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# Central Land Council Regional Work Plan HHIP 2024-2027

Homelands Housing and  
Infrastructure Program



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# Regional Work Plan Overview

## 1. Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program

On the back of the success of the delivery of the 2022-24 “Restoring funding for Northern Territory Homelands” Federal Funding Agreement (FFA), on 17 July 2024, the Northern Territory Government and Australian Government agreed to a further investment of \$120 million over 3 years to continue urgent upgrades across Northern Territory Homelands through the Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program (HHIP). The 3-year Homelands agreement provides funding for critical repairs, maintenance, and infrastructure upgrades in homelands.

The HHIP is managed through the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development (DHLGCD), however decisions regarding planning, project selection and implementation are overseen by the Joint Steering Committee (JSC), which includes the following members:

- Central Land Council (CLC)
- Tiwi Land Council (TLC)
- Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC)
- Northern Land Council (NLC)
- Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory (AHNT)
- Australian Government
- Northern Territory Government

## 2. Joint Steering Committee

The JSC has agreed that Regional Work Plans will be developed by the Northern Territory Government in partnership with land councils and AHNT. Regional Work Plans will set out key regional priorities regarding housing and infrastructure needs. Plans will guide the allocation of \$120 million over the next 3 years (2024-2027).

The JSC has endorsed the following investment principles that guided project selection in 2023-24:

- Homelands with a population over 50 persons (including the clustering of smaller connected homelands);

- Housing and infrastructure that is in average/poor condition and requires investment beyond regular repairs and maintenance;
- Homelands with existing access to education, and other services; and
- Homelands within proximity of a regional community – in recognition that homelands can reduce pressure on housing and other resources.

## 3. 2024-2027 Program Funding Allocation

The following breakdown outlines the annual expenditure for works to be delivered to Northern Territory Homelands over the 2024-2027 program:

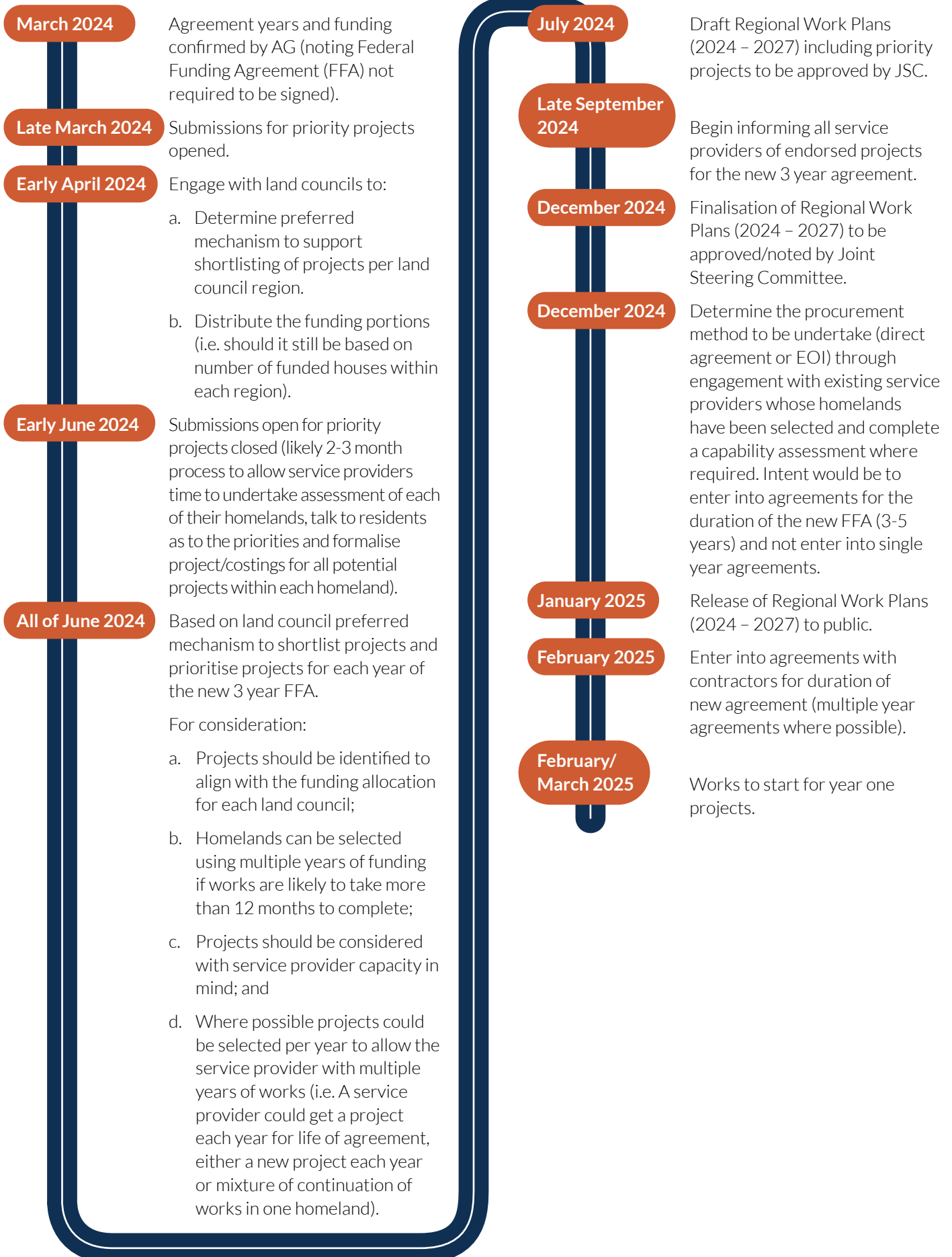
- \$36.0 million targeted investment into selected homelands, distributed among the four Northern Territory Land Council regions as follows:

