



National Legal Assistance Partnership

The Australian Government has provided an additional **\$264.7 million over five years**, from 1 July 2020, for legal assistance services, including a:

- permanent restoration of legal assistance funding, which would have been subject to reductions based on decisions of consecutive Australian governments - **\$150.6 million over five years**
- increase in baseline funding for legal assistance services - **\$51.6 million over five years**
- additional funding for frontline legal assistance services prioritised for family law and/or family violence - **\$25.8 million over five years**
- funding for the states and territories to administer the NLAP - **\$14.5 million over five years**, and
- additional funding for the Expensive Commonwealth Criminal Cases Fund - **\$22.2 million over five years**.

Under the *National Legal Assistance Partnership 2020-25* (NLAP), the Australian Government will provide over **\$2 billion over five years** for legal assistance services delivered by Legal Aid Commissions (LACs), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (ATSILS), and Community Legal Centres (CLCs).

The table below provides a breakdown of the distribution of NLAP funding to the States and Territories.

If you have any questions please contact the Legal Assistance Reform Section at legalassistance@ag.gov.au.

Commonwealth funding stream	2020-21 (\$'000)	2021-22 (\$'000)	2022-23 (\$'000)	2023-24 (\$'000)	2024-25 (\$'000)	Total (\$'000)
NEW SOUTH WALES						
LACs – Baseline funding	\$70,459	\$71,491	\$72,538	\$73,670	\$74,820	\$362,978
CLCs – Baseline funding	\$10,006	\$11,226	\$11,419	\$11,627	\$11,839	\$56,117
CLCs – Baseline funding: Family law and/or family violence	\$3,975	\$4,046	\$4,119	\$4,4196	\$4,275	\$20,611
CLCs – SACS supplementation	\$997	-	-	-	-	\$997
ATSILS – Baseline funding	\$18,877	\$19,282	\$19,730	\$20,145	\$20,568	\$98,602
Family Advocacy and Support Services	\$2,323	\$2,357	-	-	-	\$4,680
Domestic Violence Units/Health Justice Partnerships	\$1,444	\$1,467	\$1,491	\$1,515	\$1,539	\$7,456
Administrative funding	\$352	\$357	\$363	\$368	\$374	\$1,814
TOTAL	\$108,433	\$110,226	\$109,660	\$111,521	\$113,415	\$553,255



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VICTORIA						
LACs – Baseline funding	\$53,898	\$54,726	\$55,567	\$56,475	\$57,398	\$278,064
CLCs – Baseline funding	\$7,573	\$9,205	\$9,343	\$9,491	\$9,642	\$45,254
CLCs – Baseline funding: Family law and/or family violence	\$3,570	\$3,620	\$3,670	\$3,724	\$3,780	\$18,364
CLCs – SACS supplementation	\$1,473	-	-	-	-	\$1,473
ATSILS – Baseline funding	\$4,766	\$5,532	\$5,636	\$5,733	\$5,831	\$27,498
ATSILS – SACS supplementation	\$672	-	-	-	-	\$672
Family Advocacy and Support Services	\$1,667	\$1,692	-	-	-	\$3,359
Domestic Violence Units/Health Justice Partnerships	\$1,576	\$1,602	\$1,608	\$1,634	\$1,661	\$8,081
Administrative funding	\$352	\$357	\$363	\$368	\$374	\$1,814
TOTAL	\$75,547	\$76,734	\$76,187	\$77,425	\$78,686	\$384,579
QUEENSLAND						
LACs – Baseline funding	\$47,593	\$48,353	\$49,124	\$49,958	\$50,806	\$245,834
CLCs – Baseline funding	\$6,406	\$8,232	\$8,359	\$8,497	\$8,636	\$40,130
CLCs – Baseline funding: Family law and/or family violence	\$2,736	\$2,785	\$2,834	\$2,887	\$2,941	\$14,183
CLCs – SACS supplementation	\$1,680	-	-	-	-	\$1,680
ATSILS – Baseline funding	\$20,078	\$24,315	\$24,729	\$25,114	\$25,505	\$119,741
ATSILS – SACS supplementation	\$3,862	-	-	-	-	\$3,862
Family Advocacy and Support Services	\$1,408	\$1,430	-	-	-	\$2,838
Domestic Violence Units/Health Justice Partnerships	\$2,370	\$2,408	\$2,446	\$2,485	\$2,525	\$12,234
Administrative funding	\$352	\$357	\$363	\$368	\$374	\$1,814
TOTAL	\$86,485	\$87,880	\$87,855	\$89,309	\$90,787	\$442,316
SOUTH AUSTRALIA						
LACs – Baseline funding	\$17,445	\$17,719	\$17,997	\$18,297	\$18,601	\$90,059
CLCs – Baseline funding	\$2,654	\$3,266	\$3,313	\$3,363	\$3,415	\$16,011
CLCs – Baseline funding: Family law and/or family violence	\$1,405	\$1,423	\$1,440	\$1,460	\$1,479	\$7,207
CLCs – SACS supplementation	\$557	-	-	-	-	\$557
ATSILS – Baseline funding	\$5,192	\$5,267	\$5,350	\$5,427	\$5,506	\$26,742
Family Advocacy and Support Services	\$847	\$861	-	-	-	\$1,708
Domestic Violence Units/Health Justice Partnerships	\$1,017	\$1,033	\$1,050	\$1,066	\$1,083	\$5,249
Administrative funding	\$352	\$357	\$363	\$368	\$374	\$1,814
TOTAL	\$29,469	\$29,926	\$29,513	\$29,981	\$30,458	\$149,347



