Western Australia Implementation Plan

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON HOMELESSNESS

PART 1: PRELIMINARIES

- 1. This Implementation Plan is a schedule to the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement. The objective of the NPAH is: The Parties will sustain their commitment to reducing homelessness through sustained effort and partnerships with business, the not for profit sector and the community.
- 2. The NPAH supports the Homelessness White Paper targets to reduce homelessness levels across Australia, recognising that a reduction in homelessness requires targeting key groups: rough sleepers; people experiencing homelessness more than once; people experiencing violence especially women and children; children and young people, including those subject to or exiting care and protection; Indigenous people; and people exiting social housing and institutional care, such as health and mental health services, juvenile justice or adult prisons. The relationship between overcrowding, housing and homelessness is also recognised.

PART 2: TERMS OF THIS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- 3. This Implementation Plan will commence on 1 July 2013, provided it is agreed between the Commonwealth of Australia and the State of Western Australia, represented by the Commonwealth and State Ministers with responsibility for homelessness.
- 4. As a schedule to the NPAH, the purpose of this Implementation Plan is to provide the public with an indication of how the reform or project is intended to be delivered and demonstrate Western Australia's capacity to achieve the outcomes of the NPAH.
- 5. This Implementation Plan will cease on completion or termination of the NPAH, including the acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments.
- 6. This Implementation Plan may be varied by written agreement between the responsible Commonwealth and State Ministers under the overarching NPAH.
- 7. The Parties to this Implementation Plan do not intend any of the provisions to be legally enforceable. However, that does not lessen the Parties' commitment to the plan and its full implementation

PART 3: STRATEGY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA'S IMPLEMENTATION Initiative information – Service Continuity

Table 1: Description of initiatives including services funded under each initiative

No	Initiative Title	Short Description of Initiative	Service Provider/s, Program and/or Project for each Initiative	Output/s addressed (refer to outputs in NP)
1	Foyer Model –	The Foyer is an international	Foyer Model	16 (g) Support
	Accommodation	model where stable	Anglicare WA Inc.	services for
	for Homeless	supported accommodation,		homeless people,
	Young People	linked to education, training		including families
		and employment		with children, to
		opportunities, is provided to		stabilise their
		young people who are		situation and to
		homeless, or at risk of		achieve sustainable
		homelessness. Young		housing.
		people will live in purpose		
		built self-contained		16 (d) support
		transitional accommodation		services to young
		for up to two years and are		people aged 12 - 18
		provided with holistic		years who are
		support. It also contains a		homelessness or at
		number of places for young		risk of homelessness
		people leaving the child		to re-engage with
		protection system. An		their family where it
		interim Foyer is currently		is safe to do so,
		operating until the new		maintain sustainable
		facility is completed and		accommodation and

		operational in late 2013.		engagement with education and/or employment.
2	Street to Home	Street to Home is a comprehensive response for people sleeping rough in the Perth metropolitan area. The program is an integrated model to assist people sleeping rough to stabilise their situation, access long term accommodation and end the cycle of homelessness. Three components make up the service; assertive outreach; housing support; and a mobile clinical outreach team.	Assertive Outreach Ruah Community Services St Patrick's Community Support Centre Ltd UnitingCare West Supportive Housing Services 55 Central Inc. Foundation Housing Salvation Army (WA) Property Trust St Bartholomew's House Inc. St Patrick's Community Support Centre Ltd	16 (h) Outreach programs to connect rough sleepers to long-term housing and health services. 16 (g) Support services for homeless people, including families with children, to stabilise their situation and to achieve sustainable housing.

