

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Name	COMMIT - Support Services for offenders on COMMIT or COMMIT Parole orders
Project Description	<p>The COMMIT program currently operating in the Local & Supreme Court and the Parole Board targets high needs, community-based offenders through a high intensity supervision program that aims to reduce both incarceration and recidivism rates, and achieve long term behavioural change.</p> <p>More detailed information on the COMMIT program is provided at Attachment A.</p> <p>The trial of the COMMIT program has been extended for two years from 30 June 2017 and the COMMIT program has been expanded by legislative change to support the implementation of COMMIT parole. The amendments allow for swift, certain and proportionate/fair sanctions to be imposed for acts of non-compliance with parole conditions while supporting a parolee through their order and transition into the community.</p> <p>In the May 2017 Budget NTCS received additional budget for the trial period (two years) to introduce support services and ensure there is capacity within the Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) service system to appropriately assist offenders on the COMMIT program to access services. Funding is available in the following streams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * additional alcohol and other drug treatment options, including residential treatment beds * clinicians or counsellors to work with offenders * other AOD services to support offenders or improve the service system relevant to AOD treatment and particularly the COMMIT program <p>This funding seeks to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * identify gaps in the current service system and provide an opportunity to fill these * remunerate organisations where there are additional costs to working with community based offenders * upskill organisations in working with offenders. <p>External service providers are being asked to consider how they can value add to the AOD Treatment service system in the Northern Territory and how the organisation could apply the funding available to address gaps for the identified target group, COMMIT participants and more broadly forensic clients.</p> <p>The allocation of funding does not seek to remove forensic clients from the existing service system, community based offenders (including those on parole) as members of the community should have equality of access to existing services, including AOD treatment.</p> <p>Organisations are encouraged to consider opportunities to work as part of a consortia to meet the objectives of the funding, consider how value can be added to existing services or funding sources can be combined to achieve maximum benefit.</p>

The period within which project funding will be available, and period within which applications may be submitted is as follows:

Period	Opening Date	Closing Date
Project	1 December 2017	30 June 2019
Applications	7 November 2017	24 November 2017

The total amount of funding available for this project is as follows:

Financial Year	Cost Centre 1	Cost Centre 2	TOTAL
	79FGAA03D - COMMIT GOVERNANCE	79FGCG01A - AOD PROGRAMS	(by Financial Year)
2017/2018	\$1,063,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$1,413,000.00
2018/2019	\$1,063,000.00	\$350,000.00	\$1,413,000.00
TOTAL (by CC)	\$2,126,000.00	\$700,000.00	\$2,826,000.00

This project has been created to assist the following group/s of people:

No	Target Group
1	
2	COMMIT participants

This project has been created to address the following issue/s:

No	Target Issue
1	Alcohol & Drug Dependence
2	Counselling
3	Attitudes & Behaviour

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

This project requires the delivery of the following type, setting, and quantity of Funded Service - Funded Outputs.

No	Funded Service - Funded Output	Setting for Output	Units Required
1	2.3.1 A&OD - Residential treatment [Beds]	Onsite - ESP	
2	1.2.3 CS - Counselling Services [Occasions]	Offsite - ESP	
3	1.1.1 P&FS - Support for offenders [Occasions]	Offsite - ESP	
4	1.3.1 RS - Reintegration services : Adults [Clients]	Offsite - ESP	
5	Other - Services that support the COMMIT program and participating offenders	Offsite - ESP	

This project requires the satisfaction of the following outcome/s for grant beneficiaries:

The majority of this funding is provided as part of the COMMIT trial, as such there should be a focus on supporting the principles of COMMIT as a 'swift, certain and fair' initiative.

Stream 1 (A) - AOD Treatment Beds

1. Delivery of residential treatment programs for COMMIT and COMMIT parole offenders, maintaining 80% occupancy.
2. Provide details of the program model, theoretical framework or evidence underpinning the model.
3. Expedited assessments on COMMIT offenders, including those currently incarcerated, regarding eligibility to enter the program.
4. Negotiate and develop a case management plan for each offender in consultation with the supervising Probation and Parole Officer (PPO). Case plan must include victim issues and harm to others, drug and alcohol testing, developing healthy life style choices including support for a smoke free environment.
5. Regular joint case management meetings with the PPO and a written exit report. Where an offender is exited from the program the report must specify the reasons for which the offender was exited.
6. Maintain monthly spread sheet on bed occupancy.
7. Provide advice to the PPO of the results of any drug and alcohol testing conducted by the provider.

