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**Major Capital Works Grant Secures $4.6 Million for Mardi Property Refurbishment**

**Darkinjung Country, Central Coast, NSW, 05TH June 2024** – Eleanor Duncan Aboriginal Services is thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a Major Capital Works Grant totaling $4,616,120.00. This significant funding will enable the much-needed refurbishment of our Mardi property, marking a monumental step forward in enhancing our services and facilities for the Aboriginal community on Darkinjung country.

This grant will allow our Aboriginal Medical Services team to co-locate at the newly refurbished Mardi property, enabling us to fully realise and maximise our transdisciplinary model of care. By bringing all our teams together under one roof, we can provide more cohesive, comprehensive, and culturally responsive healthcare to our community.

The refurbishment of the Mardi property is not just about improving “a” building; it’s about investing in the health and well-being of our community. This state-of-the-art facility will serve as a hub for delivering integrated services that address the physical, social, emotional, cultural, and spiritual well-being of our people. The upgraded facility will ensure that we can continue to support our community’s health and well-being now and into the future.

We are ecstatic about what this grant represents for our community. It is a testament to the strength, resilience, and excellence of our people. This funding will help us continue to thrive and showcase black excellence, providing a centre of excellence for the Aboriginal community on Darkinjung country.

This achievement reflects our commitment to cultural connectedness, excellence, and integrity. It reinforces our dedication to a holistic view of health that honours the cyclical concepts of life, death, and life, ensuring that our services are not just about individual well-being, but the well-being of the whole community.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Department of Health and Aged Care and NACCHO for this much-deserved grant. Their support is invaluable in helping us create an even better future for our community.

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