			Mobile Clinical Outreach Team WA Health Department - Mental Health Commission	
3	HUGS and Financial Counselling	This is a continuation of funding provided under the 2009-13 NPAH for Financial counselling services and the Hardship Utility Grant Scheme (HUGS). Financial Counselling Services work with clients to resolve financial crises which may result in legal action, loss of essential services or eviction. The purpose of HUGS is to provide financial assistance to eligible people in financial hardship in Western Australia to pay their utility accounts and avoid homelessness.	There are 47 Financial Counselling services State-wide	16 (l) Support for private and public tenants to help sustain their tenancies, including through tenancy support, advocacy, case management, financial counselling and referral services.
4	Private Rental Tenancy Support Services	The Private Rental Tenancy Support Services work with families or individuals having difficulty maintaining private rental tenancies by linking people with mainstream services	Private Rental Tenancy Support Services Anglicare WA Inc. Anglicare WA Inc. Australian Red Cross Society (WA Division)	16 (I) Support for private and public tenants to help sustain their tenancies, including through tenancy support, advocacy,

		before debts or other tenancy management issues become too large or eviction processes start. Using a strong partnership approach, the worker liaises with landlords, property managers, and tenants to successfully negotiate the maintenance of tenancies. Referrals to the service are made by private real estate agencies and other support agencies including financial counsellors.	Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australian Inc. Agencies for South West Accommodation Inc. trading as Accordwest	case management, financial counselling and referral services.
5	Public Tenancy	The Public Tenancy Support	Public Tenancy	Support for private
	Support Services	Service program supports public housing tenants at risk of eviction to prevent homelessness. The workers provide assistance with managing budgets and developing skills to maintain a stable and functioning household. Clients are linked with mainstream services to assist with addressing issues which are impacting on their tenancy. Participation in the program is with tenants consent; however it may become a	Anglicare WA Inc. Anglicare WA Inc. Centrecare Inc. Mission Australia ACN 000 002 522 Mission Australia ACN 000 002 522 - Murchison Avon Youth Community and Family Services Inc. Carnarvon Family Support Services Inc. Kimberley Community Legal Services Inc.	and public tenants to help sustain their tenancies, including through tenancy support, advocacy, case management, financial counselling and referral services.

		condition of tenancy where	Pilbara Community	
		there has been anti-social	Legal Service Inc.	
		behaviour that impacted	Pilbara Community	
		upon a prior tenancy	Legal Service Inc.	
		agreement. The program	Legar Service IIIc.	
		also assists people with		
		limited skills who are not		
		eligible for mental health or		
		disability services programs.		
6	Young Women	The Young Women Leaving	Young Women	16 (g) Support
	Leaving Child	Child Protection Service	Leaving Child	services for
	Protection	provides young women, and	Protection Services	homeless people,
	Services	young mothers leaving care,		including families
		with independent living		with children, to
		accommodation. It provides		stabilise their
		the opportunity to develop		situation and to
		independent living skills,		achieve sustainable
		and linkages with a range of		housing.
		specialist services to enable		
		them to successfully	Parkerville Children and	16 (d) support
		transition from care to	Youth Care Inc.	services to young
		independent stable long		people aged 12 - 18
		term accommodation. The		years who are
		program provides young		homelessness or at
		women with access to		risk of homelessness
		education, training and		to re-engage with
		employment, as well as		their family where it
		counselling, mediation,		is safe to do so,
		family support and		maintain sustainable
		parenting support services.		accommodation and
				engagement with
				education and/or
				employment.

7	Housing Support Workers – Mental Health	The program assists people with a severe and persistent mental illness who are homeless, or at risk of homelessness, and exiting Specialist Mental Health Inpatient Units. The program adopts a Housing First approach and assists clients to access and maintain long term stable accommodation and avoid homelessness. Housing Support Workers employ a case management approach and work/liaise with mainstream mental health services, housing providers, including public housing, community housing and	Housing Support Workers - Mental Health Hills Community Support Group Inc. Ruah Community Services St Patrick's Community Support Centre Ltd Albany Halfway House Association Inc. Australian Red Cross Society (WA Division) Centacare Kimberley Association Inc. Lamp Inc.	16 (c) Support services to assist homeless people with mental health issues to secure or maintain stable accommodation.

