# Victorian Project Plan

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT ON HOMELESSNESS: SCHEDULE A

## PRELIMINARIES

1. This Project Plan is a schedule to the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (the Agreement) and should be read in conjunction with that Agreement.

## TERMS OF THIS PROJECT PLAN

- 2. This Project Plan will commence on 1 July 2017 or when it is agreed between the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Assistant Minister for Social Services, and the State of Victoria, represented by the Minister for Housing, Disability and Ageing, whichever is the later, and will cease on completion or termination of the Agreement.
- 3. As a schedule to the Agreement, the purpose of this Project Plan is to provide the public with an indication of how frontline homelessness services are intended to be delivered and demonstrate Victoria's capacity to achieve the outcomes of the Agreement.
- 4. This Project Plan will cover the one-year period of 2017-18.
- 5. This Project Plan may be varied in accordance with clauses 23,47,49 and 50 of the Agreement.

# PART ONE: STRATEGIC OVERVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

#### Table 1: Strategic overview of implementation

1. What is the relevant context for Victoria, including any reform directions being taken to improve homelessness outcomes?

Every Victorian deserves the safety and security of a home. Having a home provides the foundation for financial, social and emotional security, and for better health and wellbeing. Victoria is committed to making the social housing and homelessness system work better for people.

#### **Homes for Victorians**

In March 2017, the Victorian Government released *Homes for Victorians*, our response to the housing affordability crisis. *Homes for Victorians* responds to the full spectrum of affordable housing issues faced by Victorians. It is a record investment by the Victorian Government in social and affordable housing, changing taxes and concessions, and providing certainty in planning and housing supply to ensure the best housing outcomes for Victorians across the State.

It will allow Victorians to have more choice about where they live and enable them to make a home that reflects their priorities and enables participation in work, education and their communities.

*Homes for Victorians* outlines the delivery of the government's biggest ever commitment of support for homelessness services and social housing. It commits \$799 million in additional homeless and housing support, including:

- A \$152 million Family Violence Housing Blitz to improve accommodation for women and children escaping family violence
- A \$109 million homelessness package to intervene early and provide targeted support to help get people back on their feet
- A \$120 million investment to increase the supply of social housing
- A \$185 million to redevelop public housing properties at sites across metropolitan Melbourne
- \$33 million to extend private rental brokerage to improve access to the private rental market for a further two years.

It also commits \$2.1 billion in financial instruments to deliver thousands of homes. These social housing and homelessness reforms contain a broader range of housing and homelessness assistance— including financial products, durable subsidies, increasing social housing supply and a focus on social outcomes — than the current system. They aim to increase and renew social housing supply, improve housing services for Victorians in need and promote stability for low income renters.

These investments seek to create new and permanent housing, and provide the necessary wrap around support services for people experiencing, or who are at risk of, homelessness.

#### Towards Home and Rough Sleeping Strategy

In January 2017, the Victorian Government announced the Towards Home program, providing \$9.8 million to rapidly rehouse 40 vulnerable rough sleepers in inner Melbourne, and provide them with targeted supports to maintain their housing.

As part of this program, the Victorian Government also established a new Chair Coordinating the Strategy on Rough Sleepers and appointed Tony Nicholson, Director, Brotherhood of St Laurence to

#### this position.

#### **Royal Commission into Family Violence**

The Royal Commission into Family Violence recommendations highlighted the need for the housing and homelessness service system to better support women and children experiencing family violence. The Commission made 227 recommendations, and the Victorian Government is implementing all 227 recommendations.

*Ending Family Violence: Victoria's Plan for Change* outlines a vision for a future where Victorians live free from family violence.

Rolling Action Plans will detail the actions and initiatives to achieve this vision. The Victorian Government will deliver a new Rolling Action Plan approximately every 3 years.

The *Rolling Action Plan 2017-2020* is focused on the first phase of implementation and outlines the government's significant investment of \$1.91 billion in family violence services and reform, including \$133 million for extra long-term housing, more rental assistance, improved crisis accommodation and better support for people fleeing family violence.

