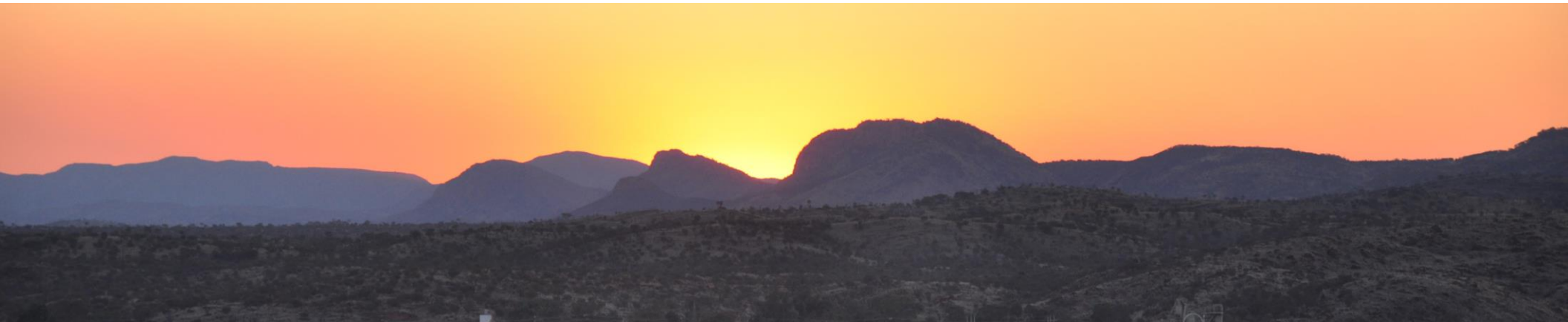


NORTHERN TERRITORY PBC FUNDING & TRAINING GUIDE



A guide to funding, training programs, services and other resources relevant to Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs)

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INTRODUCTION

The Northern Territory PBC Funding and Training Guide brings together information about funding opportunities, programs, services and other resources that may be useful to Prescribed Bodies Corporate (PBCs), also known as Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate (RNTBCs).¹ This guide was developed in response to recommendations from PBCs at national and regional meetings for more information about funding and training opportunities. This guide is designed to be used primarily as an on-line resource and throughout the guide you will find links to access additional on-line information. This toolkit includes information about:

- Grants (government and other funding)
- Grant writing assistance
- Training information
- Other assistance

Along with the Northern Territory PBC Funding and Training Guide there is also a national guide as well as guides for other states:

- [National](#)
- [New South Wales](#)
- [Queensland](#)
- [South Australia](#)
- [Victoria](#)
- [Western Australia](#)

The [PBC website](#) provides other useful information, including:

- A timeline of legislation and government policy for PBCs
- A profile of each PBC
- Information about upcoming events for PBCs
- Monthly summaries of relevant news articles about PBCs

The PBC website is currently being looked after by the Native Title Research Unit at AIATSIS, who are also coordinating a national email network of PBCs. Further information about PBCs can be found through the AIATSIS Native Title Research Unit's [Prescribed Bodies Corporate page](#) and [Native Title Information Handbook](#)

¹ The term prescribed body corporate (PBC) derives from Part 2 Division 6 of the *Native Title Act 1993*(Cth) (NTA), which provides that a PBC must be determined to manage native title rights and interests. The Native Title (Prescribed Bodies Corporate) Regulations 1999 prescribe the form or types of bodies that may be nominated when a determination recognising native title has been made. The term Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) derives from the NTA and describes the organisation that is determined by the Court and entered on the National Native Title Register. Under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* an RNTBC will be required to have the words 'registered native title body corporate' or the abbreviation 'RNTBC' as part of its name. For the purpose of this document from this point forward the abbreviation PBCs will be used to refer to both Prescribed Bodies Corporate and Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate.



1 FUNDING

This section provides an overview of finding grant funding for PBCs. It details:

- Searching for government and other grant funding
- Relevant grant funding for PBCs
- Sources of grant funding assistance.

1.1 Searching for grant funding

The tables below provide links to assist PBCs to search for grant funding available from the Northern Territory Government and local governments and from non-government organisations and the private sector.

