2,525,641	\$2,601,411	\$2,601,411
8 or more communities	100%	\$2,971,343	\$2,971,343	\$3,060,484	\$3,060,484
NOTE: Pro-rata payments apply from 2027-28	FY 100% Total:	\$5,942,686		\$6,120,968	

Progress Milestone Payments

Table 2.g	2026-27		2027-28		2028-29		2029-30		2030-31	
Community-Led Development activities - Capital Works	-	July-Dec 2026	Jan-June 2027	July-Dec 2027	Jan-June 2028	July-Dec 2028	Jan-June 2029	July-Dec 2029	Jan-June 2030	July-Dec 2030
Progress report due date	-	1 April 2027	1 Oct 2027	1 April 2028	1 Oct 2028	1 April 2029	1 Oct 2029	1 April 2030	1 Oct 2030	1 April 2031
Plan for the granting and oversight of capital works across approved sites	-	\$4,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Progress report on capital grants paid to approved sites and overview of works to be completed	-	-	\$2,250,000	\$2,250,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$555,000 (grants to Tranche 3)	-	-	-
Progress on delivery of capital works	-	-	-	-	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$277,500 (delivery for Tranche 2)	\$277,500 (delivery for Tranche 2)	-	-
FY Total:	\$4,500,000		\$4,500,000		\$2,000,000		\$1,110,000		\$0	

Table 3: Milestone requirements

Report	Key deliverables
3-year Plans (1 July 2026 – 30 June 2029) 2-year Plans (1 July 2029 – 30 June 2031) Plan for Community-Led Development activities – Capital Works	Plans should outline the strategic direction of outputs funded through this Schedule over a 2 or 3-year period, including how the delivery of outputs is intended to: • Align with the NTRAI Partnership Agreement and the Priority Reforms outlined in the Purpose section of this Schedule; • Meet relevant performance milestones; • Strive to achieve the reform ambition as set out in the Additional Terms section of this Schedule. For the <i>Community-Led Development activities</i> output, the 3-year Plan (2026-29) and 2-year Plan (2029-31) must include the following elements: • Overview of the approach to establishing Community-Led Development activities, as guided by the JSC's agreed site selection methodology, including indicative timeframes for the establishment of sites in remote communities, community engagement and co-design of community plans. • Overview of how grant management arrangements will embed the aspirational Aboriginal employment target set out at Additional Terms. • Overview of the way in which the principles for grant agreements set out at Additional Terms are embedded in the delivery of activities funded through this Schedule. For the <i>Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities</i> output, the 3-year Plan (2026-29) and 2-year Plan (2029-31) must include the following elements: • Overview of the approach to establishing Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities, as guided by the JSC's agreed site selection methodology, including indicative timeframes for the establishment of sites in remote communities, community engagement and co-design of community plans. • Overview of how grant management arrangements will embed the aspirational Aboriginal employment target set out at Additional Terms. • Overview of the way in which the principles for grant agreements set out at Additional Terms are embedded in the delivery of activities funded through this Schedule. For the <i>Community-Led Development activities – Capital Works</i> output, the plan must include the following elements: • Delivery of a proposed Community-Led Development activities – Capital Works plan, including information about how upgrades, maintenance and infrastructure improvements will be identified and delivered in agreed sites. NOTE:

	As communities will be onboarded progressively over the period 2026-27 to 2029-30, capital grants will be progressively paid for onboarded sites. Capital works will also be progressively programmed and delivered. The status of capital grants paid and works planned/delivered will be reflected and reported in 6-monthly progress reports.
6 monthly Progress Reports	6 monthly progress reports must demonstrate progress or achievement of milestones and provide an update on the elements within the 2 or 3-year plan. For the <i>Community-Led Development activities</i> output, 6-month progress reports must also include: • Progress on the establishment of sites for the delivery of Community-Led Development activities, including: ○ 3 locations by 30 June 2027 ○ 6 locations by 30 June 2028 ○ 8 locations by 30 June 2029 • Number and names of sites funded, total value of executed funding agreements, and objectives of funding agreements established in the reporting period. • Proportion of Aboriginal staff employed through this Schedule during the reporting period, including a breakdown by site and local/non-local status, position/level, and employment status (ongoing, contract or casual). • Update on the development of community plans for Community-Led Development activities and community identified targets (up to three community identified targets – to be identified by partners on a case-by-case basis). • Overview of key activities delivered in each funded location, including community engagement. • Assurance that grant agreements supported by this Schedule are consistent with and have embedded the guiding principles for grant agreements as set out at Additional Terms. For the <i>Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities</i> output, 6-month progress reports must also include: • Progress on the establishment of sites for the delivery of Jobs, Training and Business Services activities, including: ○ 3 locations by 30 June 2027 ○ 6 locations by 30 June 2028 ○ 8 locations by 30 June 2029 • Number and names of sites funded, total value of executed funding agreements, and objectives of funding agreements established in the reporting period. • Proportion of Aboriginal staff employed through this Schedule during the reporting period, including a breakdown by site and local/non-local status, position level, and employment status (ongoing, contract or casual). • Update on the development of community plans for Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activities and community identified targets (up to three community identified targets – to be identified by partners on a case-by-case basis). • Overview of key activities delivered in each funded location, including community engagement.

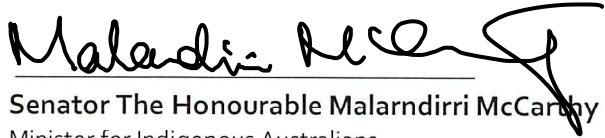
	- Assurance that grant agreements supported by this Schedule are consistent with and have embedded the guiding principles for grant agreements as set out at Additional Terms. For the <i>Community-Led Development activities – Capital Works</i> output, 6-month progress reports must also include: - Progress against the Plan for Community-Led Development activities – Capital Works, in line with 'Table 2.g – Progress Milestone Payments', including: - Update on sites funded to deliver capital works. - Update on project status of capital works by site – including works planned, programmed/contracted, delayed or outstanding, and delivered. - Project controls and other measures in place to ensure timely completion of works. - Identified risks or issues including any corrective actions undertaken.
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NOTE:

- In instances where data submissions are incomplete due to third party organisational capacity constraints, the Northern Territory may provide supplementary information outlining contributing factors and remediation efforts, with the expectation that such circumstances will be taken into account and will not negatively affect payment arrangements.
- Community-Led Development activity sites and Community-Led Jobs, Training and Business Services activity sites may be integrated or co-located, as appropriate. Where this occurs, plans and 6 monthly progress reports for each activity must include separate reporting on the respective outputs and activities to qualify for payment.

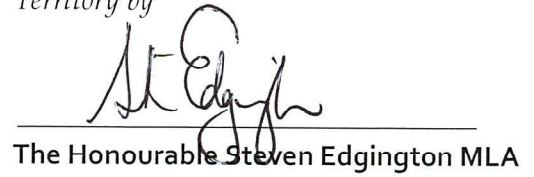
The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth of Australia by


Senator The Honourable Malarndirri McCarthy
Minister for Indigenous Australians

Date: 12 . 10 . 2026

Signed for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by


The Honourable Steven Edgington MLA

Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development

Date: 6/10/26