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Three Townsville legal services benefit from \$14m State Government splash

Townsville to benefit from massive State Government funding boost for community legal services.

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 Queensland Attorney-General Yvette D'Ath has announced a huge funding boost of legal services in Townsville. (AAP Image/Dan Peled)

Three Townsville organisations will benefit from a \$14 million cash injection from the State Government.

North Queensland Women's Legal Services will receive \$6.95 million, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Legal Service will receive \$3.4 million and Townsville Community Legal will receive \$2.8 million over the next five years. It is part of a statewide \$119 million package for community legal services.

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Attorney-General and Justice Minister Yvette D'Ath said the funding would ensure ongoing quality legal assistance services were delivered to North Queenslanders. "Queensland's community legal sector delivers vital services to thousands of Queenslanders," Mrs D'Ath said. "Our community legal centres provide advice and assistance to some of the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people."

Townsville Community Legal has also been allocated \$858,695 to allow it to continue providing coronial assistance services, as part of a subcontracting arrangement with Caxton Legal Centre.

Townsville MP Scott Stewart said community legal services were important for the city.