Crowd Control Assistance Grant

Terms and Conditions

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1. Objective

On 22 March 2023, the Northern Territory Government announced a suite of initiatives aimed at improving community safety and the safety of workers in the retail sales sector selling alcoholic beverages.

The Crowd Control Assistance Grant ('Program') has been established to provide immediate financial support to takeaway liquor outlets who are experiencing anti-social behaviour within their premises or have been impacted by crime.

The Program will assist businesses to obtain crowd control services during its operating hours until 30 June 2023.

The desired short term projected outcomes of this initiative are:

- A reduction on the number of anti-social behaviour incidents within takeaway liquor outlets.
- Takeaway liquor outlet workers' feel safe and secure in their place of work, and
- Territorians feel safe within the established licensed premises.

2. Program Participation

To participate in the program businesses must place crowd control security services during its permitted liquor operating hours. This grant commences on 22 March 2023 until 30 June 2023. This grant will assist businesses with the immediate costs of putting measures in place to address the anti-social behaviour within their premises or reduce the impact of crime.

Applications must be made to the Department on the application form and in accordance with these terms and conditions and any other information for applicants published from time to time. Information is available online at **GrantsNT**.

Applications close on 23 June 2023.

2.1. Eligibility and Application process

In order to participate in the Program, a business:

- 1. must be a licensed premises trading in the Northern Territory that is one of the following:
 - a. grocery stores that sell liquor on their premises, or
 - b. a public bar with a physical bottle shop or
 - c. a club with a physical bottle shop
 - d. takeaway liquor outlet only.
- 2. is a legal entity (whether corporate or not) that is fully compliant with its liquor licence and its governing legislation (if relevant);
- 3. holds a valid Australian Business Number (ABN); and
- 4. employs Northern Territory residents.

A Business can apply for funding for each premises from which it operates.

As part of the application process, businesses must include the following documentation:

- a) the business liquor license number
- b) evidence of the engagement of crowd controller services (whether by employing licensed individuals or by licensed security firms) which states the intended hours and premise location:
 - If the business has an existing arrangement with a crowd controller service, please provide evidence of your contract.
- c) the NT crowd controller or security firm license number, and
- d) any other evidence/documentation as requested from the Department.

2.1.1. Excluded Business/Activities

The following are excluded from this program:

- A restaurant or café selling alcohol with food
- A restaurant selling alcohol without food being purchased
- Special events such as wedding, wake or party at either a licensed premises that is outside of normal licensed hours, or a non-licensed location such as a park or community hall.

2.2. Funding

Businesses that are approved to participate in this program will be provided with a grant agreement detailing all the terms on which the grant is to be paid, including that the grant will be paid in instalments, with the first instalment to be paid upon execution of the grant agreement.

It is envisaged that monthly instalments will be paid as follows, but this is subject to the terms of individual agreements and the Department may make arbitrary changes at any time before the grant agreement is signed by a recipient:

Date	Payment
Monthly payments to 30 June 2023	Reimbursement payment subject to evidence of invoices or salaries which details the number of persons employed per day, number of hours traded per day and location and evidence of payment of the invoices or salaries.

Grants are to be used to contribute towards crowd control service coverage for up to the duration of the trading hours the business are permitted to sell liquor as per your liquor licence, per day of the recipient business. Persons engaged or employed to provide the services must be paid on the basis of their current Award.

For each eligible premise, a business must advise the Department the number of liquor trading hours per day that a crowd controller service is required. An hourly rate of \$45 (GST exclusive) is available to businesses to assist with the employment or contract of service for each premise.

The department will not cover:

- any salaries or costs that are outside of the business' permitted alcohol trading hours;
- any salaries or costs that are above the hourly rate of \$45 (GST exclusive).
- any salaries or costs that were incurred for services that were undertaken prior to 22 March 2023.

The Department will require evidence in relation to salaries that such costs have been paid as part of the acquittal requirements under the grant agreement.

3. Changes to Program

The Department reserves the right to:

- vary these terms and conditions, the eligibility criteria or any other documented rule or procedure relating to the Program at any time; and
- accept or reject any application for participation in the Program in its absolute discretion;
- claim repayment from a recipient if the Department's subsequent Audit determines that the business was in fact not eligible.

4. General Terms and Conditions

4.1. Complaints

Disputes and complaints relating to applications for this Program, or other complaints involving the Department during the currency of the Program can be made at Feedback | Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade¹

4.2. Privacy

In this section, a reference to "you" is a reference to a participant.

The Department is bound by the *Information Act 2002 (NT)* and will only ever use information in accordance with the Northern Territory Government's Information Privacy Principles. These principles are available at www.infocomm.nt.gov.au/privacy/information-privacy-principles or by contacting the Information Commissioner Northern Territory on 1800 005 610.

Recipients should read the Department's <u>Privacy Policy</u>² and by providing information to the Department under the Program, Businesses and Recipients agree to the following Privacy Statement:

Information collected as part of the Program application process is collected in accordance with the Program's terms and conditions and for the purposes of assessing participant eligibility, audit; monitoring; evaluation; and reporting.

¹ https://industry.nt.gov.au/feedback

² https://industry.nt.gov.au/publications/business/policies/privacy-policy

By applying to participate in the Program, you consent to the Northern Territory Government:

- (a) storing information, including personal information (such as names and personal contact details);
- (b) using the information, including personal information for the purposes mentioned under the paragraph above;
- (c) transferring some of this information, including personal information, outside of the Northern Territory (but not outside Australia) for the purpose storing it; and
- (d) releasing non-sensitive information, de-identified data in accordance with the Northern Territory Government's open data policy.

If you have provided personal information of another individual to the Northern Territory Government, you warrant that you have informed the person to whom the personal information relates that the personal information will be provided to the Northern Territory Government, and of the Northern Territory Government's intended use of this personal information, and that you have obtained consent from all such persons to allow the Northern Territory Government to use and disclose their personal information in this manner.

4.3. Due Diligence, Audit and Compliance with Law

All participants in the Program acknowledge:

- (a) that the Department will conduct such due diligence enquiries as it sees fit in order to ensure the integrity of the Program and that the allocated funding is used strictly in accordance with the intent of the relevant government policy.
- (b) that it is a condition of participation in the Program that applicants comply with all relevant laws, including the *Payroll Tax Act 2009* and *Taxation Administration Act 2007* and, without limitation, that the applicant ensure they are aware of their obligations under the *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2017* (the Act) and that none of their officers, employees, and/or members engage in improper conduct as that term is defined in the Act.

All participants in the Program acknowledge and expressly agree to the Department seeking from and sharing information with other NT Government agencies, as well as such external professional advisers as it may need to do in order to assess eligibility, such as conveyancers / solicitors.

The Department reserves the right to conduct an Audit at any time during the Program or within 12 months after the Program's End Date.

By applying to participate in the Program, applicants declare that they expressly agree to the Department having access to any private register of information in relation to the Business, and to the Department using, storing and releasing for lawful purposes, their information, including personal information.

4.4. Release and Indemnity

By applying to participate and as a continuing obligation throughout any period of participation in the Program, the applicant declares and warrant to the Department that they have read, understood and fully accept these terms and conditions and fully release and indemnify the Department against any loss or damage he/she/it/they may suffer of any nature whatsoever (including without limitation personal injury or death) caused or contributed to by participation in the Program.

5. Program End

The Crowd Control Assistance Grant is a result of a decision by the NT Government to improve community safety and the safety of workers. The program will cease on 30 June 2023.