# 2. What frontline services or programmes will Victoria deliver in 2017-18 to meet the outcomes of the Agreement.

Through the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH), Victoria is investing in effective ways to address homelessness. This includes assertive outreach responses to people sleeping rough; private rental and 'safe at home' programs to house women and children experiencing family violence; and youth homelessness services that focus on education, employment and social connections so young people can be independent and achieve fulfilled lives.

Victoria will deliver the following range of services to meet the outcomes of the Agreement:

- Family violence services to support victims of family violence. Services include:
  - Services and refuges for Aboriginal women and their children
  - Intensive case management support to women or women and children who are experiencing family violence
  - The safe at home program and private rental assistance
  - Case management responses for men who use violence.
- Support for families at risk of homelessness. Services include:
  - Assessment, referral and case managed support
  - Flexible funding for families residing in, or at risk of residing in rooming houses to gain more appropriate housing, including in the private rental market.
- *Children services* to minimise the impact of homelessness on children and help children meet their developmental milestones. This service reduces the impact of trauma on a child's immediate and long term emotional and physical wellbeing. It provides a suite of support to children and families including case management, therapeutic group work and flexible brokerage to enhance education and social opportunities for children experiencing homelessness.
- *Youth supports and services to* prevent young people from becoming entrenched in homelessness. Services include:
  - Strengthened youth homeless crisis responses that focus on early intervention, family reconciliation and young people's wellbeing
  - Services to address drug and alcohol and mental health issues
  - Family reconciliation programs to work with young people to address conflict between young

people and their families, with a focus on healing and restoring relationships

- Employment, education and training supports provided in youth foyers and foyer-like services.
- *Initial assessment and planning* services that provide assessment, referral and short term interventions to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. These services aim to get the right service response for people as quickly as possible.
- Support to maintain tenancies which assist people at risk of homelessness and people who are in public and social housing to sustain their tenancy and prevent homelessness. These services support people with a mental illness to secure and establish housing.
- Supportive housing and intensive responses to assist people who are experiencing homelessness, including people sleeping on the streets (rough sleepers), people with mental health issues and people existing prisons. These services provide assertive outreach supports, supportive housing and intensive case management.
- The *Innovation Action Projects* have trialled new ways to intervene early to prevent homelessness among key groups. These include young people and women and children escaping family violence.
  - 3. How will Victoria focus on the priority outputs, including where this will draw on any new or current innovative approaches?

Victoria is maintaining its focus on families escaping family violence, children and young people through the Agreement, with a large proportion of the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness targeted to these groups.

The Royal Commission into Family Violence recommendations highlighted the need for the housing and homelessness service system to better support women and children experiencing family violence. The Commission made 227 recommendations, and the Victorian Government is committed to implementing all 227 recommendations. The National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness Investment will contribute to the Victorian Government's efforts to implement these recommendations.

Under the agreement, Victoria will invest in:

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  - Services and refuges for Aboriginal women and their children
  - Intensive case management support to women or women and children who are experiencing family violence
  - The safe at home program and private rental assistance
  - Case management responses for men who use violence.
- *Children services* to minimise the impact of homelessness on children and help children meet their developmental milestones. This service reduces the impact of trauma on a child's immediate and long term emotional and physical wellbeing. It provides a suite of support to children and families including case management, therapeutic group work and flexible brokerage to enhance education and social opportunities for children experiencing homelessness.
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homelessness. Services include:

- Strengthened youth homeless crisis responses that focus on early intervention, family reconciliation and young people's wellbeing
- Services to address drug and alcohol and mental health issues
- Family reconciliation programs to work with young people to address conflict between young people and their families, with a focus on healing and restoring relationships
- Employment, education and training supports provided in youth foyers and foyer-like services.
- 4. Which geographical area(s) will Victoria prioritise in 2017-18 when considering expenditure on the priority outputs listed at clauses 15(a), 15(b) and 15(c) of the Agreement, and what services are being provided to these areas?

Victoria's investment in services to meet the outcomes of the agreement has been driven by a range of factors; including service demand, the prevalence of homelessness among the group in the local community, the presence of drivers of homelessness and levels of existing service investment in the local area.

The NPAH funding is being invested to meet service needs across Victoria.