8	Housing Support Workers – Corrective Services	property managers in the private sector to source suitable properties for long term housing for clients. The Housing Support Workers - Corrective Services program adopts a Housing First approach and assists adults and young people exiting Corrective Services facilities and/or programs, to secure and maintain stable accommodation and avoid homelessness. Housing Support Workers engage clients in intensive case management and link them	Housing Support Workers - Corrective Services Ruah Community Services Youth Futures WA (Inc.) Centrecare Inc. Agencies for South West Accommodation Inc. trading as Accordwest	16 (g) Support services for homeless people, including families with children, to stabilise their situation and to achieve sustainable housing.
		with relevant mainstream services, such as employment services, financial counselling, education and training, domestic violence services, outreach services and advocacy. They are also assisted to re-engage with their families where appropriate and to become active members of the community.	Geraldton Resource Centre	

9	Housing Support	The program adopts a	Housing Support	16 (b) Support
	Workers – Drug	Housing First approach to	Workers - Drug and	services to assist
	and Alcohol	support people who are	Alcohol	homeless people
		homeless, or at risk of	Anglicare WA Inc.	with substance
		homelessness and are		abuse issues to
		engaging in treatment		secure or maintain
		programs to address their	Anglicare WA Inc.	stable
		alcohol and drug use. The		accommodation.
		program assists clients to		
		secure and maintain long	Mission Australia ACN	
		term stable accommodation	000 002 522	
		and to continue to engage		
		with drug and alcohol	Swan Emergency	
		treatment services. Clients	Accommodation	
		are referred from specialist	Accommodation	
		drug and alcohol services	Pilbara Community	
		including community drug	Legal Service Inc.	
		service teams, residential		
		services, outpatient services	Centrecare Inc.	
		and homelessness workers.	Concretate mer	
		A case management		
		approach supports clients to		
		access and maintain		
		housing. An integral		
		element of the program		
		involves linking clients with		
		a range of mainstream		
		services including		
		education, employment and		
		training. Housing Support		
		Workers liaise with housing		
		providers, including		
		community housing, public		

		housing and property managers in the private sector to source suitable properties for long term housing for clients under this program.		
10	Safe at Home	The Safe at Home Program diverts women and children from entering the traditional crisis accommodation system and a prolonged experience of homelessness. Service workers assess the safety and support needs of women and children to assist them stay in their own home, where safe to do so. Support and intensive case management is provided to stabilise housing and increase security to the home.	Safe At Home City of Stirling Patricia Giles Centre Inc. Ruah Community Services The Lucy Saw Association Inc. Share and Care Community Services Group Inc. South West Refuge Inc.	16 (f) Support services for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence to stay in their present housing where it is safe to do so.
11	Domestic Violence Outreach	Domestic Violence Outreach workers in rural and remote locations provide support and outreach services to women and children experiencing domestic violence. The service operates at the time	Domestic Violence Outreach Anglicare WA Chrysalis Support Services Inc. Goldfields Women's Refuge Association Inc.	16 (f) Support services for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence to stay in their present housing where it is

		of issuing a Police Order for removal of the perpetrator when the police officer obtains consent for the victim to release their details to a support service. In addition, Domestic Violence Outreach program takes referrals from other services as well as police. The program operates in five regions across the State, and includes a 'Safe at Home' element to assist women and children to remain in their home when it is safe to do so to prevent homelessness.	Pat Thomas Memorial Community House Inc. Pilbara Community Legal Service Inc.	safe to do so.
12	Homelessness Accommodation Support Worker	The Homelessness Accommodation Support Worker program provides intensive support to homeless individuals and families and people who have experienced, or are at risk of homelessness. The program adopts a Housing First approach and assists individuals and families to move from temporary and crisis accommodation into	Homelessness Accommodation Support Worker Anglicare WA Anglicare WA Centrecare Inc. Centrecare Inc. Fremantle Multicultural Service Inc. Mercy Community Service Inc. Mission Australia ACN 000 002 522	16 (g) Support services for homeless people, including families with children, to stabilise their situation and to achieve sustainable housing.

long term secure housing. Homelessness Accommodation Support Workers liaise with housing providers, including community housing, public housing and property managers in the private sector to source suitable properties for long term housing. The program also assists individuals and families to effectively link with mainstream services. Workers support clients to address other issues and needs that impact on the tenancy, including employment, education and training, health, financial counselling and community and social participation. Clients are also assisted to re-engage with their families where appropriate and to become active members of the community.

