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Organisation	Amount	Project	Description
Loddon Campaspe Integrated Family Violence Consortium (lead agency Emergency Accommodation Support Enterprise Inc (EASE))	\$50,000	Loddon Campaspe Family Violence co-ordinated Community Response	<p>The project will work towards implementing a fully integrated and co-ordinated community response (CCR) to domestic and family violence for the Loddon Campaspe region based on the internationally renowned Duluth (Minnesota, USA) model.</p> <p>The project consortium will work with Minnesota Program Development, Praxis International and an advisory committee to train key stakeholders, design, develop and implement a CCR, working towards the objective of implementing and evaluating the CCR through a community safety audit.</p> <p>The project will also involve working with the relevant community stakeholders to confirm a common philosophical understanding of the gendered nature of domestic and family violence and of the central issues of power and control that explain the dynamics of violence.</p> <p>The development of a CCR in our community will also lead to greater emphasis and capacity for the community to work on violence prevention activities.</p>
Older Women's Network NSW Inc.	\$50,000	Pathways for Referral: Reducing Violence against Older Women	<p>The project will establish trials in three sites for the testing partnership protocols between the aged, health and domestic violence sectors in order to identify, respond and reduce violence against older women.</p> <p>Three sites will be chosen in areas of high concentrations of older people, Indigenous and CALD populations and at least one in regional NSW.</p> <p>OWN will use a model identified in their recently completed mapping project (that included a literature review, identification of gaps, and documented good practice) that found that the health system is a major source of support for older women, and domestic and family violence a critical risk factor for women, yet studies report a low screening for violence against older women by GPs.</p> <p>The project will test and document that responses provided include appropriate language, safety planning, and community awareness, and what collaborative systems, training and resources are necessary or needed to improve the levels of identification of violence against older women, available support options and appropriate referrals.</p>
Women's Health Goulburn North East	\$46,170	Partner Rape-Know About It, Respond effectively, Prevent it: An educational DVD, for health professionals and community members	<p>The project will develop an educational DVD to raise awareness of partner rape as a crime and to know how to respond positively.</p> <p>The DVD, to be disseminated to health, community and legal sectors, will give an overview of partner rape (as opposed to sexual assault generally) with background, context, prevalence and expert and victim/survivor perspectives as well as more specific 'chapters' targeted to particular audiences. The DVD will also detail self-help strategies for women experiencing partner rape, and for health professionals dealing with the issue.</p> <p>The project will meet an identified gap as literature search suggests that no DVD currently exists in Australia that is specifically on partner rape and how to respond effectively to it.</p>
Immigration Women's Domestic Violence Service (IWDVS)	\$44,139	Engaging Multicultural Faith and Community Leaders in the Early Prevention & Intervention of Violence against Women	<p>The main goal of the project is to create a heightened awareness of the benefits of early intervention and prevention of violence against women in CALD communities. With the commitment and assistance of local community and faith leaders, the project is aimed</p>

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			<p>at changing the behaviours and attitudes of individuals, to empower them and the community to decrease and ultimately stop the incidence of domestic and family violence. The project will also foster an examination of cultural attitudes, norms and traditions that contribute to the legitimisation of violence against women in their communities.</p> <p>IWDVS will support and assist community and faith leaders to create, plan and implement a series of early intervention and prevention strategies by bringing them together with service providers (child protection, police, court, ethnic organizations, refuge). These activities will raise awareness and mobilise communities to strive to reduce family violence and foster a better understanding of diverse perspectives, cultures and systems.</p>
Women's Legal Services Australia (sponsored by Women's Legal Service Victoria)	\$44,128	Keeping women safe: best practice and comparative legal approaches	<p>Women's legal services from all states and territories will come together for a two day workshop to share information on the different ways the law is used across Australia and internationally to protect women and children from violence, learn from guest speakers about recent and innovative approaches in this area, and undertake training in working with women affected by violence.</p> <p>Outcomes from the workshop will be documented and WLSA and members services will use the material to advocate for change at a state and federal level, and to improve their own service delivery in this area.</p>