Region	Portion of \$40M	Funding
Northern Land Council	54%	\$19.5M
Central Land Council	43%	\$15.0M
Anindilyakwa Land Council	3%	\$1.1M
Tiwi Land Council	1%	\$0.4M

- \$2.0 million dedicated to NT Wide initiatives aimed at improving water, power, and sanitation across all funded homelands; and
- \$2.0 million (5%) allocated for program administration costs.

## 4. Development Process

Timeline for the development of Regional Work Plans is set out below:



Whilst the process for each Regional Work Plan has been tailored to suit local government structures, JSC members have generally performed the following roles:

### Land Councils:

- Develop investment principles to guide decision-making practices; and
- Engage with Traditional Owners, Councillors, and homeland service providers to determine priority projects.

### AHNT:

- Engage with homeland service providers to determine key housing and infrastructure issues and priorities; and
- Identify opportunities for increased Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to deliver works to their homelands.

### Northern Territory Government:

- Provide background information regarding housing and infrastructure on homelands, including any capital upgrades completed or underway; and
- Assist in the coordination of the Regional Work Plans.



# Central Land Council – Regional Work Plan 2024-2027

## 5. Stakeholders

### 5.1 Central Land Council (CLC)

The Central Land Council (CLC) is a Commonwealth corporate entity established under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (ALRA). The CLC has statutory responsibilities for Aboriginal land acquisition and land management in the southern half of the Northern Territory. The CLC is also a Native Title Representative Body established under the *Native Title Act 1993* (NTA). Of the approximately 780,000 km<sup>2</sup> of land covered by the CLC region, more than half (417,318 km<sup>2</sup>) is Aboriginal land under the ALRA. In addition, rights have been asserted and won under the NTA, and traditional owners unable to claim land under the ALRA have succeeded in obtaining rights to small areas known as Community Living Areas, under Northern Territory legislation.

The CLC is governed by an elected representative Council of 90 community delegates. The interests and aspirations of approximately 20,000 traditional landowners and other Aboriginal people resident in the region are represented through this Council. The CLC advocates for constituents on a wide range of land-based

and socio-political issues to ensure that families can continue to survive and thrive on their land and undertake a range of programs reflecting the priorities of and to the benefit of constituents, including ranger program<sup>5</sup> and community development program.

Housing and homelands has long been an advocacy priority for the CLC. The CLC region has 30 remote Aboriginal communities across nine designated regions, with over 300 homelands.

