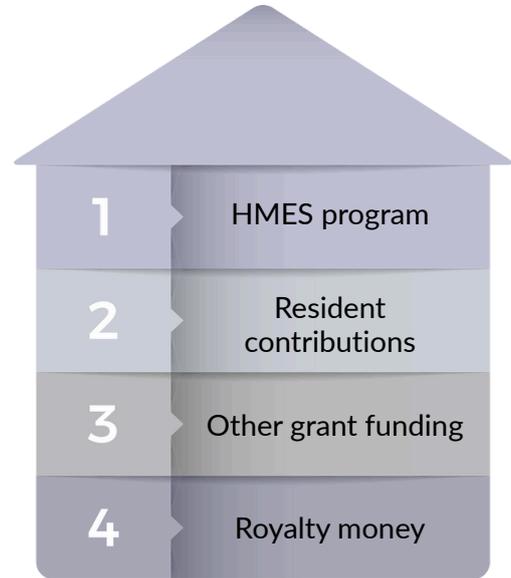


# Water for Homelands Fact Sheet: Building Capacity for Safe and Sustainable Supplies

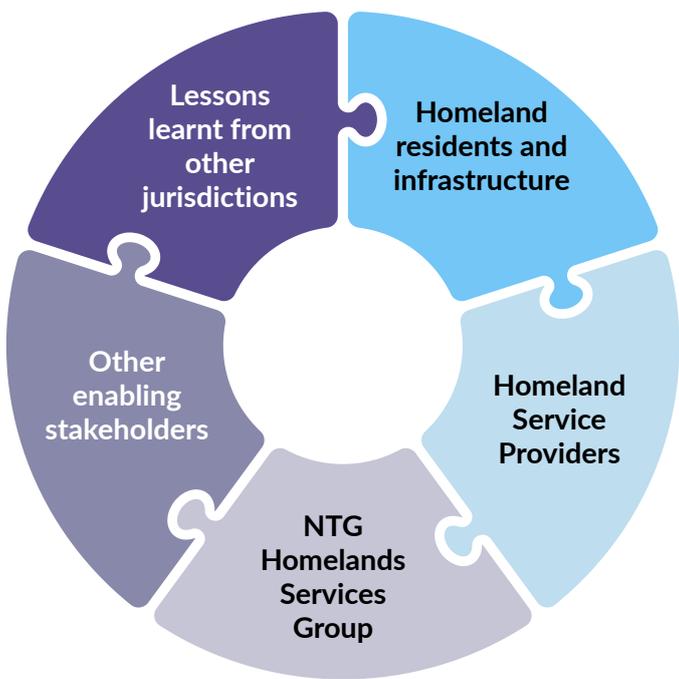
The Northern Territory Government supports Aboriginal people to live on Homelands through The Homelands Program, providing funding for Housing, Municipal and Essential Services (HMES) to eligible Homelands.

The HMES program provides top up funding for support of Homelands services.

Other sources of funding and works for Homelands services can include resident contributions, Service Provider business activities, NIAA grant funding, royalty payments and philanthropic donations.



**The Territory Water Plan Priority Action 4: Improved Water Outcomes for Homelands**, aims to build capacity of service providers servicing Aboriginal Homelands. This project responds to that action, building the foundations for a Capacity Building Roadmap.



The **Capacity Building Roadmap** was developed through research and interviews with a variety of stakeholders, centering the needs of Homelands residents and sustainable water management. For a summary see the [Capacity Building Roadmap Fact Sheet](#).

Service Provider surveys and interviews informed development of the project. For a summary of the outcomes of this research see the [Service Provider Interviews and Survey Fact Sheet](#).

Five key Capacity Building Roadmap activities are explained overleaf. Adoption of other future activities in the Roadmap are dependent on availability of funding and integration with other stakeholders.

# Water for Homelands Fact Sheet:

## Building Capacity for Safe and Sustainable Supplies

### Capacity Building Roadmap Key Options:

#### 1. Develop a Shared Vision

Establishes a shared vision to unite and align stakeholders to help build capacity, advocate for funding and for each to play their part in developing a sustainable approach to water management.



#### 2. Develop a Continuous Improvement Framework

Establishes and communicates a system which embeds and grows an approach of basic best practice for managing a water supply across the variable climates and water systems in the NT.

For more information see the [Continuous Improvement Framework information sheet](#).

#### 4. Improve technical clarity in the Service Provider grants contract and guidelines

Updates to the Homelands Program Guidelines and related grant agreement to align with approach of basic best practice level of service for water management, and provide more clarity on expectations.

#### 3. Develop a Knowledge Management Framework

Sets out a structured plan for development of tools and resources to support a basic best practice approach initially, and expanding as funding becomes available.

#### 5. Pilot training program for Service Providers

In person and online training provided to Service Providers across the NT, in alignment with the Continuous Improvement Framework, using tools and resources developed as part of this project.

##### Resources developed under this project:

- What Good Looks Like (the why of water management),
- Bore and Bore Water Management
- Surface Water Management
- Pipes and Storage Management
- Rainwater Tank Management
- Wastewater Management.

##### Tools developed under this project:

- Bore Risk Assessment Tool
- Maintenance Plan Template
- Water Site Inspection template.