

Job description

Agency	Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development	Work unit	Delivery and Region Priorities – Big Rivers Region
Job title	Director Community Development	Designation	Senior Administrative Officer 2
Job type	Full time	Duration	Ongoing
Salary	\$157,334 - \$171,482	Location	Katherine
Position number	24305 RTF 358766	Closing	25/11/2026
Contact officer	Allan Girdler, A/Regional Executive Director – Big Rivers Region on 08 8973 8972 or drp.bigriversrecruitment@nt.gov.au		
About the agency	https://dhlgcd.nt.gov.au/		
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Information for applicants – inclusion and diversity

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Primary objective

Lead the regional Community Development team and work in partnership with stakeholders, agencies across all spheres of government and non-government, to coordinate and implement government initiatives, including existing Local Decision-Making Agreements, Local Government Reform and the Empowering the Bush Framework.

Key duties and responsibilities

1. Provide leadership and strategic direction to the Community Development team to ensure effective and efficient coordination, implementation and delivery of the Northern Territory Governments Community Development priorities.
2. Provide high level strategic advice and policy solutions with respect to community development, and regional local government sector support.
3. Maintain effective networks and partnerships with all spheres of government, non-government organisations, peak bodies and other key partners and stakeholders.
4. Support planning, development, coordination, implementation and reporting of government programs and strategic projects.
5. Represent the Department and Northern Territory Government in a range of interagency, whole of government, inter jurisdictional and industry forums, committees and working groups.

Selection criteria

Essential

1. Demonstrated ability to lead an effective team to achieve defined outcomes in community development.
2. High level written, oral and interpersonal skills, with the ability to negotiate, collaborate and build and sustain effective relationships and strategic alliances with internal and external stakeholders, NGO and private sectors, Aboriginal organisations and community members at a senior level.
3. Substantial experience in the development and implementation of regional community development and/or local government programs, initiatives, and policy solutions.
4. Demonstrated high-level experience working within the principles of regional and/or community development, community engagement, and capability building.
5. Well-developed cross-cultural awareness skills together with substantial knowledge of issues affecting people in remote and regional areas
6. Demonstrated understanding of the operating environment of the local government sector, and good governance processes.

Desirable

1. Current NT Drivers Licence and the ability and willingness to travel in light aircraft and off-road vehicles throughout the Northern Territory.
2. Tertiary qualifications in relevant field.

Further information

The recommended applicant will be required to hold a current Working with Children Clearance Notice and undergo a criminal history check (criminal history will not exclude an applicant from this position unless it is relevant criminal history).

Approved: October 2026

Nhi Tran, Executive Director Big Rivers Region