Patricia Giles Centre Inc. Swan Emergency Accommodation Youth Futures WA (Inc.) Agencies for South West Accommodation Inc. trading as Accordwest Australian Red Cross Society (WA Division) Geraldton Resource Centre Marnin Bowa Dumbara **Aboriginal Corporation** Pilbara Community Legal Service Inc. Share and Care

Community Services

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Welfare Service Inc.

Group Inc.

13	Remote Rough	Remote Rough Sleeper	Remote Rough	16 (h) Outreach
	Sleeper Assertive	Assertive Outreach provides	Sleeper - Assertive	programs to connect
	Outreach	support and assertive	Outreach	rough sleepers to
		outreach primarily for		long-term housing
		Aboriginal rough sleepers in		and health services.
		and around two remote		
		regional centres in Western		
		Australia; Broome and		
		Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	Bega Garnbirringu	
		Assertive Outreach Workers	Health Services Inc.	
		provide outreach and	Trouter Dervices me	
		intensive case management		
		with wrap-around support		
		services tailored to address		
		rough sleepers' basic needs.		
		The program enables issues		
		surrounding health, mental		
		health, child care,		
		education, employment,		
		housing and welfare to be		
		addressed, and rough		
		sleepers are assisted to		
		access training and	Centacare Kimberley	
		education programs.	Association Inc.	
		caocation programs.		
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14	Support for Children in Homeless Families	Support for Children in Homeless Families provides support to children who are accompanying their parents into specialist homelessness accommodation services and assists them in addressing issues associated with their homelessness. The focus is to prevent a lifetime of disadvantage that may include long term homelessness as an adult. Using a case management model, children are supported and assisted to overcome trauma and disruption resulting from their homeless experience. Children are linked to resources and supports in their local community to normalise the child's daily life and experiences, especially in respect to education and participation	Support for Children in Homeless Families Centrecare Inc. Fremantle Multicultural Service Inc. Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australian Inc. Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc. Women's Health Care Association Inc.	16 (i) Support services for children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness including to maintaining contact with the education system.
15	Domestic Violence Child Support Workers	education and participation in recreational activities. Domestic Violence Child Support Worker services provide child centred responses to children in	Domestic Violence Child Support Worker Anglicare WA	16 (i) Support services for children who are homeless or at risk of
		domestic violence		homelessness

		accommodation services to improve linkages with mainstream services including schools, child care and health professionals. The Domestic Violence Child Support Worker initiative is a key strategy to improve the support provided for children who are homeless, including support to maintain contact with the education system.	Share and Care Community Services Group Inc.	including to maintaining contact with the education system.
16	Coordination Worker: Children in Domestic Violence Accommodation	The Keeping Kids Safe Project strengthens the responses to children in domestic violence accommodation services to improve integration with mainstream services including schools, child care and health professionals. The project provides workforce development opportunities for Children's Advocates and Child Support Workers in refuges and provides information, training, and resources to improve the support provided to children and young people	Co-ordination Worker: Children in Domestic Violence Accommodation The Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA)	16 (i) Support services for children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness including to maintaining contact with the education system.

