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NACLC welcomes one-off grants of \$1.55m for community legal services

The National Association of Community Legal Centres Inc (NACLC) welcomes the Australian Government's offering of one-off grants totalling \$1.55 million to 14 Community Legal Centres to support frontline services and projects and to NACLC to support approximately 200 Centres across Australia in providing effective and responsive services.

"With these grants the Australian Government is recognising the highly valuable work that Community Legal Centres across Australia do in delivering accessible legal services to people experiencing disadvantage and vulnerability," said Michael Smith, NACLC National Convenor.

"Every day Community Legal Centres are responding to people with legal crises such as family violence, employment issues, debt, consumer problems and tenancy disputes. While we are very pleased to see this one off funding, much more must be done by both state and federal governments to address the current crisis in legal help and ensure that every Australian has access to quality legal services," concluded Mr Smith.

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For further information or to arrange an interview contact National Convenor Michael Smith
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NACLC acknowledges the traditional owners of the lands across Australia and particularly the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, traditional owners of the land on which the NACLC office is situated. We pay deep respect to Elders past and present.