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WESTERN AUSTRALIA						
LACs – Baseline funding	\$26,961	\$27,311	\$27,666	\$28,049	\$28,439	\$138,426
CLCs – Baseline funding	\$3,907	\$5,132	\$5,191	\$5,254	\$5,318	\$24,802
CLCs – Baseline funding: Family law and/or family violence	\$1,966	\$1,987	\$2,009	\$2,032	\$2,056	\$10,050
CLCs – SACS supplementation	\$1,157	-	-	-	-	\$1,157
ATSILS – Baseline funding	\$13,313	\$13,482	\$13,667	\$13,839	\$14,013	\$68,314
Family Advocacy and Support Services	\$1,024	\$1,040	-	-	-	\$2,064
Domestic Violence Units/Health Justice Partnerships	\$1,525	\$1,550	\$1,574	\$1,600	\$1,625	\$7,874
Administrative funding	\$352	\$357	\$363	\$368	\$374	\$1,814
TOTAL	\$50,205	\$50,859	\$50,470	\$51,142	\$51,142	\$254,501
TASMANIA						
LACs – Baseline funding	\$6,482	\$6,615	\$6,747	\$6,890	\$7,036	\$33,770
CLCs – Baseline funding	\$1,051	\$1,293	\$1,316	\$1,341	\$1,366	\$6,367
CLCs – Baseline funding: Family law and/or family violence	\$538	\$548	\$557	\$568	\$578	\$2,789
CLCs – SACS supplementation	\$216	-	-	-	-	\$216
ATSILS – Baseline funding	\$2,688	\$2,742	\$2,802	\$2,857	\$2,913	\$14,002
Family Advocacy and Support Services	\$1,022	\$1,037	-	-	-	\$2,059
Domestic Violence Units/Health Justice Partnerships	\$515	\$523	\$531	\$540	\$548	\$2,657
Administrative funding	\$352	\$357	\$363	\$368	\$374	\$1,814
TOTAL	\$12,864	\$13,115	\$12,316	\$12,564	\$12,815	\$63,674
NORTHERN TERRITORY						
LACs – Baseline funding	\$6,283	\$6,368	\$6,456	\$6,551	\$6,646	\$32,304
CLCs – Baseline funding	\$1,072	\$1,306	\$1,320	\$1,335	\$1,351	\$6,384
CLCs – Baseline funding: Family law and/or family violence	\$529	\$535	\$541	\$548	\$554	\$2,707
CLCs – SACS supplementation	\$217	-	-	-	-	\$217
ATSILS – Baseline funding	\$13,799	\$15,281	\$15,489	\$15,682	\$15,878	\$76,129
ATSILS – SACS supplementation	\$1,294	-	-	-	-	\$1,294
Family Advocacy and Support Services	\$860	\$874	-	-	-	\$1,734
Domestic Violence Units/Health Justice Partnerships	\$1,017	\$1,033	\$1,050	\$1,066	\$1,083	\$5,249
Administrative funding	\$352	\$357	\$363	\$368	\$374	\$1,814
TOTAL	\$25,423	\$25,754	\$25,219	\$25,550	\$25,886	\$127,832



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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY						
LACs – Baseline funding	\$5,199	\$5,260	\$5,323	\$5,391	\$5,459	\$26,632
CLCs – Baseline funding	\$752	\$945	\$955	\$967	\$978	\$4,597
CLCs – Baseline funding: Family law and/or family violence	\$332	\$335	\$339	\$343	\$347	\$1,696
CLCs – SACS supplementation	\$181	-	-	-	-	\$181
ATSILS – Baseline funding	\$766	\$782	\$799	\$815	\$832	\$3,994
Family Advocacy and Support Services	\$742	\$753	-	-	-	\$1,495
Domestic Violence Units/Health Justice Partnerships	\$458	\$465	\$472	\$480	\$488	\$2,363
Administrative funding	\$352	\$357	\$363	\$368	\$374	\$1,814
TOTAL	\$8,782	\$8,897	\$8,251	\$8,364	\$8,478	\$42,772

¹ From 30 June 2021, the Social and Community Sector (SACS) supplementation will end as currently legislated in the *Social and Community Services Pay Equity Special Account Act 2012*. The Australian Government has increased Commonwealth baseline funding from 1 July 2021 to ensure there is no decrease in Commonwealth funding.

² Funding tables include a proportion of the additional \$51.6 million over five years, announced in the 2019-20 Budget, and a proportion of the \$25.8 million over five years, announced in the 2019-20 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook.