



Boarding House Program

Description

The Boarding House Program provides capital funds for the purchase or construction and furnishing of properties for use as singles accommodation. Properties are managed by not-for-profit organisations and managing organisations which use revenue from rent payments to cover costs associated with tenancy and property management.

Objectives

The main objectives of the program are:

- to provide short, medium or long-term accommodation to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless;
- to increase the availability of singles accommodation that is appropriately designed, affordable, secure, well-located and energy efficient;
- to provide a choice of accommodation types for tenants that are responsive to their needs; and
- to involve not-for-profit community organisations and/or local government in the management of boarding houses.

Target groups

Singles accommodation is targeted at low-income earners who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, with a special emphasis on single people who are socially marginalised seeking a safe, secure, affordable and flexible housing option. Accommodation is provided on a short, medium or long-term basis, with non-discriminatory access.

Eligibility

The following types of organisations are eligible to be considered for management of properties under the program:

- not-for-profit incorporated organisations;
- local governments;
- Aboriginal or Island Councils.

Managing organisations are appointed following a tendering process. Location of boarding houses is determined through a needs assessment process. Eligible organisations must demonstrate their capacity to provide the service.

Funding conditions

To receive funding or other assistance from the Department of Housing to provide a housing service, organisations must be:

- registered under the *Housing Act 2003*; and
- bound by the terms and conditions of the program specifications and the assistance agreement entered into with the Department of Housing.

A snapshot of the Boarding House Program	Commenced	1991
	Number of Boarding Housing Program providers	8
	Number of boarding houses	20
	Number of dwelling units available	456
	Title arrangements	Title is held by the Department of Housing and properties are leased to managing organisations.
	Locations	Inner Brisbane suburbs, Cairns, Gold Coast, Townsville, Nambour, Bundaberg, Rockhampton and Ipswich. Proposed future locations are Sandgate, Gladstone, Gympie and Hervey Bay.
	Types of accommodation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • self-contained one-bedroom units; • studio apartments; • traditional bedrooms with shared facilities.
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