

# PRE AND POST RELEASE SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION PROGRAM

## Further Information for Applicants

### 1. Client Group

The primary focus of the program is on the provision of supported accommodation and reintegration support services to male offenders and prisoners, this includes:

- **Pre-release prisoner** - a prisoner released under provisions of the Correctional Services Act to complete their custodial sentence in the community, these participants will continue to be considered in custody but under the supervision of Community Corrections until their custodial sentence is completed.
- **Post-release prisoner** - a prisoner currently exiting a correctional centre to homelessness and who has completed their custodial sentence. This participant may or may not be under the supervision of Community Corrections depending upon the sentence imposed by the Courts.
- **Alternatives to detention** - an offender who but for the availability of suitable accommodation would be eligible for an alternative to detention, particularly a Home Detention Order, Community Based Order, Community Custody Order or Suspended Sentence.

Referrals for the program could be received from a variety of sources:

- Sentence Management Team at Darwin Correctional Centre;
- Probation and Parole Officers employed by Community Corrections;
- Self referrals by prisoners.

All participants will be required to observe any rules set by the Service Provider.

### 2. Funding

The grant for this service will be provided as a two year grant.

As well as the grant payment, the organisation should budget for income from residents in supported accommodation. This funding would come from different sources dependent upon the category of the resident:

- a. Pre-release Prisoners - the provider will receive \$200 per week from the prison for each pre-release prisoner they have accommodated over the period. This will offset accommodation costs - which may include but not be limited to food, rent and utilities. The provider will invoice the prison monthly in arrears for this amount.

- b. Non-custodial residents - the provider will set a weekly boarding fee that each resident must pay. This fee can be up to, but no more than, \$150.00, or, 30% of the resident's income, whichever is the lesser. Unemployed residents may be eligible for Centrelink payments.

### **3. Management of Critical Incidents**

The provider will advise NTCS at the earliest practicable time (and within 24 hours) of any critical incidents involving residents. These include, but are not limited to:

- Prisoner absconded;
- 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;
- Environmental/ 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 provider 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**

#### Participants on Supervised Orders

Clients residing in supported accommodation or other participants under the supervision of Community Corrections may be required to:

- Be available for alcohol and drug testing;
- To wear an Electronic Monitoring device and keep it serviced; and
- Have permission from specific NTDCS 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.