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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR LOCAL DRUG ACTION TEAM PROGRAM

The [Alcohol and Drug Foundation](#) and the Australian Government invite community-based organisations who are passionate about their neighbourhoods to apply for the latest round of the [Local Drug Action Team Program](#).

The Local Drug Action Team Program supports organisations to build or extend partnerships in their community and develop evidence informed activities to prevent and minimise alcohol and other drug-related harms at a local level.

“Alcohol and other drugs can impact on any neighbourhood, which is why we’re inviting community organisations right across Australia to apply to join the Local Drug Action Team Program,” said the Alcohol and Drug Foundation’s Chief Executive Officer, Dr Erin Lalor.

“The Local Drug Action Team Program recognises that every community is unique and that locally-led responses are vital when it comes to preventing and minimising harms caused by alcohol and other drugs,” Dr Lalor added.

Successful Local Drug Action Teams receive an initial \$10,000 and are supported by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation to develop Community Action Plans, which outline planned evidence informed prevention activities to address alcohol and other drug-related issues.

Local Drug Actions Teams can also apply for further funding to implement the activities within their Community Action Plans.

“This is a great opportunity for grass-roots organisations to use local knowledge to develop locally-led activities to support their own communities,” Dr Lalor said.

Applications for the Local Drug Action Team Program open Monday 29 October 2018 and are anticipated to close Friday 7 December 2018. The online application process is now easier than ever before and Alcohol and Drug Foundation staff are committed to supporting applicants through the process.

More information about how to apply to join the Local Drug Action Team Program can be found at <https://community.adf.org.au>

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.

There are currently [172 Local Drug Action Teams](#) across Australia, and by 2020 there will be at least 220 nation-wide.

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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 and minimising 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.