Several priority locations were identified to meet pressing service needs and address service gaps in these departmental Areas, including Loddon and Mallee, Gippsland, North East Melbourne and Western Melbourne. Please note: the Local Government Areas encompassed in the departmental Areas are listed on pages 78-80.

#### Loddon and Mallee area

The Loddon and Mallee Areas experience issues of homelessness and disadvantage, particularly as a result of family violence. There is a disproportionately high rate of police reports of family violence incidents in these Areas, including within the large number of Aboriginal communities in these Areas. As a result, NPAH investment was prioritised to the Mallee area to establish an Aboriginal Family Violence refuge in Mildura and fund case management responses for men who use violence to meet significant demand for this service in the Aboriginal communities around Swan Hill and Bendigo.

The NPAH funds the following services in the Loddon and Mallee areas

#### Family violence targeted services

Family Violence – Case management response for men who use violence Family Violence – Support for Indigenous women and children Family Violence – Support for Women and Children to remain safely in the family home Family Violence After Hours Response Family Violence Stage 2 <u>Youth and children targeted services</u> Children – Specialist support and engagement with education Family Reconciliation – Support for Young People 12-18 years Young People – dual diagnosis workers Young People Leaving Care Youth Homelessness Services – Reform, Restructure and Expand <u>Other services</u> Opening Doors Psychosocial Support Packages Support for Families at Risk of Homelessness Support to Maintain Tenancies Support to Maintain Tenancies – A Place to Call Home Workforce training and development – funding for reform to the homelessness sector

#### Gippsland (encompassing Inner and Outer Gippsland)

Gippsland also experiences issues of homelessness, particularly as a result of family violence. There is a disproportionately high rate of police reports on family violence incidents in these Areas, including within the large number of Aboriginal communities in the Area. As a result, NPAH investment was prioritised to this area to establish an Aboriginal Family Violence refuge and to fund case management responses for men who use violence to meet significant demand for this service in the Aboriginal communities around Morwell and the broader Gippsland area.

Funding in this area has also been invested in enhancing the capacity of a youth refuge, to address the increasingly complex needs of the young people presenting at this refuge. A service gap in the existing refuge system meant young people in the area were not receiving the support they needed to achieve stable housing and independence. The enhanced youth refuge response now provides for 24 hour staffing, a specialist practitioner role, post-exit follow up support for up to six months. The capacity of dual diagnosis teams has also been increased to better meet the needs of young people supported through the refuge.

The NPAH funds the following services in the Inner and Outer Gippsland areas

Family violence targeted services

Family Violence – Case management response for men who use violence Family Violence – Support for Indigenous women and children Family Violence - Support for Women and Children to remain safely in the family home Family Violence After Hours Response Family Violence Stage 2 Youth and children targeted services Children – Specialist support and engagement with education Young People – dual diagnosis workers Youth Homelessness Services – Reform, Restructure and Expand Other services **Opening Doors Psychosocial Support Packages** Support for Families at Risk of Homelessness Support to Maintain Tenancies Support to Maintain Tenancies – A Place to Call Home Workforce training and development – funding for reform to the homelessness sector

#### North Eastern Melbourne

The North Eastern Melbourne area includes a significant growth corridor experiencing comparative disadvantage and less established service infrastructure. As a result, a proportion of NPAH funding was prioritised for this area. This area has high levels of demand for services and is an area with large Aboriginal communities, who experience disproportionate levels of homelessness and disadvantage. Funding was prioritised to increase the family violence response, operate a youth foyer in this area, and to increase targeted responses that re-engage young people in education and employment opportunities and help them develop independent living skills.

The NPAH funds the following services in the North Eastern Melbourne area:

Family violence targeted services

Family Violence - Case management response for men who use violence Family Violence – Support for Indigenous women and children Family Violence – Support for Women and Children to remain safely in the family home Family Violence Response Family Violence Stage 2 Legal assistance for Indigenous women Youth and children targeted services Family Reconciliation – Support for Young People 12-18 years Young People Leaving Care Youth Foyer Youth Homelessness Services - Reform, Restructure and Expand Other services **Opening Doors Psychosocial Support Packages** Support for Families at Risk of Homelessness Support to Maintain Tenancies Support to Maintain Tenancies – A Place to Call Home Supportive Housing for People who are Homeless Workforce training and development – funding for reform to the homelessness sector

#### Western Melbourne

The Western Melbourne area includes the central business district of Melbourne which has a high number of people sleeping rough. Funding was prioritised to deliver the Melbourne Street to Home program to this group. It also includes significant growth corridors that experience comparatively higher levels of disadvantage and have less established service infrastructure. Funding has been prioritised in the area to operate a youth foyer in this area, increase targeted responses that reengage young people in education and employment opportunities as well as services that help young people develop independent living skills.

