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Amphetamine Type Stimulants Grant Program

“The Development of a Treatment Protocol
for Therapeutic Community Participants who
have ATS Issues”

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WHAT IS THE AMPHETAMINE TYPE STIMULANTS (ATS) GRANTS PROGRAM?

- \$22.9 million committed in Federal budget to enhance capacity of NGO's to respond to rising demand of users of ATS.
- Reduce harms caused by ATS to individuals, their families and the Australian community.
- Intended to be one off funding to allow NGO's to:
 - Cater for and treat
 - Attract ATS users and/or
 - Increase referrals of ATS users in treatment



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WHAT IS THE AMPHETAMINE TYPE STIMULANTS (ATS) GRANTS PROGRAM?

Achieved by provision of targeted grants to:

- Existing AOD NGO treatment services to meet the increasing demand for users dependent on ATS; and
- NGO's who wish to expand or establish new treatment services to address growing need for treatment programs targeted specifically to users dependent on ATS.



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KEY PRINCIPLES

Treatment interventions should:

1. Reduce and treat the use of illicit drugs.
2. Be informed by evidence and use models of good practice.
3. Reduce the risk of infectious disease.
4. Improve physiological and psychological health.
5. Reduce criminal behaviour and
6. Improve social functioning.



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What is the Project?

- To develop a treatment protocol for people who are adversely affected due to their use of ATS.
- The treatment protocol will be specific for use in the TC environment and other residential treatment environments.
- Activities will include:
 - ◆ A literature search on current available treatment protocols.
 - ◆ Consultation with members of the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre who have expertise in research on ATS.
 - ◆ Consultation with members of ATCA for their input.
 - ◆ Development of final treatment protocol for people dependent on ATS in a TC Environment.
- Project Officer is Lynne Magor-Blatch.
- Project completion date is 31st August 2009.



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- A treatment protocol specific to the TC environment.
- A product which has national implications.
- The overall project will enhance the efficacy of the TC movement in Australia.
- Products will be a manual and CD-Rom for use by TC Administrators.