



Community Rent Scheme

Description

The Community Rent Scheme is a Queensland Government program administered by the Department of Housing.

The scheme funds not-for-profit community-based organisations to provide short to medium-term accommodation to public housing applicants in severe and immediate housing need.

Recurrent funding is provided to subsidise accommodation for eligible applicants and to meet the cost of managing a service, including staff and administration costs.

This is a rent subsidy scheme. Tenants are accommodated primarily in properties head-leased through the private rental market. Some Department-owned properties are also used.

Objectives

- to provide housing which is affordable, appropriate, well-located and integrated into the broader community;
- to develop housing options targeted to the needs of local communities and specific population groups;
- to allocate housing on a needs basis; and
- to increase the supply of rental housing targeted to low-income households and specific needs groups.

Target groups

The Community Rent Scheme targets people on the public housing waiting list who have an immediate housing need.

The target groups of the scheme are:

- young people;
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- people with a disability;
- single people; and
- women and children affected by domestic violence.

Eligibility

The following types of organisations are eligible to be considered for funding to provide services under the program:

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

The Community Rent Scheme has, however, reached its capacity and opportunities for new funding are limited.

<p>Funding conditions</p>	<p>To receive funding or other assistance from the Department of Housing to provide a housing service, organisations must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • registered under the <i>Housing Act 2003</i>; and • bound by the terms and conditions of the program specifications and the assistance agreement entered into with the Department of Housing. 										
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