The NPAH funds the following services in the Western Melbourne area:

Family violence targeted services Family Violence - Support for Women and Children to remain safely in the family home Family Violence After Hours Response Family Violence Stage 2 Youth and children targeted services Children – Specialist support and engagement with education Young People – dual diagnosis workers Young People Leaving Care Youth Homelessness Services – Reform, Restructure and Expand Other services Assertive Outreach for people who are homeless **Opening Doors Psychosocial Support Packages** Support for Families at Risk of Homelessness Support to Maintain Tenancies Support to Maintain Tenancies – A Place to Call Home Supportive Housing for People who are Homeless Tenancy Support for People with Mental Health Issues

Workforce training and development – funding for reform to the homelessness sector

5. Broadly, what level of NPAH funding does Victoria expect to allocate to domestic and family violence, and youth homelessness in 2017-18?

\$29,419,508

6. What is the expected level of homelessness service delivery expenditure for Victoria under the NPAH in 2017-18?

\$60,145,194

## PART TWO: IMPLEMENTATION INFORMATION FOR INITIATIVES, AND EXPECTED REPORTING

#### Table 2: Description of initiatives including services funding under each initiative

No.	*Initiative Title	Short description of Initiative	Output/s addressed (refer to Clause 15 of NP)	Name of Service Provider/s
1	people who are homeless (rough sleepers)	Melbourne Street to Home (MS2H) uses assertive outreach and an intensive case management model to assist rough sleepers given priority based on their health status. The program aims to provide rapid access to permanent housing, develop living skills and link people to appropriate supports in the community. MS2H targets people sleeping rough in the CBD and inner suburbs of Melbourne. MS2H workers develop relationships with rough sleepers and assist them to make the transition out of homelessness permanently. Support is provided over a longer period than generic homelessness service responses i.e. up to 18 months.	rough sleepers to long-term housing and health services	Service partnership between Launch Housing, Salvation Army Adult Services and Royal District Nursing Service
2	Opening Doors	Opening Doors is a client centred, place based service coordination initiative incorporating all funded homelessness services across Victoria. Over 200 homelessness, community housing and family violence funded agencies are organised into 17 Local Area Service Networks (LASNs), providing centralised, visible entry points for people in housing crisis. Access to co-ordinated homelessness assistance is provided 24 hours a day, seven days a week. People receive initial assessment and planning services at their first point of contact, followed where necessary by referrals to crisis, transitional and other support options including specialist case management.	coordination and provision	Anchor Inc Barwon Child, Youth & Family Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd Child & Family Services Ballarat Inc Community Housing (Vic) Ltd Launch Housing Loddon Mallee Housing Services Limited BeyondHousing SVdP ACCS Accommodation Services The Salvation Army (Vic) Property Trust-Southern The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust - Barwon The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust - Barwon The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust-Barwon The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust-Barwon The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust-Eastern The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust-Southern Uniting Care Harrison Community Services UnitingCare Ballarat Parish Mission

