

Community Housing Growth Program

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What it Means for the Social Housing System

The Community Housing Growth Program (CHGP) will transfer the long-term management of 2 000 public housing properties to community housing providers.

CHGP will also provide \$100 million towards the construction of up to 1 000 new homes.

The capital funding has been provided from *Rebuilding Tasmania Infrastructure Investment COVID-19 Response*. This means the growth of social housing is part of Tasmania's economic and social recovery strategy.

Why are we investing in the community housing sector?

As part of national strategy, Tasmania focused our efforts on growing community housing with *Better Housing Futures*. The management of around 4 000 public housing properties was transferred to community housing providers between 2012-2014.

Tasmania's four Tier 1 registered community housing providers reinvest over \$11 million from Commonwealth Rent Assistance (CRA) into their housing programs each year.

With this money, they've been able to install 2 532 heat pumps, and upgrade 732 kitchens and 367 bathrooms. They will also deliver 300 new homes within 10 years.

With new long-term agreements under CHGP, providers will be able to access around \$300 million in CRA by 2040. With \$100 million in capital funding, they will be able to increase supply by up to 1 000 more homes.



How will the CHGP be implemented?

Providers will be asked to submit a proposal for new housing management to demonstrate they can achieve improved outcomes for tenants, value for money and position their social housing portfolios for long-term sustainability.

An Expression of Interest for capital grants funding will be advertised. The EOI for new social housing supply will be an open, competitive process for not-for-profit organisations.

How will this improve Tasmania's social housing system?

We are implementing some important lessons from BHF including:

- a greater proportion of applicants with greatest needs will be housed
- long-term agreements will give providers certainty for debt financing
- providers will be more viable because they have more houses to allow economies of scale
- new data and reporting will improve accountability
- new homes will be built in high demand areas with more direction over the type and location of new supply
- more integration in our social housing system.

What are the timeframes?

The timeframes we are working to are:

Jul 2020	Project initiation.
Sep 2020	Request for Proposal (RFP) and Expression of Interest (EOI) released.
Dec 2020	RFP and EOI evaluated.
Mar 2021	Contracts negotiated and executed.
Jul – Sep 2021	Transition of portfolio to community housing provider and transition to new HDCS structure.

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