The Minister for Ethnic Affairs Kon Vatskalis today presented the Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory with $11,981, part of a government funding package for crime prevention projects around the Territory worth $250,000.

Mr Vatskalis said the funding, made available under the NTsafe Community Crime Prevention Grant Scheme, will be used for the development of a community safety strategy for non-English speaking people.

Mr Vatskalis said the strategy will involve consultation and input from non-English speaking people in the Darwin and Palmerston area, as well as the development of a community safety kit aimed at reducing the likelihood of non-English speaking people becoming victims of crime.

"Ensuring that all Territorians are safe both at home and in the community is the highest priority for this government," Mr Vatskalis said.

"We need to be tough on crime and the causes of crime, and we need to put an equal effort into diverting and preventing criminal behaviour before it happens.

"We recognise that in achieving this aim we must account for cultural and linguistic diversity in the delivery of community safety strategies."

Mr Vatskalis said that apart from the obvious benefits of the project in terms of crime prevention, inclusion of non-English speaking people in the project is likely to result in a reduction in the fear of crime that can stem from social isolation.