

## **COMMIT – SUPPORT SERVICES FOR OFFENDERS ON COMMIT OR COMMIT PAROLE ORDERS**

### **Further Information for Applicant**

#### **1. Client Group**

Funding is to provide access to AOD Treatment Programs, including dedicated residential treatment beds, with a primary focus on offenders on the COMMIT or COMMIT Parole programs.

There is some funding also available for AOD Treatment and support that is not specific to the COMMIT or COMMIT parole program.

#### **2. Funding**

In May 2017 Northern Territory Correctional Services (NTCS) received funding to extend the initial 12 month trial of the COMMIT program and for the provision of additional support services for COMMIT and COMMIT Parole offenders.

Funding has been provided in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years across three streams and priorities as identified in the Statement of Requirement and Project Description.

Applicants should consider the aims and objectives of the COMMIT and COMMIT parole program in developing their submissions.

The Statement of Requirement identifies the total amount of funding available across all streams and multiple locations; it is not intended that one service or provider will be allocated all of this funding.

NTCS has not identified a maximum amount of funding for any one application but will work to ensure that value for money is achieved and the benefit of funding is maximised.

Where organisations are interested in applying for work in different streams or locations they are encouraged to submit separate applications that can be independently assessed. Where appropriate the applications should identify any savings or synergies that can be achieved by delivery across the multiple streams.

### 3. Management of Critical Incidents

The ESP will advise NT Correctional Services at the earliest practicable time (and within 24 hours) of any critical incidents involving correctional services clients.

These include, but are not limited to:

- Prisoner absconds, deaths and/or serious injuries on the premises;
- Criminal behaviour in, or associated with, the service (clients, staff or others);
- Serious inappropriate behaviour involving clients, staff or others;
- Environment/building hazards at the site; or
- Other matters that might affect the safe and efficient delivery of this service or generate significant public or media concern.

Should critical incidents occur the ESP will independently, or with NTCS as appropriate, review or investigate the incident and produce recommendations to support system changes to minimise reoccurrence of such critical incidents.

### 4. Special conditions

#### For residential facilities

Offenders attending AOD Residential Treatment Programs will be required to:

- Be available for alcohol and drug testing;
- wear an Electronic Monitoring device and keep it serviced; and
- Have permission from specific NTCS staff prior to leaving the residence.

#### Drug detection dogs

Passive Alert Detection (PAD) Dogs from the Drug Dog Detection Unit may be utilised to conduct random checks through the facility in order to ensure the premises remain drug free.

PAD dogs will only undertake a check of the facility:

- a. At the request of the Executive Director Community Corrections; and
- b. At a time that has been mutually agreed with the service provider; and
- c. When a staff member from the service provider is present.

The service provider shall commit that the residents will not be given advance notice of the date and time at which PAD dogs will be brought to the facility.