Stream 1 (B) - AOD Treatment

1. Delivery of treatment programs for COMMIT and COMMIT parole offenders, achieving and maintaining 80% utilisation.
2. Provide details of the program model, theoretical framework or evidence underpinning the model.
3. Expedited assessments on COMMIT offenders, including those currently incarcerated, regarding eligibility to enter the program.
4. Negotiate and develop a case management plan for each offender in consultation with the supervising Probation and Parole Officer (PPO). Case plan must include victim issues and harm to others, drug and alcohol testing, developing healthy life style choices including support for a smoke free environment.
5. Regular joint case management meetings with the PPO and a written exit report. Where an offender is exited from the program the report must specify the reasons for which the offender was exited.
6. Maintain monthly spread sheet on participation.
7. Provide advice to the PPO of the results of any drug and alcohol testing conducted by the provider.

Stream 2 - Clinicians/Counsellors

1. Delivery of counselling for community based offenders with complex AOD issues, priority to be given to offenders on COMMIT or COMMIT parole.
2. Provide details of the program model, theoretical framework or evidence underpinning the model.
3. Assessments of offenders, including those currently incarcerated, regarding eligibility to enter the program.
4. Negotiate and develop a case management plan for each offender in consultation with the supervising Probation and Parole Officer (PPO). Case plan must include victim issues and harm to others, drug and alcohol testing, developing healthy life style choices including support for a smoke free environment.
5. Regular joint case management meetings with the PPO and a written exit report. Where an offender is exited from the program the report must specify the reasons for which the offender was exited.
6. Maintain monthly spread sheet on participation.
7. Where a specific AOD provider is applying for this funding they should identify how the services will be delivered to COMMIT offenders who may not be a client of their service.
8. Outline what role this position may have in upskilling other workers across the AOD sector in the NT and how this would be achieved.

Stream 3 - Other

1. Specify the services to be delivered as part of the proposal.
2. Identify the target audience and
 - a) what gaps in the current service system the proposal will seek to fill and how this will be achieved; and/or
 - b) what the additional costs are of working with offenders (forensic clients) and how the funding would address these.
3. Provide an overview of how the proposal will support offenders with AOD issues or participants on COMMIT or COMMIT parole.
4. Provide an overview of proposed performance indicators and reporting items to the funder.
5. Provide details of the program model, theoretical framework or evidence underpinning the proposal.

ELIGIBILITY DETAILS

The type/s of ESPs eligible to apply for Project funding are as follows:

No	Eligible ESP Types
1	All

ESPs will need to supply the following Checklist Documents with their application:

No	Checklist Document	Explanatory Details
1	Certificate of Australian Business Number	To provide details on the structure of the organisation and governance arrangements to ensure the ongoing viability of the organisation.
2	Certificate of Insurances (General)	To include Public Liability, Third Party Liability, Employee, General, Contents and Professional Indemnity (where relevant).
3	Professional Accreditation	ESP is to maintain accreditation status (where they exist) for services that they are nominating to provide.
4	Proposed AOD Treatment Program outline	To include information on the treatment program proposed to be delivered, the evidence base for the program and any evaluations of the program.
5	Policies and Procedures Manual	To provide the funder with information on the internal policies and procedures of the organisation to ensure the organisation has appropriate policies and procedures in place for the operation of the contracted service.
6	AOD Treatment Program service documents	To include: Referral form template, Assessment Forms & Guidelines, Waitlist form, Admission & attendance agreement/forms for prisoners, case management plan template, discharge plan template, exit evaluation form, exit report template.
7	Eligibility criteria	Criteria used by the Organisation to assess eligibility, including identification of any exclusionary criteria.
8	Assessment process	Details of how the organisation will accommodate expedited assessment to meet the needs of the COMMIT program.
9	Organisational Chart	Include all positions within the organisation, identify positions funded within the base grant (other funding bodies) and the funding requested as part of this application.
10	List of staff and qualifications	To include all staff participating in the program and other staff within the organisation who will have supervision or input into the program. Staff are required to have the necessary qualifications and have access to ongoing professional development.
11	Implementation Plan	Provide a plan for the implementation of the project, identifying; the funding period, stages for implementation (with draft timeframes), commencement dates.
12	Risk Management Plan	Identify risks associated with the project and strategies that will be implemented to mitigate the risks.
13	Funding	Provide an overview of the funding received for other services, including source, to facilitate an accurate assessment of the value add that can be achieved from the funding request.

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