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## **ABORIGINAL INVESTMENT NT SELECTS TWO COMMUNITIES IN \$30M INVESTMENT AS PART OF THE FIRST ROUND OF ITS LONG-TERM INVESTMENT PROGRAM COLLECTIVE IMPACT INITIATIVES**

Aboriginal Investment NT has selected the first two communities to participate in its Collective Impact Initiatives, marking a significant milestone and achievement in the program designed to support long-term, community-led development across the Northern Territory.

Aboriginal Investment NT's Collective Impact Initiatives are community-led partnerships designed to strengthen the capacity and decision-making power of Aboriginal Territorians by delivering large, long-term projects within communities.

Following a comprehensive assessment process, one community in the East Arnhem Region and another in the Central Region have been selected for the first round of the initiative.

Both communities will begin working with Aboriginal Investment NT in the coming months to identify community priorities and co-design future projects that support long-term economic and social outcomes for Aboriginal Territorians.

Through the program, both communities will have up to \$15 million in funding available to access over the duration of the partnership. As a first step, an initial \$1 million has been approved for each community to support early planning and engagement activities to commence once a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is agreed upon alongside Aboriginal Investment NT.

Aboriginal Investment CEO, Nigel Browne says that the selection of these first two communities marks an important step for the Collective Impact Initiatives.

"This program is about backing Aboriginal communities to lead their own long-term development. By working alongside communities to identify their priorities and co-design solutions, we can support projects that create lasting economic and social outcomes," said Mr Browne.

"Research shows that community-led initiatives result in the best outcomes, so we designed this program with that in mind. Our role is simply to partner with communities over the long term, providing the resources, support and connections needed to turn their ideas into impactful projects."

"These partnerships are not small and sit outside of our other programs. They are designed to deliver long-term economic opportunity and are focused on ensuring Aboriginal people across the NT can achieve self-determination, furthering their rights."

“Our Collective Impact Initiatives are representative of one of our largest investment strategies. The Aboriginal Investment NT team have worked tirelessly to ensure this program is not only successful but sustainable for the selected communities. We want the impact of this program to be a long-term economic stream that will benefit communities both now and into the future.”

Aboriginal Investment NT’s Collective Impact Initiatives are community-led partnerships that aim to strengthen the capacity and decision-making power of Aboriginal Territorians by supporting large-scale, long-term projects identified and driven by communities themselves.

The next step for the two selected communities is to formalise their partnerships with Aboriginal Investment NT through a MoU. Once the MoUs are agreed upon, Aboriginal Investment NT will provide a public announcement with the partnering communities.

Round Two of EOI’s for the Aboriginal Investment NT Collective Impact Initiatives will open on 3 August 2026 and will remain open until 15 December 2026.

More information is available via

<https://www.aboriginalinvestment.org.au/collective-impact-initiatives>

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