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## **VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICE WINS 'KEEPING WOMEN SAFE' D3 DIGITAL CHALLENGE**

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Victim Support Service (VSS) and Cartland Law have won \$15,000 in grant funding to develop ALIRA (Automated Legal Information Research Assistant), a new app designed to support women who have experienced or are at risk of experiencing violence.

ALIRA was announced as one of the winning entries at the 'Keeping Women Safe' D3 Digital Challenge funded by the South Australian Department of Premier and Cabinet, the South Australian Office for Women, and the Commonwealth Government.

VSS Chief Executive Julian Roffe said ALIRA will make a difference in the lives of women impacted by violence in a way that has never been done before in South Australia.

"VSS is focusing on what role digital solutions play in improving women's safety and how we can use technology to reduce the prevalence of violence against women in our community," Mr Roffe said.

"The purpose of ALIRA is to act as an interface between the woman and the frontline services that could support her."

"ALIRA will also maximise the time professionals can spend with victims by automating paperwork, such as the completion of risk assessment forms."

"We are very pleased to win this funding and look forward to continuing our work with Cartland Law as we develop the ALIRA prototype," Mr Roffe said.

Victims of crime seeking information and practical support can call the Victim Helpline on 1800 VICTIM.

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