North Queensland Combined Women's Services Inc (Also known as the Women's Centre)	\$43,486	Stopping Domestic Violence Billboard Project	<p>The project will use Billboard messages to promote an early intervention, anti-domestic violence message to the people of North Queensland, both within the city of Townsville and the remote and rural populations travelling to and from Townsville, including Ayr, Ingham and Charters Towers.</p> <p>The Billboard messages will be developed with information from a focus group of women service users and workers and then displayed along major roads within the Ayr, Charters Towers, Ingham and Townsville area.</p> <p>The messages will target and highlight the unacceptability of men's violence towards women and its effect on women and the community and will also inform the general public about organisations who can help those who have experienced violence by raising awareness of the services available.</p>
Women's Legal Service	\$43,030	Domestic Violence Death Review Board Project, Stage 2	<p>This grant provides funding for Stage 2 of a collaborative project of the Domestic Violence Death Review Action Group, a coalition of organisations, academics and individuals working towards establishing a Death Review Board in Queensland and to review, reduce and prevent domestic homicides.</p> <p>The project will involve a law reform project on domestic violence death reviews, consolidating research and advice in an extensive Discussion Paper on review processes, jurisdiction, purpose and possible models for a Queensland Domestic Violence Death Review Board. As part of the knowledge-sharing approach of the group, forums will be conducted in Brisbane, Mount Isa and Townsville as part of the project.</p>
Women's Centre for Health Matters	\$40,835	Access and respite for women with disabilities experiencing domestic violence by the ACT DV sector	<p>The project, a collaboration between the Women's Centre for Health Matters, Domestic Violence Crisis Service and Women with Disabilities ACT, will explore current practice, raise awareness and assist organisations in the development of good practice policies, procedures and access to premises for women with disabilities escaping domestic violence in the ACT.</p>

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<p>Domestic Violence Resource Centre (Victoria)</p>	<p>\$37,444</p>	<p>Leadership & Women With Disabilities: Capacity Building in Violence Prevention</p>	<p>The project will involve mentoring women with disabilities in order to promote their capacity to lead and facilitate community activities on violence prevention.</p> <p>The influence of women with disabilities who speak out about domestic violence can be very powerful. This innovative project aims to mentor women with disabilities in violence prevention by enhancing their existing skills and abilities. The Domestic Violence Resource Centre (Victoria) will recruit women with an interest in violence prevention and provide them with training, support, encouragement, advice and resources based on DVRC's knowledge and expertise in violence against women with disabilities. The project will facilitate their first steps into positive and empowering violence prevention activities.</p>
<p>Aboriginal Family Support Services Inc.</p>	<p>\$25,818</p>	<p>Children Growing Big and Strong</p>	<p>The project will fund a series of professionally conducted workshops for Aboriginal children who have been victims of or witness to domestic/family violence in Port Augusta and Coober Pedy. The workshops will be designed to not only build resilience to help the children cope with the associated trauma, but just as importantly, to build resilience to help them learn/re-learn the ability to develop appropriate caring, family relationships.</p>
<p>Aboriginal Culture and Resource Centre Inc (ACRC)</p>	<p>\$24,499</p>	<p>"Strong Women, Safe Communities"</p>	<p>The project will pilot the establishment of Women's Days at ACRC. They will be provided in collaboration with other local service providers in the Blue Mountains.</p> <p>Women's Days will focus on providing Indigenous Women with knowledge, skills and how to access support services, while also providing children's activities, creating a safe nurturing environment for women and children.</p> <p>The project will be implemented in partnership with the Blue Mountains Women's Health Centre and other local services will be invited to get involved in the project</p> <p>The project will be provided as an early intervention strategy (before women and children present at Domestic Violence services) and will be strengths-based. It will assist women and children to build their own resilience and encourage them to be able to say no to family violence in their community.</p> <p>By providing two family fun days the project will work to engage whole families and the broader Aboriginal community.</p>
<p>Central Domestic Violence Service</p>	<p>\$20,660</p>	<p>"Getting Talking" empowering Liberian women to address issues of domestic violence and</p>	<p>The "Getting Talking" project will work to engage Liberian women in the Western and Eastern metropolitan regions of Adelaide - and begin conversations around their experiences of domestic and</p>

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Huon Domestic Violence Service	\$7,557	Safe at Home's Greatest Hits	This project will see the production of a series of radio programs discussing Domestic and Family Violence issues, early intervention and risk management strategies and community support information using the power of popular music and ownership by young people of a local radio program.
