

Community services

In 2026–27, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$566.1 million to support state community services as detailed in Table 2.6

Table 2.6: Payments to support state community services

\$million	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30
National Agreement on Foundational Supports	-	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0
National Partnership payments					
Accessible Australia	6.4	4.5	-	-	-
Alcohol Treatment Services in the Northern Territory	4.8	-	-	-	-
Extra high visibility police and law enforcement operations	6.2	-	-	-	-
Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence Responses Agreement					
500 community sector and frontline workers	54.5	70.3	72.1	73.7	75.6
Family, domestic and sexual violence responses	70.0	59.8	77.6	78.4	80.2
Innovative approaches to addressing perpetrator behaviour	9.6	9.6	-	-	-
Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices ACCO network	-	41.0	41.0	41.0	41.0
Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment					
Aboriginal Interpreter Services	8.5	8.8	9.0	9.3	9.6
Community safety implementation plan	67.0	65.6	68.5	68.6	72.9
Law and Justice Groups, Peacemaking and Mediation	2.6	2.7	3.7	4.8	6.0
Place-Based Community Development	9.3	10.5	14.2	11.5	15.8
Outcomes Fund	4.0	8.7	2.8	3.0	0.3
Port Augusta Safety and Wellbeing Partnership	3.0	-	-	-	-
Social Impact Investments					
Vulnerable Priority Groups	0.5	4.8	-	-	-
Total National Partnership payments(a)	246.3	286.1	288.9	290.3	301.3
Total	246.3	566.1	568.9	570.3	581.3

a) Excludes payments under the National Agreement on Foundational Supports, which are shown separately.

National Agreement on Foundational Supports

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	88.5	72.0	57.0	29.7	19.0	5.9	5.2	2.8	280.0
2027-28	88.5	72.0	57.0	29.7	19.0	5.9	5.2	2.8	280.0
2028-29	88.5	72.0	57.0	29.7	19.0	5.9	5.2	2.8	280.0
2029-30	88.5	72.0	57.0	29.7	19.0	5.9	5.2	2.8	280.0
Total	353.9	288.0	227.9	118.8	75.9	23.5	20.9	11.3	1,120.0

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to deliver additional supports to those that are delivered through the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and mainstream services. Foundational Supports will strengthen the broader support system outside the NDIS. This funding is for Thriving Kids which will be delivered under Foundational Supports.

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 2026–27*.

National Partnership payments for community services

In addition to the National Agreement on Foundational Supports, the Australian Government is providing funding through National Partnership payments for community services as detailed below.

Accessible Australia^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	1.0	-	-	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.1	-	6.4
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	4.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1.0	~	~	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.1	~	10.9

a) 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.

Alcohol Treatment Services in the Northern Territory

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8	4.8
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8	4.8

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
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2	6.2
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.2	6.2

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.

500 community sector and frontline workers^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	16.2	11.0	12.2	5.4	4.0	2.7	0.8	2.2	54.5
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	70.3
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	72.1
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	73.7
2029-30	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	75.6
Total	16.2	11.0	12.2	5.4	4.0	2.7	0.8	2.2	346.2

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.

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 2026–27*.

Family, domestic and sexual violence responses

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	21.2	17.2	14.5	8.2	5.0	1.5	1.2	1.3	70.0
2026-27	21.7	5.6	14.9	8.4	5.1	1.5	1.2	1.3	59.8
2027-28	22.1	22.4	15.1	8.6	5.2	1.6	1.2	1.3	77.6
2028-29	22.6	21.9	15.5	8.8	5.3	1.6	1.3	1.4	78.4
2029-30	23.1	22.5	15.8	9.0	5.5	1.6	1.3	1.4	80.2
Total	110.6	89.7	75.8	43.0	26.1	7.9	6.1	6.6	365.9

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.

Innovative approaches to addressing perpetrator behaviour

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	1.5	1.5	0.7	1.5	1.0	1.5	0.7	1.3	9.6
2026-27	1.5	1.5	0.7	1.5	1.0	1.5	0.7	1.3	9.6
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2.9	3.1	1.3	2.9	1.9	3.0	1.3	2.6	19.1

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to develop innovative approaches to address family, domestic, and sexual violence perpetrator behaviour. This includes \$8.6 million to expand the initiative to target interventions for high-risk perpetrators and young people using or at risk of using violence, through specialist early interventions.

Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices ACCO network^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	41.0
2027-28	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	41.0
2028-29	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	41.0
2029-30	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	41.0
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	163.8

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to states to support the Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) network measure under Our Ways – Strong Ways – Our Voices: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan to End Family, Domestic and Sexual Violence 2026–36 (Our Ways). Our Ways will focus on increasing the safety and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and children through culturally responsive approaches and community-led solutions.

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 2026–27*.

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.

Aboriginal Interpreter Service

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.5	8.5
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.8	8.8
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.0	9.0
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.3	9.3
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.6	9.6
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	45.1	45.1

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

Community safety implementation plan

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67.0	67.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65.6	65.6
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68.5	68.5
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	68.6	68.6
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	72.9	72.9
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	342.6	342.6

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

Law and Justice Groups, Peacemaking and Mediation

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.6
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	2.7
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.7	3.7
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.8	4.8
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.0	6.0
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.8	19.8

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

Place-Based Community Development

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9.3	9.3
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.5	10.5
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.2	14.2
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.5	11.5
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.8	15.8
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61.4	61.4

The Australian Government is providing funding to the Northern Territory Government to empower Aboriginal communities and regions to lead their own development, strengthening local governance and creating pathways for sustainable economic and social outcomes that reflect community aspirations.

Outcomes Fund

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	2.5	-	-	-	1.5	-	-	-	4.0
2026-27	2.5	4.9	-	-	1.3	-	-	-	8.7
2027-28	-	1.0	-	-	1.8	-	-	-	2.8
2028-29	-	1.0	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	3.0
2029-30	-	-	-	-	0.3	-	-	-	0.3
Total	5.0	6.9	-	-	6.9	-	-	-	18.8

The Australian Government committed \$100.0 million over 10 years from 2024–25 for the Outcomes Fund to support social impact investing projects addressing entrenched disadvantage. The Outcomes Fund will focus on outcomes supporting families and children, and people facing barriers to employment.

Port Augusta Safety and Wellbeing Partnership

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2025-26	-	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	-	3.0
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	3.0	-	-	-	3.0

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.

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
2025-26	-	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	-	0.5
2026-27	~	~	~	~	1.6	~	~	~	4.8
2027-28	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2028-29	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2029-30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	2.1	~	~	~	5.3

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.