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Support announced for NT regional museums

Funding of \$189,961.32 has been awarded to eight regional museums, galleries and cultural centres around the Northern Territory (NT) as part of the 2025 Regional Museums Grant Program.

The program supports the preservation, conservation and display of significant historical cultural material in the NT through grants of up to \$40,000 per project.

Funding is provided by the Northern Territory Government and administered by the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT).

Over the next year, the successful recipients will undertake archival projects, transcribe stories of leading art movements, preserve historic quilts, take on conservation of critically important bark paintings and water colour paintings, install new collection storage and offer training and development for remote staff.

MAGNT Director Adam Worrall says the sector support offered through this program could not be more important.

“The NT is home to some the most unique and remote art, history and cultural collections in the world,” he said. “These projects will see these collections protected, documented and made accessible for local and visiting audiences.”

A highly competitive round, the projects were selected by an independent panel from a total pool of applications worth \$367,686.73.

Recipients

Recipient	Museum/Gallery/ Cultural Centre	Project	Funding
Alice Springs School of the Air Visitor Centre	Alice Springs School of the Air Experience	1988 Bicentennial Quilt Frame	\$20,000.00
Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Incorporated	Buku-Larrnggay Mulka Centre	Conservation and Skills Development Initiative	\$36,621.32
Central Australian Aviation Museum Inc.	Central Australian Aviation Museum	Archival Management and Capacity Building in Alice Springs	\$20,960.00
Aviation Historical Society of the NT Inc	Darwin Aviation Museum	Replacement of Display Cabinets and Showcases - Darwin Aviation Museum	\$40,000.00
FRM Services Limited	Hermannsburg Historic Precinct	Conservation of 10 recently discovered Hermannsburg watercolour paintings from the Hermannsburg Historic Precinct (HHP) art collection at Ntaria.	\$8,192.00

National Trust of Australia (NT)	Pine Creek Museum & Borroloola Police Station	<i>Interpretation Regional Museums</i>	\$2,440.00
Victoria Daly Regional Council	Timber Creek Museum	<i>Restoring Heritage: Timber Creek Police Museum Conservation Project</i>	\$21,748.00
Urapuntja Aboriginal Corporation	Utopia Art Centre	<i>An Archive for Utopia's Art History</i>	\$40,000.00
Total			\$189,961.32

About the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory

The Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory (MAGNT) is the Northern Territory's premier cultural and scientific institution. It offers a dynamic and diverse arts, science and cultural program to more than 300,000 visitors each year. MAGNT has seven venues: MAGNT Darwin, the Defence of Darwin Experience, Fannie Bay Gaol, Lyons Cottage, the Museum of Central Australia (incorporating the Strehlow Research Centre), Megafauna Central and the Alcoota fossil site. We are currently working on an eighth site in Darwin's CBD. MAGNT is known for its collections and expertise in Aboriginal cultures, natural sciences, histories and arts across northern and central Australia and our neighbours to the north. It is also the home of the annual Telstra National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Awards (NATSIAA) – the most significant Indigenous art award of its kind in Australia.

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