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OPPORTUNITY TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES AND REDUCE DRUG HARMS

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) and the Australian Government are calling on community-based organisations to come together and form Local Drug Action Teams to prevent harms from alcohol and other drugs, including crystal methamphetamine ('ice').

Applications for the Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) Program are now open and close on 19 February 2018.

The application process is a gateway for interested community-based organisations who wish to make change in their local area to prevent and reduce alcohol and other drug-related harms.

The ADF has simplified the application process, making it far easier for interested communities and organisations to join the LDAT Program and make a difference.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for organisations to take action in their local area," said the ADF's Head of Program Delivery, Mr Allan Murphy.

"The Alcohol and Drug Foundation is committed to helping organisations strengthen existing partnerships and create new ones to prevent and reduce harms from alcohol and other drugs in their community," Mr Murphy said.

"By working on the ground and building on the strengths and knowledge of their own areas, Local Drug Action Teams develop evidence-informed approaches to prevent alcohol and other drug-related harms," he added.

LDATs receive an initial \$10,000 of funding and are supported by the ADF to develop a Community Action Plan within the first six months of joining the program. LDATs have the opportunity to receive up to \$40,000 per year, to support the implementation of their plan.

Organisations can find more information about how to join the LDAT program at <https://community.adf.org.au/LDAT-join>. They can also reach out to ADF staff who can assist groups to get their applications in.

The Local Drug Action Team program is part of the Australian Government's investment of \$298 million over four years under the National Ice Action Strategy to prevent and reduce harms from alcohol and other drugs, including crystal methamphetamine ('ice').

There are currently 80 Local Drug Action Teams across Australia, and by 2020, there will be up to 220 partnerships nation-wide.

For more information about the LDAT program please visit www.adf.org.au/ldat.

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About the Alcohol and Drug Foundation: Celebrating almost 60 years of service to the community, the Alcohol and Drug Foundation is one of Australia's leading bodies committed to preventing alcohol and other drug harms in communities around the nation. The Foundation reaches millions of Australians in local communities through sporting clubs, workplaces, healthcare settings and schools, offering educational information, drug and alcohol prevention programs and advocating for strong and healthy communities.