

Question on Notice

No. 716

Asked on 27 May 2021

MS A CAMM ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND MINISTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON S FENTIMAN) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the new National Partnership on COVID-19 Domestic and Family Violence Response funding, which aimed to boost domestic and family violence assistance during COVID-19 —

Will the Attorney-General provide a detailed breakdown on how this funding has been distributed, including a list of programs and recipients of the funding?

ANSWER:

The total amount of funding allocated to Queensland under the National Partnership on COVID-19 Domestic and Family Violence Responses was \$25.638 million. This funding, received in four payments in 2019-20 and 2020-21, has been allocated to over 130 organisations to deliver more than 275 services to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A breakdown of how the funding has been distributed is provided below:

Program activity	Purpose	\$*
Family Wellbeing Services -Specialist DFV workers	To expand the number of embedded domestic and family violence workers in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Family Wellbeing Services across Queensland to provide additional capacity to respond to demand pressures during the COVID-19 pandemic.	\$2.70M
Family and Child Connect (Community Based Intake and Referral)	To enhance the capacity of existing intake and referral services throughout Queensland Family and Child Connect to respond to the increased needs of families presenting with domestic and family violence.	\$0.82M
Crisis and Post Crisis Accommodation and Support	To further enhance crisis and post-crisis accommodation and support to complement the Queensland Government's funding enhancement.	\$0.82M
Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Services	To enhance existing services.	\$0.55M
Tenants Qld Project	To enhance a project with Tenants Qld to provide support to domestic and family violence services regarding tenants' rights under COVID-19 measures to support victim access to safe, supported accommodation options.	\$0.05M
Outreach workers in police stations	To enhance existing services to allow more DFV worker hours within police stations.	\$0.54M

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Integrated Service Responses in six High Risk Team locations	To enhance targeted DFV services to enhance existing coordination activities across their locations, specifically around COVID impacts on DFV.	\$0.30M
Assistance for women and children transitioning to safe housing	To provide one-off funding for services that provide practical support to women and their children, including the provision of household goods for women establishing new homes free from violence.	\$0.11M
Practical assistance for women and children impacted by domestic violence	To provide a one-off contribution to Friends With Dignity Ltd to provide practical assistance to survivors of domestic violence in collaboration with women's shelters and other support services.	\$0.05M
Intensive Family Support	To enhance existing Intensive Family Support services throughout Queensland to respond to the increased needs of families presenting with domestic and family violence.	\$1.27M
Recovery responses for women impacted by gender-based violence	To enhance existing Women's Health and Women's Health and Wellbeing services to provide additional support to women post crisis. To provide training to Women's Health and Wellbeing Support services to enhance worker skills in responding to strangulation.	\$1.45M
Children and Young People	To enhance existing services to provide additional support to children and young people experiencing domestic and family violence and providing domestic and family violence training to youth support services. To develop a model for working with young men who perpetrate violence against their partners.	\$2.54M
Perpetrator Interventions	To develop and pilot an Online perpetrator program to increase accessibility and breadth of programs available across Queensland.	\$0.32M
Affordable Housing	To provide funding to two community housing providers, in areas of greatest need, to provide affordable accommodation to survivors of violence through head leasing properties (via HPW).	\$0.35M
Affordable housing for survivors of domestic and family violence	To contract Community Housing Providers to head lease suitable properties for women affected by DFV in South East Queensland.	\$2.20M
DFV Mobile Support	To fund a dedicated mobile support targeted to women housed through affordable housing initiative and to enhance support for women in motels in Brisbane.	\$0.91M
Enhanced victim support - Statewide DFV Service	To provide additional funding to address increasing client-related costs as a result of COVID-19 (e.g. travel and accommodation).	\$1.00M
Sexual Violence Services	To enhance existing sexual violence services to increase their capacity to support victims of sexual assault and meet demand related to COVID-19.	\$2.75M
Support for young people	To provide one-off funding to develop and trial an early intervention DFV program specifically targeting young people.	\$0.25M
DFV grants round	To provide grants to respond to emerging and identified need and support eligible organisations to enhance support for people affected by DFV.	\$2.50M

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DFV WorkAware	To provide one off funding to enhance the DV Work Aware program to raise awareness and promote best practice responses to issues of domestic and family violence in the workplace.	\$0.25M
DFV initiatives in the criminal justice area	To provide one-off funding for a range of initiatives that support enhanced service delivery across magistrate courts, victim assist and legal assistance services.	\$1.48M
DFV initiatives in the Queensland Police Service	To provide one-off funding to the QPS to facilitate training to frontline police to improve the recognition of, response, and investigation of coercive controlling behaviour.	\$0.35M
Child and Family Hub for people experiencing DFV	To provide one-off funding for a Child and Family Hub to provide an integrated response to vulnerable families experiencing domestic and family violence, homelessness, health, legal or other issues.	\$0.40M
DFV service system data strategy	To provide one-off funds to implement a detailed IT audit and process audit, identifying options for improvement that reduce administrative burden for services and facilitate improved data collection to inform improved and targeted service delivery and investment.	\$0.25M
Bystander initiative	To provide one-off funding for a bystander Communication package.	\$1.27M

**Figures have been rounded*