

Targeted Regional Initiatives for Suicide Prevention (TRISP) Frequently Asked Questions

What is TRISP?

Targeted Regional Initiatives for Suicide Prevention. The available funding will be used to develop or bolster existing locally focused programs which address the unique risk factors for suicide prevention in each region. This initiative will particularly benefit those living in rural and remote communities where services may have been limited in the past.

How much funding is available?

There is \$1.26 million available in funding for regional initiatives for suicide prevention within the Northern Territory. This funding is likely to be divided across different organisations depending on the interest, quality of programs and activities that apply through the open tender process.

How will this funding be divided?

These funds are intended to be distributed across various service providers across multiple NT regions with specific allocation dependent on the tendering process and level and quality of interest. There is no set funding amount, but we are not seeking activities more suitable for community grants or small amounts of funding. Instead, we are seeking activities that require greater investments that will create a lasting impact. Therefore, activities that require less than \$50,000 will not be considered.

How long is the funding for?

The funding is to be used for the next 18 months, available to be used until June 2025. Therefore, it is for sustainable activities rather than one-off events. These funds are to be utilised for activities that have longevity and can be sustained and delivered over a 6–18-month period with scope to last beyond this. This is with the aim to create meaningful lasting change within these communities. It also allows for program monitoring, improvement and evaluation throughout the delivery and implementation process.

Who can apply?

Anyone or organisation can apply for the funding to implement or bolster new or existing suicide prevention activities. Individuals or organisations must be based in the Northern Territory with the activities run in regional NT (outside of Darwin and Palmerston). Priority will be given to applications from Barkly, East Arnhem Land and West Arnhem Land.

What is the target population?

Target population will be those most at risk of suicide, which include (but not limited to), young Aboriginal males, those within the LGBTIQ+ community and those in remote locations.

What are the target areas / locations?

The funding will be targeted for regional, rural, and remote suicide prevention initiatives. The regions include MMM3 and above. This is anywhere in the Northern Territory excluding Darwin and Palmerston. Priority will be given to applications from Barkly, East Arnhem Land and West Arnhem Land.

Why Barkly and East and West Arnhem Land?

These areas have a high need, with high rates of behaviours and death by suicide. While we acknowledge the considerable efforts already taking place in these regions, we are aware that there is

very little targeted resourcing towards suicide prevention. There is a need for a coordinated approach across these regions where organisations, services and individuals can work together to co-create, share ideas and resources, minimise duplication and advocate for improved strategies and programs.

What is a collaborative?

There will be priority to those organisations or activities that have interest in forming a local community collaborative that would bring together local organisations, stakeholders and community members to share ideas, resources and form partnerships to further reduce suicide rates and encourage suicide prevention activities within the area. This would assist the region in advocating for funding, identifying key stakeholders, co-designing and creating local community suicide prevention activities and minimising duplication.

How will the open tender process work?

Applicants are given the opportunity to apply for funding through an open tender process. They are asked to provide answers to various questions about their organisation, the program they plan on implementing, the funding they require etc. Please see the application response form.

These applications will be reviewed by a panel of experts including those from NT PHN, NT Health, AMSANT and NIAA.

Once these applications have been reviewed and assessed, the distribution of funding will be determined, and applicants will be notified.

When will the initiatives need to start?

Initiatives will ideally begin in January although we understand that unforeseen circumstances can delay these timeframes.

When does the tender open?

The tender will open on the Wednesday 8 November 2023. The tender will be open for 3 weeks.

When does the tender close?

The tender will close on the Wednesday 29 November 2023.