Table 1: Grant funding databases

Category	Name	Hyperlink
Australian Government Database	Community Grants: a quick guide to key internet links	http://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/rp/rp1516/Quick_Guides/ComGrants
Australian Government Database	Grants and Assistance Finder links	https://www.business.gov.au/assistance
NT Government	Northern Territory Government Grants and Funding	https://nt.gov.au/community/community-grants-and-volunteers/grants-directory
NT Government	Northern Territory Government and Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority Grants-Tracker	https://nretasgrants.nt.gov.au/GT7/Portal/Default.aspx
Non-Government Database	GrantReady – Community GrantGuru	http://community.grantready.com.au/



Category	Name	Hyperlink
Non-Government Database	GrantReady – Business GrantGuru	http://business.grantguru.com.au/

Table 2: Northern Territory Government department grant funding websites (including local government directory)

Category	Name	Hyperlink
NT Government Departments and Agencies	Community Grants and Volunteers	https://nt.gov.au/community/community-grants-and-volunteers/grants-directory
NT Government Departments and Agencies	Department of Arts	https://nt.gov.au/leisure/arts-culture-heritage/arts-funding-and-grants/apply-for-a-regional-arts-fund-grant
NT Government Departments and Agencies	Housing and Community Development	https://dlgcs.nt.gov.au/local-government-funding
NT Government Departments and Agencies	Northern Territory Emergency Service	http://pfes.nt.gov.au/Emergency-Service/Funding-programs.aspx
NT Government Departments and Agencies	Office of Women’s Policy	https://nt.gov.au/community/community-grants-and-volunteers/grants-for-women
NT Government Departments and Agencies	Office of Youth Affairs	http://www.youth.nt.gov.au/youth_grants.html
NT Government Departments and Agencies	Tourism NT	http://www.tourismnt.com.au/en/industry-resources/grants-and-funding
NT Local Government	NT Local Government Directory	https://dlgcs.nt.gov.au/local-government-funding



Relevant grant funding for PBCs

The tables below provide details of Northern Territory Government and other sources of grant funding for activities related to the exercise of native title rights and interests. While every effort has been made to ensure that details are correct, users of this guide are advised to contact the relevant organisation or visit the relevant website to confirm program details and closing dates.

Table 2: Grant funding for PBCs through Northern Territory Government departments

Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Arts	NT Arts Grants Program	A full list of NT Arts Grants	Arts NT	Various. Check website for details	Contact details available on relevant grants webpage
Business support	Business Innovation Support Initiative	The BISI program is aimed at stimulating, initiating and promoting innovation by assisting businesses to commence research and development projects in the areas of science, engineering, technology and design, which could lead to successful new products, processes and services.	Department of Business	The Innovation Voucher Scheme is open at different times of the year. Check the website for further information	Phone: (08) 8999 6888 Email: innovation@nt.gov.au
Business support	Indigenous Economic Development Forum	The forum will provide a platform to progress discussions held between Indigenous businesses and other stakeholders during the recently held Economic Summit series and Economic Development Framework. It will include a range of other existing and emerging economic opportunities.	Department of Business	See website for further details	Phone: (08) 8981 2010 Email: iedforum@agentur.com.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Business support	Indigenous Responsive Program	The Indigenous Responsive Program administers funding specifically for Indigenous people, for the delivery of accredited and non-accredited training that links to work-ready or employment on site in Indigenous communities.	Department of Business and Industry	Indigenous communities can access funding at any time throughout the year	See website for contact details
Business support	Regional Economic Development Fund	The Regional Economic Development Fund (REDF) assists with the development of business and industry capability in all regions of the Northern Territory. It stimulates and supports regional economic development through locally based initiatives.	Department of the Business and Industry	In the first instance, potential applicants should call the REDF Regional Economic Development Officers	Central Australia / Alice Springs: (08) 8951 5785 Barkley / Tennant Creek: (08) 8962 4472 Big Rivers / Katherine: (08) 8973 8559 East Arnhem / Nhulunbuy: (08) 8987 0569
Community support	Aboriginals Benefit Account	<p>ABA beneficial grant funding is provided for one-off grant funding proposals that are for the benefit of Aboriginal people living in the Northern Territory.</p> <p>Proposals for ABA beneficial grant funding are made under one of the four funding categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Enterprise • Supporting Community • Supporting Culture, Language and Leadership • Supporting Land, Sea and Waters Management and Use. 	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Contact the department or check website for details.	Email: aba@pmc.gov.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Community support	Community Benefit Fund	<p>Community Benefit Grants which provide assistance for general community development and improvement purposes. Key grant categories are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major community grants • Small grants program • Vehicle gifts and long-term loans. 	The Attorney-General and Justice	Check website for more information	<p>Phone: 1300 650 153 (free call)</p> <p>Email: cbf.ntg@nt.gov.au</p>
Community support	Homelands Services Grants Program	<p>There are currently two new methods of funding.</p> <p>The first includes Municipal and Essential Services (MES), Capital Infrastructure Grants (CIG) and Housing Maintenance Program (HMP) components. Service providers will be offered a single three year funding agreement with twice-yearly payment and reporting requirements.</p> <p>The second is the Homelands Extra Allowance, which will be available to residents through an application process via service providers, providing they meet the eligibility criteria.</p>	Department of Community Development	Contact the department or check website for details	Phone: 1800 031 648
Community Support	Capital Grant	A capital grant is for capital projects including the construction of new facilities, extension to or upgrading of existing facilities and the purchasing of equipment.	Community Support and Care	Contact the department or check website for details	<p>Phone: (08) 8999 5212</p> <p>Email: procurement.liaison@nt.gov.au</p>



Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Community support	Multicultural Grant Funding	A range of grants are available for projects that promote multiculturalism in the Northern Territory.	Department of the Chief Minister	Contact the department or check website for details.	Phone: (08) 8999 3894 Email: multiculturalaffairs.dcm@nt.gov.au
Community support	Computers for the Community Program	Northern Territory (NT) community organisations can apply for free computers as part of the NT Government's computers for the community program.	Department of Community Development	Ongoing	Phone: (08) 8999 5218 Email: communitycomputers.dob@nt.gov.au
Cultural Heritage	Heritage Grants	As part of its Heritage Incentives Program, the Northern Territory Government NT Heritage Grants Program primarily encourage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical conservation works to privately owned heritage places • Research and documentation • Promotional projects including festivals and events. 	Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment	Contact the department or check website for details	Phone: (08) 8999 5039 Email: heritagegrants@nt.gov.au
Cultural Heritage	History Grants Program	The aim of the grants program is to encourage and support original research about Northern Territory history.	Department of Arts, Culture and Heritage	Contact the department or check website for details	Phone: (08) 8924 7677 Email: nthg@nt.gov.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Cultural Heritage	Regional Museums Grant Support Program	Grants are made annually to assist local museums and keeping places to develop programs, design and construct displays, manage their collections, acquire relevant skills and enhance the presentation and preservation of local heritage for the benefit and enjoyment of residents and visitors to the vast and varied regional environs of the Northern Territory.	Department of Arts and Museums	Contact the department or check website for details	Phone: (08) 8999 5052 Corporate.artsmuseums@nt.gov.au
Land and water	Container Deposit Scheme Infrastructure Grants	The grants provide one off funding for businesses and organisation to purchase equipment or infrastructure for establishing CDS Collection Depots or Collection Points in regional and remote locations throughout the Northern Territory.	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Contact the department or check website for details	Phone: (08) 8924 4002 Email: environmentgrants@nt.gov.au
Land and water	Environment Grants	Environment Grant funding is provided for community based projects to help reduce impact on the environment. By facilitating engagement with the community these projects can help mitigate harm and raise awareness to enable the safeguarding of the Northern Territory's unique environment.	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Contact the department or check website for details	Phone: (08) 8924 4002 Email: environmentgrants@nt.gov.au
Land and Water	Environment Small Project Grants	The program provides funding to support communities pursue initiatives that deal with or raise awareness about environmental issues in your local area. Up to \$5,000 is available	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	Contact the department or check website for details	Phone: (08) 8924 4002 Email: environmentgrants@nt.gov.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Department	Closing Date	Contact
Tourism	Tourism Infrastructure and Development	The program is aimed at advancing the development of Northern Australia by fostering the development of new tourism experiences and businesses, and assisting emerging ventures, Territory-wide. It has a particular focus on regional and remote areas.	Tourism NT	Contact the department or check website for details	Phone: (08) 8999 3900 Email: generalservices.tourismnt@nt.gov.au
Women	Grants for Women	Grants for Women support Northern Territory women.	Community Support and Care	Check the website for details	Phone: (08) 8999 8373 Email: owp@nt.gov.au
Youth	Youth Grants	Funding for innovative events, programs or projects that engage young Territorians aged 12 to 25 years.	Community Support and Care	Contact the department or check website for details	Phone: (08) 8999 3862 Email: oia@nt.gov.au