		accompanying their mother or primary caregiver into a domestic violence refuge.		
17	Remote Rough Sleepers	Remote Rough Sleeper provides short term accommodation and support, primarily for Aboriginal people visiting from remote communities surrounding Kalgoorlie-Boulder. This is new State funding and critical to the reform of the sector.	Remote Rough Sleepers Australian Red Cross	16 (h) Outreach programs to connect rough sleepers to long-term housing and health services. This program provides accommodation to people who may otherwise be sleeping rough.
18	Acute Homeless Night Shelter	Acute Homeless Night Shelter will provide overnight accommodation to chronically homeless who would otherwise be sleeping rough in inner-city Perth. This is new State funding and critical to the reform of the sector.	Acute Homeless Night Shelter St Vincent de Paul Society	16 (h) Outreach programs to connect rough sleepers to long-term housing and health services. This program provides accommodation to people who may

10	Busselton	Busselton Women's Refuge	Busselton Women's	otherwise be sleeping rough. 16 (h) Assistance for
19	Women's Refuge	will provide supported and safe accommodation to women, with or without children, who are escaping family and domestic violence and have become homeless as a result of family and domestic violence. Referral s will be accepted from metropolitan and other regional women's refuges to increase the safety of women and children who need to leave the residence and where other women's refuges may be unable to accommodate the women and children due to capacity. This is a new State funding.	Shelter Shire of Busselton	homeless people, including families with children, to stabilise their situation and achieve sustainable housing.
20	Homeless	The Homeless Crisis Referral	Homeless Assessment	16 (e) Improvements
	Assessment and	Service will streamline	and Referral Service	in service

	Referral Service	access to specialist homelessness services by providing homeless people with assessment and appropriate referral via a centralised entry point. The service will have funds allocated to purchase overnight accommodation where there are no other	To Be Advised – contracting arrangements currently underway	coordination and provision.
21	Individualised Community Living	options. The service will cover the metropolitan area. Individualised Community Living packages are to support people who are homeless, or at risk of	Individualised Community Living	16 (c) Support services to assist homeless people with mental health
		homelessness, with mental health illnesses, to live independently in social housing properties in the community.	Mental Health Commission	issues to secure or maintain stable accommodation.

22	Homelessness Program Administration	Homelessness Program Administration enables the effective implementation of the NPAH program and includes the following projects that are critical to the reform of the sector: • NAHA specialist homelessness services reform; • State and Regional homelessness plans; • service standards review and implementation; • protocols review and implementation; and • workforce development.	Homelessness Program Administration Department for Child Protection and Family Support	16 (e) Improvements in service coordination and provision. 16 (k) workforce development strategies and career progression opportunities for workers in homelessness services.
23	Homelessness Data and Reporting	Homelessness Data and Reporting contributes to the National Housing reforms through implementation of Specialist Homelessness Service Collection.	Homelessness Data and Reporting Department for Child Protection and Family Support	16 (e) Improvements in service coordination and provision.
24	Homelessness Service system reform	Funding to services funded under the NAHA to enable continuation of the reform agenda which supports the national response to homelessness.	113 services funded under the NAHA	16 (e) Improvements in service coordination and provision.

Development Fund

8. Detail on successful bids will be provided at **Attachment A**.

Reform Directions

- 9. In 2013-14 the reform of the homelessness sector that commenced during the previous NPAH will continue. The development and implementation of the NPAH programs afforded opportunities to progress reform to achieve a better connected, integrated and responsive service system. This continues through both the NPAH and the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA) and focuses on the three key outcomes of early intervention and prevention; a better integrated service system; and breaking the cycle of homelessness.
- 10. The key activities to be undertaken in 2013-14 are:
 - Streamlining access to homelessness services through the commencement of a new Homelessness Assessment and Referral Service;
 - Commencement of the Acute Homeless Night Shelter and integration of this service as part of the response for inner city rough sleepers;
 - Review of the Western Australian Homelessness State and regional plans; and
 - Implementing the revised Western Australian SHS Service Standards within specialist homelessness services