The CLC works hard to support its constituents to live on their homelands, which is fundamental for the physical and spiritual health of Aboriginal people and culture. As at July 2024, there are 160 homelands receiving funding under the Northern Territory Government's Homelands Services Program in the CLC region. Most dwellings on homelands are decades old, as is the supporting infrastructure.

The CLC established a Homelands Reference Group as a forum for consultation about issues affecting homelands including providing recommendations for allocation of HHIP funding in the CLC region. The Homelands Reference Group comprises one member from each of the nine CLC regions, nominated by the CLC regional delegates.



## 5.2 Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory

Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory (AHNT) is the incorporated peak body for the Northern Territory Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing Sector – including homeland and town camp service providers. AHNT represents a membership of 19 Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, with the 4 land councils associate members. AHNT advocates strongly for the returned control of housing design, development, and management to the Aboriginal community-controlled sector, and for increased Aboriginal decision-making across the system.

AHNT works closely with the Northern Territory and Australian governments, land councils, and other key partners to help build capacity and provide advocacy for the sector who currently provide housing and housing-related services to around 10,000 Aboriginal Territorians, living around 2,426 dwellings, across 382 homelands, and 43 town camps and community living areas across the Northern Territory.

## 5.2 Regional Stakeholders

Central Regional Stakeholders	Involvement
Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory (AHNT)	JSC Member
Arramwelke Aboriginal Corporation	Existing homelands service provider
AUS Projects NT Pty Ltd	Existing homelands service provider
Central Land Council	JSC Member
Far Northern Contractors Pty Ltd	Existing homelands service provider
Ilpurla Aboriginal Corporation	Existing homelands service provider
Ingkerreke Outstations Resource Services Aboriginal Corporation	Existing homelands service provider
MacDonnell Regional Council	Existing homelands service provider
Ngaliwurru-Wuli Association	Existing homelands service provider
Tjuwanpa Outstation Resource Centre Aboriginal Corporation	Existing homelands service provider
Thangkenharengge Aboriginal Corporation	Existing homelands service provider
Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation	Existing homelands service provider
Yapa Kurlangu Ngurrara Aboriginal Corporation	Existing homelands service provider



## 6. Investment Principles

The CLC full Council resolved that decisions about funding allocations through the HHIP should be a shared decision between the Northern Territory Government and the CLC.

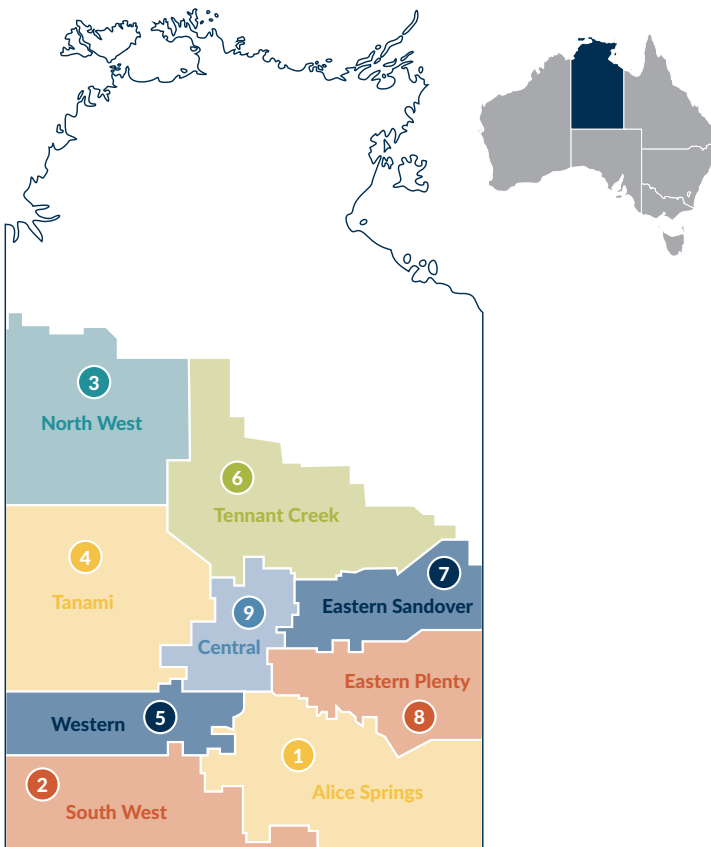
The Homelands Reference Group met for 3 days in Alice Springs in August 2024 to review and shortlist projects to recommend for funding through the \$45 million allocation for the CLC region over 3 years.

