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### **TACKLING LOCAL CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Attorney-General Michael Atkinson says he expects a range of new local crime prevention initiatives and community safety programs to be launched through the 2007-08 Crime Prevention and Community Safety Grants Program.

Announcing the call for applications for the grants program, the Attorney-General encouraged community-based organisations - including local government authorities and not-for-profit organisations - to propose local crime and community safety projects.

Mr Atkinson says applicants must address one or more of the Government's key priorities in their submission.

"These priorities include youth crime, high volume crime, violent crime, community capacity building, built environment and indigenous crime," Mr Atkinson says.

"This is an opportunity for local communities to tackle their own grassroots issues through either early intervention programs or specifically targeted initiatives which focus on safety outcomes.

"The grants program recognises that local people know their areas best and can be instrumental in working with justice agencies to bring about changes in a partnership of their innovative ideas with some funding assistance from the Government," he says.

The maximum grant funding available for any single project is \$50,000, with a minimum grant amount of \$10,000.

The funding is non-recurrent and is available for projects of up to 12 months duration.

Last year's successful applicants included:

- Legal Education and Awareness Project (L.E.A.P) – Legal Services Commission - \$47,883;
- Safety initiatives in East End entertainment precinct – Adelaide City Council - \$50,000;
- Women's Mentoring Program – Offenders Aid and Rehabilitation Services - \$50,000;
- Young People in Public Spaces Project – Youth Affairs Council of S.A. - \$43,520;
- Dare to Dream "Nunga Drumming Group" – Marra Murrangga Kumangka - \$33,235; and
- Salisbury Youth Aerosol Art Project – City of Salisbury - \$17,038

The applications for the 2007/08 round of grants will be assessed during February 2008 by a panel with representatives from local government, S.A. Police, Neighbourhood Watch, the indigenous communities, victims' rights and the Attorney-General's Department.