Specialist Homelessness Services Quality System

- 11. The Western Australian SHS Service Standards (the Standards) guide service providers in delivering quality services to people at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The Standards have recently been reviewed to ensure they are relevant to contemporary specialist homelessness service practice. The service standards are consistent with the quality requirements for Specialist Homelessness Services identified in the development of the National Quality Framework.
- 12. Specialist Homelessness Services funded under the NPAH and the NAHA are contractually required to work toward achieving the Standards and this is monitored as part of the Contract Management process.
- 13. The Western Australian SHS quality system differs from model 3 of the Homelessness National Quality Framework in that it does not require external assessment against the standards by an independent accreditation agency.
- 14. The standards are monitored initially by service providers completing a self-assessment checklist. The self-assessment checklist is reviewed by the Contract Manager as part of the Service Review. If a service is having difficulty meeting a standard, they are required to develop an action plan outlining how they will achieve the Standard. A minimum of three Service Reviews must be completed over the life of a five year contract.

Tenant Advice and Advocacy Services

- 15. There are two tenancy support programs funded under the NPAH to provide tenancy support to public and private tenants.
- 16. In addition, the WA Tenancy Network consists of 16 not-for-profit community organisations, in a "hub and spoke model" funded to provide tenancy advice and

information services to tenants throughout WA. There are 15 Local Service Units throughout Western Australia funded to provide face-to-face advice, assistance (such as negotiation and representation) and education services to residential tenants in WA. An organisation, funded to act as the Central Resource Unit (CRU) for the Network, provides a telephone advice line for tenants, and has a coordinating and training role for the whole network. These services are funded through the Department of Commerce from the Rental Accommodation Account which derives income from the interest on residential tenancy security bonds.

Estimated costs

- 17. The maximum financial contribution to be provided by the Commonwealth to the jurisdiction is \$14.54 million payable in accordance with Part 5 of the NPAH. All payments are exclusive of GST.
- 18. The Western Australian Government matched funding is \$14.54million.

Risk management

- 19. A risk management plan is in place for service delivery initiatives. Risks have been actively identified, entered into a risk log and categorised in terms of impact and likelihood. This risk management plan does not need to be provided to the Commonwealth.
- 20. A risk assessment for Development Fund projects has been developed and provided to the Commonwealth.

Relevant State Context

- In developing this Implementation Plan consideration has been given to the Western Australian State context. Key factors that have influenced the proposed direction are:
 - Under the NPAH, provision of support services and accommodation for people who are homelessness or at risk of homelessness is to be continued at the level of service effort existing at the expiry of the 2009 -2013 NPAH.
 - The National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) Evaluation of Western Australian Programs final report has provided an independent assessment of the NPAH programs to inform policy, processes and future funding. The report indicates the NPAH programs have been successfully implemented with positive outcomes for clients.
 - The Office of the Auditor General conducted an audit on Western Australia's implementation of the NPAH. The report was tabled in the State Parliament on 25 October 2012 and provided valuable confirmation of the work undertaken by the State to make a positive difference for homeless people. The Auditor General determined that all programs were delivered as agreed in the implementation plan and that most programs met or exceeded client targets.
 - Specialist homelessness services funded under the NAHA in Western Australia provide a critical safety net for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness. There are 113 SHS recurrently funded to provide accommodation and/or a range of supports to assist people address the underlying causes of their homelessness and to assist them to become independent. The NPAH evaluation found the implementation of the NPAH programs has resulted in more effective working relationships between SHS and mainstream agencies.
 - Through the State Government's Affordable Housing Strategy 2010-2020: Opening Doors to Affordable Housing (Opening Doors), the Department of Housing is firmly

focused on helping Western Australians progress towards home ownership. As part of Opening Doors, the Department of Housing plays a pivotal role in connecting stakeholders and partners from the private and not-for-profit sectors, local government authorities and other State Government agencies to deliver at least 20,000 more affordable homes by 2020 for low to moderate income earners.