The Group was provided with a list of proposed projects for each of the eligible homelands in the CLC region prepared by the service providers, with support from the Northern Territory Government and consultation with residents and the Barkly Aboriginal Alliance. The responsibility for producing and submitting these project plans lay with the service providers.

In line with principles endorsed by the CLC full Council, the Group's recommendations were informed by regional equity, need and fairness, as well as value for money and capacity to deliver.

To support informed recommendations, Homelands Reference Group members were provided with:

- Terms of reference and an agreed process for managing Conflict of Interest;
- Clear advice on the timelines for decision-making and final decision-making authority;
- Requirements by the Commonwealth and Northern Territory Government in relation to the expenditure, including that the investment is for funded homelands only, for substantial work to fix housing and essential infrastructure, and not for new or replacement houses;
- Advice on the scale of funding available now relative to need across the region;
- Clear information about how the project list was developed;
- Suggested principles that could inform prioritisation;
- A one-page project plan for each eligible homeland including proposed works, budget and select photos of houses and existing infrastructure;
- - A rating of how well the homeland meets the 9 Healthy Living Practices, in particular:
    - » HLP 1 – Washing people
    - » HLP 2 - Washing clothes and bedding
    - » HLP 3 – Removing wastewater safely
    - » HLP 4 – Improving nutrition, the ability to store, prepare and cook food;
- Maps showing the distribution of eligible homelands across each CLC region; and
- Sufficient time to make their decisions.





## 7. Priority Projects 2024-2027

### Region 1: Alice Springs

Homelands	Funds Required
East Macdonnell Cluster	\$3,500,000.00
Salt Bore	\$570,000.00
Urrermerne	\$2,070,000.00
Artekerre (Harry Creek)	\$3,000,000.00
Alkupitja (Gillan Bore)	\$2,600,000.00
Turners Camp, Snake Well (cluster)	\$3,900,000.00
Pantyinteme (Cave Hole)	\$1,840,000.00
Angkerle Arrange A	\$1,130,000.00
Angkerle Arrange B	\$155,000.00
Limbla (Love Creek)	\$370,000.00
Blacktank Bore	\$1,500,000.00
Oak Valley	\$830,000.00
Phillipson Bore	\$935,000.00
West Waterhouse	\$1,240,000.00
Camel Hump	\$350,000.00

### Region 2: South West

Homelands	Funds Required
Ijiltarri (Kurrku)	\$500,000.00
Irrowa	\$925,000.00
Ulpanyali	\$1,150,000.00
Wataru	\$400,000.00
Tjuntinanta	\$250,000.00

### Region 3: North West

Homelands	Funds Required
Lul-tju	\$250,000.00



## Region 4: Tanami

Homelands	Funds Required
Karrinyarra	\$250,000.00

## Region 5: Western

Homelands	Funds Required
Atji Creek	\$235,000.00
Green Valley	\$435,000.00
New Bore	\$695,000.00
Ulambara	\$1,070,000.00
Warumpi	\$1,025,000.00
Ilpili	\$250,000.00

## Region 6: Tennant Creek

Homelands	Funds Required
Kurraya	\$315,000.00
Witit	\$600,000.00
Hatches Creek, Wakurlpu, 10 Mile Double D (cluster)	\$910,000.00
Mungalawurru	\$1,200,000.00

## Region 7: Eastern Sandover

Homeland	Funds Required
Atnwenerpe	\$2,100,000.00
Honeymoon Bore	\$585,000.00
Irrultja	\$2,180,000.00
Welere	\$450,000.00

## Region 8: Eastern Plenty

Homelands	Funds Required
Alatyeye (Turners Camp)	\$370,000.00
Foxalls Well, Spotted Tiger, Mount Eaglebeak (Harts Range Cluster)	\$2,050,000.00
Urlampe	\$800,000.00

## Region 9: Central

Homelands	Funds Required
Don's Bore	\$360,000.00
Angkweleyelengkwa, Jemelke (cluster)	\$1,655,000.00





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