Table 3: Grant funding for PBCs through other sources

Subject	Program	Program Details	Organisation	Closing Date	Contact
Community support	Traditional Credit Union Sponsorship	TCU supports sponsorship opportunities that clearly enhance our brand by helping TCU achieve our mission of 'Providing personalised quality financial services for The Indigenous people and organisations in remote Australia'.	Traditional Credit Union	Applications can be made at any time.	Fax: (08) 8999 0777 Email: info@tcu.com.au
Community support	ConocoPhillips Australia Community Investment	ConocoPhillips invests in community programs through charitable contributions, community engagement, sponsorships, and community infrastructure. They also invest in community programs through joint ventures, and as part of project commitments to address environmental and social impacts. The primary areas for which we provide charitable contributions are education, health and the environment. Additional areas we are active in are the arts as well as disaster relief.	ConocoPhillips Australia	Applications are accepted throughout the calendar year, however submissions by April/May are encouraged so that they may be considered for the following year's funding.	Email: communities@conocophillips.com
Community support	Darwin International Airport/Northern Territory Airports Corporate Giving	The Corporate Giving program aims to support groups and individuals working in a variety of areas: Youth, Health, Education, Arts, Sport, Disadvantaged.	Darwin International Airport/NT Airports	Application can be made at any time.	Email: corporategivingcommittee@ntairports.com.au



Subject	Program	Program Details	Organisation	Closing Date	Contact
Community support	Public Purposes Trust	The Law Society Public Purposes Trust was established for the purpose of improving legal education and services within the community.	Law Society Northern Territory	Grants are made twice a year, and applications should be received by the end of January and July	Phone: (08) 8981 5104 Email: LSPPT@lawsocietynt.asn.au



1.3 Applying for grant funding

The table below provides a list of resources to assist PBCs with applying for grant funding. The list includes guides to writing grant funding applications. It also includes guides to crowdfunding – a relatively new way of raising funds through donations of money from the public using crowdfunding websites.

Table 4: Grant funding assistance and training

Subject	Program	Information	Locations
Guides to writing a grant proposal	Northern Territory Arts Grants Guidelines	Guidelines designed to assist those applying for Arts NT funding.	N/A
Guides to writing a grant proposal	The Grantseeker Manual – CommunityBuilders	<p>This manual covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand what grantmakers will be looking for when they read grant applications • Plan your project • Write an application for funding which tells the grantmaker what you are planning to do. • Keep up a relationship with the grantmaker that enhances your chances of future success. <p>There is also a Glossary to assist with any unfamiliar terms. You will also find a detailed list of links, further reading and resources to help expand your knowledge on all aspects of the grantseeking process.</p>	N/A
Guides to writing a grant proposal	Our Community Funding Centre	Our Community Funding Centre offers a range of resources for organisations seeking grants. Some resources are free while others require payment. Our Community also offers training for a fee.	N/A
Grant writing training	Grant writing for beginners	Volunteering SA & NT offers this course to assist people to acquire the tricks to finding the right grant for your organisation. Identify your project scope, learn the special language of grant applications and be confident of writing a successful application.	Adelaide / Darwin



Subject	Program	Information	Locations
Crowdfunding guides	Australian Government	Crowdfunding is a relatively new approach that is being used by groups to raise funds through donations of money from the public. This is commonly done through crowdfunding websites. PBCs may wish to consider crowdfunding as a way to raise funds to undertake a particular project.	N/A
Crowdfunding guides	Queensland Government	Crowdfunding is a relatively new approach that is being used by groups to raise funds through donations of money from the public. This is commonly done through crowdfunding websites. PBCs may wish to consider crowdfunding as a way to raise funds to undertake a particular project.	N/A
Crowdfunding guides	Our Community Funding Centre	Crowdfunding is a relatively new approach that is being used by groups to raise funds through donations of money from the public. This is commonly done through crowdfunding websites. PBCs may wish to consider crowdfunding as a way to raise funds to undertake a particular project.	N/A



2 TRAINING INFORMATION

PBC directors, members and staff may require training to ensure that they are able to deal with issues of decision making, dispute management, communication, governance, business management, as well as land and resource management. The table below provides a list of training courses and training providers that may be of interest to PBCs.

