

Community services

In 2025–26, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$235.7 million to support state community services as detailed in Table 2.6.

Table 2.6: Payments to support state community services

\$million	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
National Partnership payments					
Accessible Australia(a)	5.9	4.1	1.3	-	-
Alcohol Treatment Services in the Northern Territory	12.3	-	-	-	-
Extra high visibility police and law enforcement operations	14.2	4.7	-	-	-
Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses Agreement					
Family, domestic and sexual violence responses	72.3	70.0	71.7	73.0	74.7
500 community sector and frontline workers	52.4	54.5	55.6	56.9	58.2
Innovative approaches to addressing perpetrator behaviour	6.2	5.3	5.3	-	-
Far North Queensland Connect Project	4.6	-	-	-	-
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment					
Community safety implementation plan	52.6	66.3	69.5	65.3	68.6
Place-Based Community Development	-	9.3	10.5	14.2	11.5
Place-Based Mediation and Peacemaking	-	2.6	2.7	3.7	4.8
Remote Australia strategies implementation plan	5.7	8.5	8.8	9.0	9.3
Outcomes Fund	1.7	7.0	6.2	3.0	3.1
Port Augusta Safety and Wellbeing Partnership	3.0	3.0	-	-	-
Social Impact Investments					
Vulnerable Priority Groups	0.5	0.5	4.8	-	-
Total	231.5	235.7	236.4	225.2	230.3

a) Accessible Australia expands the Changing Places Implementation initiative from 2024–25.

National Partnership payments for community services

The Australian Government provides National Partnership payments to the states for community services, as detailed below.

Accessible Australia^{(a)(b)}

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.1	~	~	~	0.2	~	0.1	~	5.9
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	4.1
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.3
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0.1	~	~	~	0.2	~	0.1	~	11.3

a) Accessible Australia expands the Changing Places Implementation initiative from 2024-25.

b) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding for eligible accessible infrastructure and amenities that improve access to built and natural environments for people living with disability. This initiative expands the Changing Places initiative, announced in October 2022, to include funding for additional accessible infrastructure projects in national parks, beaches and play spaces nationwide.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

Alcohol Treatment Services in the Northern Territory

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.3	12.3
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.3	12.3

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Northern Territory Government to support First Nations communities to make decisions about alcohol treatment services that best suit their needs.

Extra high visibility police and law enforcement operation

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.2	14.2
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.7	4.7
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18.9	18.9

The Australian Government is providing funding to deliver additional policing and other community safety support measures in Alice Springs. This funding will be delivered through an 18-month extension of the national partnership agreement between the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Government for the Strengthening Community Safety in Central Australia program.

Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses Agreement

The Australian Government is providing funding to support service providers to deliver critical family, domestic and sexual violence services to support those who need it most including women and children. It will also support the recruitment of 500 new frontline and community family, domestic and sexual violence sector workers nationally, and deliver innovative approaches to address perpetrator behaviour.

Family, domestic and sexual violence responses

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	22.0	17.7	14.9	8.4	5.2	1.6	1.2	1.3	72.3
2025-26	21.2	17.2	14.5	8.2	5.0	1.5	1.2	1.3	70.0
2026-27	21.7	17.6	14.9	8.4	5.1	1.5	1.2	1.3	71.7
2027-28	22.1	17.9	15.1	8.6	5.2	1.6	1.2	1.3	73.0
2028-29	22.6	18.3	15.5	8.8	5.3	1.6	1.3	1.4	74.7
Total	109.5	88.6	74.9	42.4	25.9	7.8	6.1	6.6	361.8

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to invest in services to support women and children who are experiencing or are at risk of violence, and to trial new initiatives to support women and children experiencing violence. The funding will enable states to respond to high levels of demand for domestic, family and sexual violence services, and will ensure these continue to support those who need it most.

