

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Local community action to support national drug response**

Local leaders across Australia are being encouraged to create a community-owned approach to reduce the harm from alcohol and other drugs, including Ice, that is relevant to their local area.

The second round of the national Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) Program is now open for community groups to join the 40 partnerships already in place.

The LDAT program is an initiative under the Australian Government's \$298 million investment over four years under the National Ice Action Strategy.

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) will provide resources to help deliver evidence-informed social change activities that strengthen protective factors to minimise harm from alcohol and other drugs, including Ice.

Successful LDATs will receive a minimum of \$10,000 to support the further development of their Community Action Plan (CAP) and/or on-the-ground prevention activities. A community action plan provides the basis for coordinated collaborative efforts to reduce alcohol and other drug related harm.

All LDATs with an approved CAP in place will be invited to apply for additional funding between \$10,000 and \$40,000 per annum to support the prevention activities and priorities identified in their plan.

'Every community is different, there is no one-size-fits-all approach, which is why the Australian Government established this program to empower grass roots organisations to tailor their work to their area' said ADF Head of Program Delivery Allan Murphy.

'Education and employment opportunities, social disadvantage and isolation are some of the factors that contribute to drug use, particularly in regional areas. This program supports community leaders from health, Councils, health and welfare, youth, police, Indigenous leaders and business to join together and with other organisations as one cohesive group' he said.

For more information about the LDAT program, go to [www.adf.org.au](http://www.adf.org.au)

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