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				Wayss Limited
				Wesley - EMR - Crisis Homeless Service
				Wimmera Uniting Care
				Unison
3	Support for	The Support for Families at Risk of Homelessness initiative		Anchor Inc
	Families at Risk	supports families across Victoria to successfully access,	people, including families with	Bethany Community Support Inc
	of	establish and maintain a public or social housing tenancy	children, to stabilise their situation	Community Housing (Vic) Ltd
	Homelessness	or private rental accommodation, preventing them from	and to achieve sustainable housing;	Connections UnitingCare Eastern
		(re)entering the homelessness service system. The initiative targets families who are assessed as having	15 (k) support for private and public	Grampians Community Health
		additional needs who require longer term housing	tenants to help sustain their	Launch Housing
		assistance. Brokerage funds are also provided and utilised	tenancies, including through	Loddon Mallee Housing Services Limited
		to assist families to meet their case managed identified	tenancy support, advocacy, case	Quantum Support Services Inc.
		goals.	management, financial counselling	The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust
			and referral services	The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust -
			Western	
				Uniting Care Harrison Community Services
				UnitingCare Ballarat Parish Mission
				Wayss Limited
				Wesley - EMR - Crisis Homeless Service
				Windermere Child and Family Services Inc
				Unison
4	Children –	The Homeless Children's Specialist Support Service	15 (c) support services for children	Bendigo and District Aboriginal Co-operative Ltd
	Specialist	(HCSSS) provides three integrated streams of service that	who are homeless or at risk of	Bethany Community Support Inc
	support and	address the needs of children and families who are	homelessness including but not	Centre for Non-Violence Inc.
	engagement with education	homeless and improves the capacity of homelessness support services to assist children.	limited to maintaining contact with	Colac Area Health
	witheuocation	support services to assist children.	the education system;	Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-
				operative Limited
				Launch Housing
				Junction Support Services Inc
				Merri Outreach Support Service Inc
				Uniting Care Ballarat Parish Mission
				Uniting Care Gippsland

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				Wesley - EMR - Crisis Homeless Service
5	Family	The NPAH Family Reconciliation (FR) initiative has an early	, .	Berry Street Inc (Northern)
	Reconciliation –	intervention focus and targets young people aged 16 to 18	people aged 12 to 24 years who are	Hope Street Youth and Family Services Inc.
	Support for	years who are living at home and who are assessed as	homeless or at risk of homelessness	Mallee Accommodation and Support Program Inc
	Young People	being at imminent risk of homelessness or newly	to re-engage with their family where	Merri Outreach Support Service Inc
	12-18 years	homeless. Family Reconciliation assists the young person to resolve conflicts and re-establish relationships with their	it is safe to do so, maintain stable	MOIRA Inc.
		families and others who play an important role in their	with education and/or employment	St Luke's Anglicare
		lives. These interventions may result in a return home or to	. ,	The Bridge Youth Service Inc
		extended family and significant others where appropriate.		The Salvation Army (Vic) Property Trust-Gippsland
		Family reconciliation may also result in a young person		Region
		living independently, with appropriate family support and		Wimmera Uniting Care
		connection, where they can be assisted to live a safe and		
		stable lifestyle, including being connected to employment,		
	<b>-</b>	education or training.		
6	Employment,	This initiative includes two components- integrated	15 (b) support services to young	Anchor Inc
	Education & Training; life	models of accommodation and support which provide sustainable education, employment and housing	people aged 12 to 24 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness	Brophy Family & Youth Services Inc
	skills	outcomes for young people who are at risk of, or	to re-engage with their family where	Hope Street Youth and Family Services Inc.
	development	experiencing, homelessness. Services work with young	it is safe to do so, maintain stable	
	and youth foyer	people between the ages of 16-25, who have the capacity	accommodation and engagement	Uniting Care Ballarat Parish Mission
	development	to engage with education and training, but are prevented	with education and/or employment	Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-operative
		from doing so due to a range of structural and other		Limited
		barriers, including lack of support, lack of understanding of		Wayss Limited
		services and a lack of connectedness.		Youth Development Australia Ltd
		- targeted responses aimed at assisting young people to		
		re-engage in education and employment opportunities		
_	Eamily Violance	and develop independent living skills. Provides case management support to women and	15 (a) support services for women	Berry Street Inc (Northern)
-	Response	children experiencing family violence		Bethany Community Support Inc
			and family violence, including to	Barwon Centre Against Sexual Assault
			stay in their present housing where	Barwon Centre Ayamst Sexual Assault
			it is safe to do so	
8	Family Violence	After hours support provides extended family violence	15 (a) support services for women	Berry Street Victoria Incorporated