Table 5: Training providers and courses

Organisation	Courses	Information	Locations	Contact
Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education	Various	Batchelor Institute offers a range of training, VET and Higher Education courses, in a range of areas including Business and Conservation and Land Management.	Alice Springs, Batchelor, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Tennant Creek	Phone: (08) 8939 7111 Free call: 1800 677 095 Email: enquiries@batchelor.edu.au
Charles Darwin University	Various	CDU offers Vocational Education and Training and higher education with an Indigenous Alternative Entry Program for Indigenous students who do not meet the entry requirements for an undergraduate degree.	Main campus is in Darwin. Other campuses in Alice Springs and Katherine	Casuarina: Phone: (08) 8946 7766 or 1800 061 963 Alice Springs: Phone: (08) 8959 5311 or 1800 654 865 Email: student.central@cdu.edu.au
Foundation for Young Australians	Young Indigenous Leadership Program (IMPACT)	The IMPACT program aims to build a community of young Indigenous students and help foster their skills in leadership, contribution to community and future pathways. Students engage in the program for three years (from Year 10 to completion of Year 12 or equivalent) and participate in a range of activities including leadership workshops, residential programs and activities to challenge and inspire them. Students are supported throughout the three years by the project coordinator and a mentor.	Various	Phone: (08) 9670 5436 Online contact form available from website



Organisation	Courses	Information	Locations	Contact
NTCOSS	Various	The Northern Territory Council of Social Services (NTCOSS) provides a calendar of training for community or not-for-profit sector organisations. This includes training in governance and understanding financials.	Darwin, Katherine, Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Nhulunbuy	Phone: (08) 8948 2665 Email: admin@ntcoss.org.au
NT Department of Business	Indigenous Responsive Program	The Indigenous Responsive Program administers funding specifically for Indigenous people, for the delivery of accredited and non-accredited training that links to work-ready or employment on site in Indigenous communities. Indigenous communities can access funding at any time throughout the year.	Various	List of regional training coordinators' contact details available from website
Volunteering SA & NT	Volunteering SA & NT Training Program	Volunteering SA & NT offers a range of training courses. See the training calendar for details.	Adelaide (unless otherwise specified)	Alice Springs: (08) 8952 9630 Darwin: (08) 8963 5624 Online contact form available at website



3 OTHER ASSISTANCE

Native title holders, through PBCs, may seek to establish relationships with a range of organisations that may be able to provide assistance, advice, information or resources.

Native Title Representative Bodies (NTRBs) and Native Title Service Providers (NTSPs) are key sources of assistance for PBCs. The roles and functions of NTRBs and NTSPs include providing assistance to native title holders in relation to native title applications, future acts, Indigenous land use agreements, rights of access and other matters.

The National Native Title Tribunal provides a map of native title representative body regions at: http://www.nntt.gov.au/Maps/RATSIB_map.pdf

The table below provides details of the two NTRBs servicing PBCs in the Northern Territory.

Table 7: Native Title Representative Bodies and Native Title Service Providers

Region	Organisation	Organisation Type	Contact
Northern Northern Territory	Northern Land Council	Native Title Representative Body	NLC Head Office Phone: (08) 8920 5100
Southern Northern Territory	Central Land Council	Native Title Representative Body	CLC Main Office Phone: (08) 8951 6211

Some other organisations of interest are listed in the table below. The assistance available through these organisations is grouped by the following themes:

- Administration
- Advocacy
- Employment
- Informational and procedural assistance
- Interns and Volunteers
- Land and water
- Language
- Legal
- Research
- Whole of Government