500 community sector and frontline workers^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	15.6	10.6	11.7	5.2	3.9	2.6	0.8	2.1	52.4
2025-26	16.2	11.0	12.2	5.4	4.0	2.7	0.8	2.2	54.5
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	55.6
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	56.9
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	58.2
Total	31.7	21.6	23.9	10.7	7.9	5.3	1.6	4.3	277.7

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding for new frontline and community sector workers to support women and children experiencing family, domestic, and sexual violence. This initiative will generate 500 new jobs for community organisations nationally.

Innovative approaches to addressing perpetrator behaviour

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	6.2
2025-26	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	5.3
2026-27	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	5.3
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	16.7

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to develop innovative approaches to address family, domestic, and sexual violence perpetrator behaviour. These approaches, which may include technological solutions such as electronic monitoring, will help hold perpetrators to account, prevent them from reoffending, and improve protection for victim-survivors.

Far North Queensland Connect Project

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	4.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	4.6	-	-	-	-	-	4.6

The Australian Government is providing funding to Queensland to explore a model to integrate care and support services, strengthen local community workforces, and build inclusive communities across Far North Queensland. The initiative aims to increase National Disability Insurance Scheme plan utilisation, workforce capability and efficient integration of resources.

Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment

The Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment agreement supports the Northern Territory to improve schooling for First Nations children, make communities safer and healthier, and increase access to interpreter services and job opportunities for First Nations Australians. Other components of this agreement are discussed in the Health, Education and Other sections of this Part.

Community safety implementation plan

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52.6	52.6
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	66.3	66.3
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	69.5	69.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65.3	65.3
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68.6	68.6
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	322.4	322.4

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Northern Territory to make remote communities safer, improve child and family safety, and address alcohol-related harm.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

Place-Based Community Development

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.3	9.3
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.5	10.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.2	14.2
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.5	11.5
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45.6	45.6

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Northern Territory to enable First Nations communities to engage in shared decision making and deliver services that are culturally responsive and accessible for community members.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

Place-Based Mediation and Peacemaking

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	2.7
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7	3.7
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8	4.8
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13.8	13.8

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Northern Territory to support a range of initiatives based in cultural authority and leadership to prevent and respond to violence in remote communities.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

Remote Australia strategies implementation plan

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.7	5.7
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.5	8.5
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.8	8.8
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.0	9.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.3	9.3
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41.3	41.3

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Northern Territory Government to support a sustainable, professional and qualified Aboriginal interpreter service.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

Outcomes Fund

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	1.0	-	-	0.8	-	-	-	1.7
2025-26	2.5	2.9	-	-	1.6	-	-	-	7.0
2026-27	2.5	2.0	-	-	1.8	-	-	-	6.2
2027-28	-	1.0	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	3.0
2028-29	-	1.0	-	-	2.1	-	-	-	3.1
Total	5.0	7.8	-	-	8.2	-	-	-	21.0

The Australian Government committed \$100.0 million over 10 years from 2024–25, including \$21.0 million from 2024–25 to 2028–29, for the Outcomes Fund to support social impact investing projects addressing entrenched disadvantage. The Outcomes Fund will make payments to states and service providers to deliver agreed outcomes. The Fund will focus on outcomes supporting families and children, people facing concentrated unemployment and people facing or experiencing homelessness.

Port Augusta Safety and Wellbeing Partnership

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	-	3.0
2025-26	-	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	-	3.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	6.0	-	-	-	6.0

The Australian Government is providing funding to support the Port Augusta Safety and Wellbeing Partnership. The Partnership aims to better coordinate investment in community services between the Australian Government and South Australia to improve the safety and wellbeing of people in Port Augusta and Davenport.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2025–26*.

Social Impact Investments

The Australian Government has committed to work with states on social impact investment trials to support vulnerable priority groups and people at risk of homelessness.

Vulnerable Priority Groups^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2024-25	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
2025-26	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
2026-27	~	~	~	~	1.6	~	~	~	4.8
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	2.7	~	~	~	5.8

a) Totals include funding yet to be allocated.

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to trial social impact investments which aim to assist vulnerable priority groups.