

FACT SHEET

Application for Supported Accommodation

Purpose

This fact sheet provides information for Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) on the Supported Accommodation Program (formerly known as the Community Tenancy Program).

NGOs that would like to lease a property from the Director of Housing (the Director) under the Supported Accommodation Program need to lodge an *Application for Supported Accommodation from the Director of Housing* form.

Who is the Supported Accommodation Program for?

The Supported Accommodation Program is for NGOs who provide accommodation for people who:

- are homeless or at risk of homelessness or
- are unable to maintain a tenancy in their own right or
- require high level personal or living support not provided in social housing or private accommodation.

Who can apply for the Supported Accommodation Program?

Properties are leased to accommodate people with specific needs including people who are homeless, people living with a disability, people affected by mental illness, and children and young people at risk.

The Supported Accommodation Program is available to NGOs only.

NGOs can apply for a Supported Accommodation Program property if they are a not-for-profit incorporated entity, registered organisation, corporation or registered charity.

Property owners who want to rent a property to Eligible Persons as defined under the *Homes Act 1935* should refer to the Private Rental Incentive or Rapid Rehousing programs.



What is the Supported Accommodation Program?

The Supported Accommodation Program makes properties available to NGOs to accommodate people who need safe, secure and affordable housing and are not otherwise able to access and maintain housing without support.

The Director enters into a Head Lease with an NGO under the *Homes Act 1935*.

The Head Lease between the Director and the NGO is a commercial contract and not subject to the *Residential Tenancy Act 1997* (RTA). Sub-lease arrangements between the NGO and tenants are subject to the RTA.

Communities Tasmania administers the Supported Accommodation Program on behalf of the Director. The responsibilities of the NGO and the Director are contained in the Head Lease.

What is the application process?

Applications are required for:

- a property (or properties) to lease as supported accommodation for people with specific needs
- variation of an existing lease by removing or adding one or more properties
- changing the use of an existing property
- transferring management of a property to another organisation.

If you would like to make an application the first step is to contact Communities Tasmania to discuss your proposal. Contact details are provided below. We will send you the *Application for Supported Accommodation from the Director of Housing* form if you are eligible to apply.

Your application will need to include relevant, supporting information. The information provided with your application will assist in making an assessment.

How are applications assessed?

There is high demand for properties owned by the Director. The criteria for assessing an application includes:

- eligibility of the NGO
- appropriateness of the client group to the purpose of the Supported Accommodation Program
- capacity of the NGO to successfully manage the tenancy and provide the necessary support
- relative housing demand and client need
- availability of properties.



Funding

To apply for a property or properties, you will need to demonstrate you already have operational funding for, and have the capacity to provide, the proposed support to your client/s.

Reporting

Successful applicants are required to report on tenancy outcomes under the Supported Accommodation Program that demonstrates that properties are being used for the intended purpose. This includes vacancy rates, affordability and client outcomes.

Our contact details



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