Sign off

The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this agreement as follows:

Signature	Date
The Hon Helen Morton MLC Signature	Date 28 · /0 · / 2
The Kevin Andrews MP	

DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECTS

Description of Project

1. Two Development Fund projects have been approved as part of the Western Australian IP.

Project 1: Transitional Accommodation (three sites). Three separate projects will increase transitional accommodation available for single men, and for women and children impacted by family and domestic violence. The three transitional accommodation projects are outlined below:

- (a) Transitional Accommodation targeting single men: Three transitional housing units will be constructed to accommodate single men in the Southern Metropolitan region. The project will offer a program for men who have been violent and/or abusive within their family relationships.
- (b) Transitional Accommodation targeting single men 25 years and older One large house will be constructed to accommodate up to eight single men over the age of 25 in the Fremantle region. It will provide transitional housing for men experiencing homelessness in the Fremantle area.
- (c) Transitional Accommodation targeting women and children impacted by family and domestic violence Two transitional housing units will be constructed to accommodate women and their children impacted by family and domestic violence in the North Metropolitan region. The accommodation will provide a vital transitioning base for women exiting the refuge, but still requiring on-going support.

TARGET GROUP	UNITS	BEDROOMS	LOCATION
Single men -Project 1 (a)	3	6	South Metro
Single men 25+ - Project 1 (b)	1	8	Fremantle
Women and children - Project 1 (c)	2	7	North Metro

The total cost of Project 1 is: \$2.42 million Commonwealth Government: \$1.21 million Western Australian Government: \$1.21 million

Project 2: Increase access to social housing to provide long term housing and support for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. A total of 21 units will be delivered across Western Australia, increasing the number of housing units currently planned through the Western Australian Government's Social Housing Boost.

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REGION	TYPE	UNITS	BDRM'S	DWELLING TYPE

METRO NORTH	Family	3	3	TOWN HOUSE
METRO NORTH	Family	1	4	SINGLE DETACHED
METRO NORTH	Family	1	5	SINGLE DETACHED
METRO NORTH	Family	1	6	SINGLE DETACHED
METRO NORTH	Family	1	5	SINGLE DETACHED
SOUTHERN	Family	3	2	TOWN HOUSE
WHEATBELT	Family	1	2	DUPLEX
WHEATBELT	Family	1	3	DUPLEX
MID WEST / GASCOYNE	Family	2	3	SINGLE DETACHED
MID WEST / GASCOYNE	Family	3	2	TOWN HOUSE
PILBARA	Family	1	4	SINGLE DETACHED
PILBARA	Family	1	5	SINGLE DETACHED
WEST KIMBERLEY	Family	2	3	DUPLEX

The total cost of Project 2 is \$5.8 million Commonwealth Government: \$2.9 million Western Australian Government: \$2.9 million

Projects 1 and 2 support the four outcomes outlined in the NPAH under outcome 14 (a)

- fewer people become homeless and fewer of these will sleep rough;
- fewer people will become homelessness more than once;
- people at risk of homelessness will maintain or improve connections with their families and communities, and maintain or improve their education, training or employment participation; and
- people at risk of or experiencing homelessness will be supported by quality services, with improved access to sustainable housing.

Project 2 supports the NPAH Outcome 14 (c) an increase in long-term sustainable housing opportunities, with necessary support services, targeting the specific needs of jurisdictions, including homelessness among indigenous people, rough sleepers, young people exiting care and detention, and women and children experiencing domestic violence.

Selection Criteria

- 2. The two projects meet the selection criteria in Schedule A of the NPAH as follows:
- (a) The State will match the Commonwealth funding contribution for all projects.
- (b) All projects have been planned and are in the final stages of being scoped. All construction will be completed by 31 December 2014.
- (c) Project 1 (a), (b) and (c) will target single men and women and their children who are homeless or at risk of homelessness due to domestic and family violence. The transitional units will provide opportunities for people to address the issues that contributed to their homelessness in a supportive environment and will help support individuals 'exit' homelessness into long-term housing.