Table 8: Other assistance available

Subject	Organisation	Details	Contact
Advocacy	Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT)	Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory—APO NT—is an alliance comprising the Central Land Council (CLC), Northern Land Council (NLC), North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA), Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aid Service (CAALAS) and the Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT). The alliance was created to provide a more effective response to key issues of joint interest and concern affecting Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory, including through advocating practical policy solutions to government.	Phone: (08) 8944 6666 Email: reception@amsant.org.au
Advocacy	ANTaR NT	Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation (ANTaR) is an independent, national network of organisations and individuals working in support of justice, rights and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia.	Phone: 0418 486 310 Email: antarnt@antar.org.au
Advocacy	NTCOSS	The Northern Territory Council of Social Service Inc (NTCOSS) is a peak body for the Social and Community Sector in the NT and an advocate for social justice on behalf of people and communities in the NT, who may be affected by poverty and disadvantage.	Phone: (08) 8948 2665 Email: admin@ntcoss.org.au
Informational and procedural assistance	National Native Title Tribunal	Assistance to PBCs can be provided on request. The type of assistance includes capacity building, governance training, dispute resolution services and assistance in negotiating ILUAs. PBCs seeking assistance should contact their relevant Tribunal office.	Phone: (03) 9920 3000 Freecall: 1800 640 501 Email: vicandtasenquiries@nntt.gov.au



Subject	Organisation	Details	Contact
Interns and volunteers	Volunteering SA & NT	<p>Volunteering SA&NT services include advice to government, training for volunteers and volunteer involving organisations, volunteer referrals, research and policy development.</p> <p>An Aboriginal Reference Group works in partnership with Volunteering SA & NT (VSA&NT) to advance volunteering in Aboriginal and wider Australian communities.</p> <p>In addition to volunteer referrals, Volunteering SA & NT also offer a Student Placement Program in partnership with the South Australia Institute of Business Technology.</p>	<p>Alice Springs Phone: (08) 8952 9630 Email: alice.springs@volunteeringsa-nt.org.au</p> <p>Darwin Phone: (08) 8963 5624 Email: darwin@volunteeringsa-nt.org.au</p>
Land and water	Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA)	The Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) is an independent statutory organisation established under the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act, and is responsible for overseeing the protection of Aboriginal sacred sites on land and sea across the whole of Australia's Northern Territory.	<p>Phone: (08) 8999 5511 Email: enquiries.aapa@nt.gov.au</p>
Land and water	North Australian Indigenous Land and Sea Management Alliance (NAILSMA)	NAILSMA provides a bioregional forum for Indigenous land and sea managers across North Australia. It supports practical Indigenous land and sea management, emphasizing practical management by Traditional Owners across the whole of the North.	<p>Phone: (08) 8946 7673 Email: contact@nailsma.org.au Online contact form: http://www.nailsma.org.au/contact</p>
Land and water	Territory NRM	Territory NRM provides support to land managers to help manage natural resources at a grass roots level. In addition to the many smaller-scale projects to which TNRM provides funding and support, it also coordinates a range of large scale programs that operate at catchment and regional levels.	<p>Phone: (08) 8942 8333 Email: info@territorynrm.org.au</p>
Language	Aboriginal Interpreter Service	The Aboriginal Interpreter Service (AIS) facilitates effective cross cultural communication between service providers and Aboriginal people who do not speak English as a first language.	Phone: 1800 334 944



Subject	Organisation	Details	Contact
Legal	Environmental Defenders Office NT	The Environmental Defenders Office (NT) Inc. is a not-for-profit community legal centre operating in the Northern Territory which specialises in public interest environmental law.	Phone: (08) 8981 5883 Freecall: 1800 073 916 Email: edont@edont.org.au
Legal	North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency	The North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA) delivers high quality and culturally proficient Aboriginal legal services to the Top End of the Northern Territory.	You can call NAAJA for free on: Darwin: 1800 898 251 Katherine: 1800 897 728 Nhulunbuy: 1800 022 823 Palmerston/Throughcare Office: (08) 8931 7400 Email: mail@naaja.org.au
Research	Northern Territory Library	The Northern Territory Library offers a range of resources, services and programs that can assist with historical and family research. The library runs programs that involve creating digital databases and providing public internet access to remote Indigenous communities.	Phone: (08) 8999 7177 Freecall: 1800 019 155 Email: ntl.info@nt.gov.au
Whole of Government	Department of the Chief Minister	The Department of the Chief Minister is the central strategic coordinating arm of Government.	Phone: (08) 8999 5511



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