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Next step in Australian funding to support residential rehabilitation facility

TEAMhealth has reached the next milestone in securing \$1.9 million in Australian Government funding from the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) to develop a high quality residential rehabilitation facility in Darwin.

This comes on the back of the Northern Territory Government yesterday announcing a new \$3 million housing initiative to support Territorians with ongoing mental illness.

TEAMHealth CEO Helen Egan said that she is pleased with the recent focus on the importance of residential rehabilitation, and is looking forward to finalising the BBRF Agreement with the Australian Government.


“This grant of \$1.9 million will allow us to fill an important gap in local mental health support services by providing a purpose-built facility to support the transition and recovery journey for people with mental illness.”

“Top End House will be part of the surrounding community, helping residents to achieve their recovery goal of living independently, and will ease the pressure on existing mental health services.”

The Top End House project includes a residential rehabilitation facility with a capacity to support 10 participants and six transitional housing units. The residents of Top End House will be supported by 24/7 specialist staff.

The planning for Top End House has been underway for a number of years, and has included consultation with neighbours in the Malak area on the design and operation of the facility.

Currently the only long term residential facility for people dealing with mental illness is operated by TEAMhealth at an old building located in Parap; the service, known as the Manse, has a maximum of six beds. There are no other purpose built residential rehabilitation facilities such as Top End House currently available in Darwin or the Northern Territory.



TEAMhealth is grateful for the support from a range of key stakeholders, including the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs Senator Nigel Scullion, the Northern Territory Government Ministers and Departments, and a wide range of community service providers from across the Top End.

The project has an investment value of approximately \$3.9 million and is expected to generate 24 jobs in the Darwin economy and 40 jobs in the national economy.

About TEAMhealth

The Top End Association for Mental Health Inc. (TEAMhealth) has been providing services to people with mental illness in the Northern Territory (NT) since 1987. TEAMhealth is an incorporated association providing benevolent and charitable activities wholly within the NT.

TEAMhealth is based in Berrimah, Darwin and operates across the top end of the Northern Territory with support provision in the regions and communities of Darwin, Palmerston, Litchfield, Mataranka, Belyuen, Daly River, Gunbalanya, Maningrida and Katherine.

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