ACT Women and Prisons (ACTCOSS Auspicing)	\$2,000	Entering the Prison Kits	<p>The project involves the preparation of kits to be distributed to women upon arrival in the recently established ACT prison, either sentenced or on remand. 98% of women imprisoned in Queensland have a history of domestic violence and/or sexual abuse. Similar studies in other state's prisons have all found rates of over 85%.</p> <p>The funding will be used to prepare 100 kits to provide women with information about women specific support services, where women prisoners can feel safe asking for help (as they are separate from the prison system) and gain access to tools to put their life back together when they leave prison, by arranging housing, financial assistance and other supports, building their capacity to address their own problems. This control may be enough to prevent women from returning to violent family settings or re-entering the prison system.</p>
Carrie's Place Women's and Children's Service Inc	\$2,000	Choir of no more knocks	<p>This project will fund transport, accommodation, food and child care to enable the women of the Choir of No More Knocks to perform in Melbourne at a concert with the Choir of Hard Knocks and Jonathon Welch.</p> <p>The members of the Choir of No More Knocks are all women who have experienced some form of domestic violence in their lives.</p> <p>The choir has 2 main purposes: a therapeutic role – to build self confidence, break isolation, help women recognise their own personal power – and secondly, a community awareness raising role.</p>
MiiMi Mothers Aboriginal Corporation	\$2,000	Nambucca Valley Indigenous Women's Support Group	The project aims to empower Indigenous women to protect themselves and their children from domestic and family violence and develop a support network amongst Indigenous women that will reduce the effect of domestic and violence in the community
Central Domestic Violence Service Inc	\$2,000	Creating Intentional Families: A resource to support mothers who have experienced domestic violence	The project will develop a manual which will be used to run a 10 week parenting course that will address what mothers can do at different developmental stages to respond to children's developmental needs and promote peaceful parenting after there has been domestic violence. Part of the parenting course will enable each woman participant to create a DVD telling the story of her new intentional family, including photographs of herself and her children, parenting strategies and affirmations. The manual will also be a resource for workers supporting women who have experienced domestic violence.
ACT Chinese Women Association (Inc)	\$2,000	Intervention and Prevention of Domestic Violence for Australian Women and Children on Chinese Background	The project will fund speakers for seminars for Chinese women about domestic violence and provide printed material to educate Australian-Chinese women about the law, their rights and where to go for help.
Women's House Shelta	\$1,965	Domestic Violence and Child Protection Forum: exploring best practice from a feminist perspective	This project will fund a forum for domestic violence workers at the Women's House Shelta to look at the ways in which the system and workers collude with perpetrators and engage in victim blaming and explore issues regarding best practice from a feminist perspective, when working with women and children affected by domestic violence
Clarendon Vale Neighbourhood Centre Inc	\$1,960	FUTI/POP - "Facing Up To It and Playing Our Part	To provide two FUTI/POP training sessions - for teachers, support staff and community residents living and working in Clarence Plains so they can recognise family violence, understand the messages children give

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Eastern Region Domestic Violence Services Network Inc	\$1,680	Printing of Police Domestic Violence Handouts	The project will fund the printing of a handout for police officers to hand to both victims and perpetrators of violence when they attend incidents. The aim is to provide immediate information on domestic and family violence services along with local service contact details to try and encourage families experiencing domestic and family violence to engage with services as early as possible. This project is part of an overall strategy to improve engagement and case management of recidivist domestic and family violence families in the eastern