- (d) Project 2 will target highly vulnerable groups particularly rough sleepers; Indigenous Australians; young people leaving care and detention; and women and children experiencing domestic and family violence. Tenants will be provided with intensive support to help them maintain long term tenancies. They will be linked with mainstream services to enable them to address issues that have contributed to their homelessness including employment; education and training; health; financial management and social integration. This project will increase the supply of social housing stock, where the initial referral will be from existing NPAH service providers.
- (e) The Western Australian Housing Authority can demonstrate its capacity to deliver and effectively manage implementation risks through its management of the National Partnership Agreement (NPA) on the Nation Building and Jobs Plan. Stage 1 saw the Authority deliver construction of 313 new dwellings, with all of these completed in 2009-10. The first phase of Stage 2 was completed by the deadline of 31 December 2010, exceeding the target by 56 dwellings within the prescribed deadline.
- (f) Both projects meet this NPAH objective through continued partnerships with the notfor-profit community service sector. The sector will support ongoing service delivery to reduce occurrences of homelessness once the capital project has been delivered.
- (g) The average cost per dwelling is consistent with the Housing Authority averages and provides value for money. The outcome for tenants is also cost effective with 91% of the referrals through the 2009-13 NPAH to public housing being stabilised for twelve months or more. This reduces other costs on other government health and welfare homelessness services.
- (h) Projects will be implemented in timely manner according to the Milestones outlined below.

Milestones

3. The milestones of the projects, including a description of the milestones and the dates they will be achieved are provided in Table 1. Note: The Commonwealth will be provided with exact details on the achievement of construction milestones for each dwelling/unit constructed under Project 1 and 2.

Table 1: Development Fund Milestones for Projects 1 and 2

Project Milestone	Milestone Description	Milestone Date
Project 1(a) – three units		
Development approval	Report on date of (or progress towards) development approvals	31 January 2014
Dwelling construction	Report on date of (or progress towards) award of construction contracts	31 January 2014
Building licences	Report on date (or progress towards) grant of building licences	31 May 2014
Slab laid	Report on date (or progress towards) slab laid, lock up and practical completion	31 May 2014

Practical completion	Report including date of (or progress towards): - Certificate of completion - Total costs	30 November 2014
Tenanted	Report including date of (or progress towards): - Certification of occupancy - Date occupied	30 November 2014
Project 1 (b) – One unit		
Development approval	Report on date of (or progress towards) development approvals	31 January 2014
Dwelling construction	Report on date of (or progress towards) award of construction contracts	31 January 2014
Slab laid	Report on date of (or progress towards) slab laid, lock up and practical completion	31 May 2014
Practical completion	Report including date of (or progress towards): - Certificate of completion - Total costs	31 March 2015
Tenanted	Report including date of (or progress towards): - Certification of occupancy - Date occupied	31 March 2015
Project 1 (c) – Two units		
Development approval	Report on date of (or progress towards) development approvals	31 January 2014
Dwelling construction	Report on date of (or progress towards) award of construction contracts	31 January 2014
Slab laid	Report on date of (or progress towards) slab laid, lock up and practical completion	31 May 2014
Practical completion	Report including date of (or progress towards): - Certificate of completion - Total costs	31 October 2014
Occupied	Report including date of (or progress towards): - Certification of occupancy - Date occupied	31 October 2014
Project 2 – 21 units		
Development approval Contracts	Report on date of (or progress towards) development approvals	31 January 2014
Dwelling Construction	Report on date of (or progress towards) award of construction contracts	31 January 2014
Building Licences	Report on date of (or progress towards) grant of building licences	31 January 2014

Construction progress	Report on date of (or progress towards) slab laid, lock up and practical completion	31 May 2014
Practical completion	Report including date of (or progress towards): - Certificate of completion - Total costs	31 August 2014
Occupied	Report including date of (or progress towards): - Certification of occupancy - Date occupied	31 August 2014