

# Homelands Housing, Municipal and Essential Services Grant Capital Funding

## Background

Homelands and outstations are interchangeable terms used in different parts of the Northern Territory (NT) to describe places where small populations of Aboriginal people live in remote areas, on lands they traditionally own or have historical association.

Territory Families, Housing and Communities (TFHC) provides a range of grants to homelands service providers to in the delivery and maintenance of housing, municipal and essential services for occupied homelands across the Northern Territory.

The Homelands Housing, Municipal and Essential Services Grant Capital Funding Guidelines replaces the previous 2019-20 Municipal and Essential Services Special Purpose Grant Program Guidelines (MESSPG) and combines the (MESSPG) and the Homelands Extra Allowance (HEA).

The Homelands Housing, Municipal and Essential Services Grant Capital Funding is for capital infrastructure that supports the delivery of housing maintenance, municipal and essential services to NT homelands and town camps which are not covered by NT Government leases.

Funding is available as one-off grants for capital items or projects for the improvement or replacement of existing infrastructure. Capital funding applicants are required to demonstrate that projects directly contribute to increasing the safety and wellbeing of residents. Capital grants are offered annually.

## Key details

Key details of the new Homelands Housing, Municipal and Essential Services Grant Capital Funding are as follows:

- Streamlined the previous MESSPG and HEA programs into a single capital grant.
- Only existing homeland and town camp service provider organisations are able to apply.
- Funding is available for homelands and eligible town camps.
- Projects must be ready for immediate commencement.
- Funding must be spent by end of 2022-23 financial year.
- The scope of the Homelands Housing, Municipal and Essential Services Grant Capital Funding program has been expanded to allow direct tendering or expression of interest processes by the NT Government for the delivery of selected priority projects.

The following are examples of projects that may be eligible for funding:

- Replacement or repair related to the delivery of municipal and essential services
- Establishment of new infrastructure only where it augments existing infrastructure

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- Repair related to housing infrastructure
- Scheduled major maintenance to infrastructure such as testing and upgrading water bores
- Purchase of capital items, plant and equipment in order to improve the delivery of municipal and essential services
- Investment in technology to improve the management of municipal and essential services (including software)
- Procurement of professional services to review the efficiency and effectiveness in delivering municipal and essential services (excludes administration, accounting and auditing).

## How to apply

Organisations must be registered with a GrantsNT profile in order to apply. For information on how to register for a profile with GrantsNT go to [grantsnt.nt.gov.au/help](https://grantsnt.nt.gov.au/help) or contact the Central Grants Management Unit on (08) 8999 8433.

All applications must include:

- a detailed budget plan
- detailed quote/s
- relevant supporting documentation
- written confirmation of commitment from any organisation involved in the collaborative approach

All applications must be submitted to TFHC via the GrantsNT portal in accordance with the Homelands Housing, Municipal and Essential Services Grant Capital Funding Guidelines.

For collaborations with other organisations, including sub-contracting or partnership arrangements, you are required to complete one application form (only) per proposed project. This must be signed by the lead organisation and include supporting evidence of the collaborative approach.

Late applications will not be accepted unless negotiated prior to the due date.

For further information, contact the Homelands Services Group on 1800 031 648 or email [Homelands.Program@nt.gov.au](mailto:Homelands.Program@nt.gov.au)