No.	*Initiative Title	Short description of Initiative	Output/s addressed (refer to Clause 15 of NP)	Name of Service Provider/s
	After Hours	responses through a number of Family Violence outreach	and children experiencing domestic	Bethany Community Support Inc
	Response	agencies operating services after hours (up to 10 pm	and family violence, including to	Centre for Non-Violence Inc.
		particularly on Thursday and Friday nights), and taking	stay in their present housing where	Eastern Domestic Violence Service Inc
		referrals on weekends. Case management is provided to	it is safe to do so	Georgina Martina Inc.
		women to understand their options following an incident		Mallee Sexual Assault Unit Inc
		of family violence. The agencies work closely with Victoria Police to support women to take out an intervention order,		Quantum Support Services Inc.
		to provide short term accommodation prior to her	children, to stabilise their situation	Safe Futures Foundation Inc
		returning to the home or seeking longer term alternative	and to achieve sustainable housing	Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre
		accommodation. The woman is provided with an		South East Centre Against Sexual Assault (SECASA)
		understanding of the police and court processes and linked		SVdP ACCS Adult Support Services
		in with support services. The aim of the initiative is to		The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust-
		support women and children who are experiencing family		Southern
		violence to safely remain in the home through the		Wayss Limited
		provision of an individualised case management response.		Women's Health West Inc
9	Family Violence	There are two program responses under this initiative:	15 (a) support services for women	Berry Street Inc (Northern)
	<ul> <li>Support for</li> </ul>	- Two purpose built services (Mildura and Morwell) to	and children experiencing domestic	Centre for Non-Violence Inc.
	Indigenous	address the specific needs of Indigenous women and	and family violence, including to	Eastern Domestic Violence Service Inc
	women and	children experiencing family violence. Using an	stay in their present housing where	Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-
	children	individualised case management response, women	it is safe to do so	operative Limited
		accessing the service are supported to find long term safe accommodation options, and access a range of community	(1, c (a) support sonvices for homoless	Grampians Community Health
		and legal service. The Mildura site was completed and	people, including families with	MDAS Limited (Mallee District Aboriginal Services)
			children, to stabilise their situation	Minerva Community Services
		from July 2012. The Morwell site commenced in early	and to achieve sustainable housing	Mungabareena Aboriginal Corporation
		2014.	5	The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust-
		- Funding is also allocated to existing family violence		Southern
		services to target Indigenous women and children		WRISC Family Violence Support Inc
		experiencing family violence. Nine agencies across the		Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-operative
		state are delivering outreach family violence support to a		Limited
		higher number of Indigenous women and children.		
		Outreach support includes assistance to access		
	Family Vialance	appropriate long term accommodation options.		Parry (Street Inc (Northern)
LO	Family Violence	Case management support to women and children	15 (a) support services for women	Berry Street Inc (Northern)

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		experiencing family violence to assist them to either	and children experiencing domestic	Centre Against Violence Inc.
	Women and	remain in the family home or to re-establish their lives free		Centre for Non-Violence Inc.
	Children to			Eastern Domestic Violence Service Inc
		response is provided under an integrated response	it is safe to do so	Emma House Domestic Violence Services Inc
		including Police, Courts and Specialist Family Violence Services and is strongly linked to enhance after hours	15 (g) support services for homeless	Georgina Martina Inc.
		support where women have been referred by police	people, including families with	Gippsland Lakes Community Health
		following a family violence incident. It involves	children, to stabilise their situation	Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service
		identification of the immediate level of risk and	and to achieve sustainable housing	Grampians Community Health
		appropriate responses to enable women and children to	5	Mallee Sexual Assault Unit Inc
		remain in the family home where it is safe to do so. It also		McAuley Community Services for Women
		includes development of a safety plan and allows a woman		Barwon Centre Against Sexual Assault Inc.
		to work through available options. Assistance and		Ngwala Willumbong Co-operative Limited
		advocacy is provided to women in all tenure types to		Quantum Support Services Inc.
		minimise disruption to current living arrangements.		Safe Futures Foundation Inc
				Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre
				Good Samaritan Inn
				SVdP ACCS Adult Support Services
				The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust -
			V T	Western
				The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust-
				Southern
				Wayss Limited
				Women's Health West Inc
				WRISC Family Violence Support Inc
11		The Men's Case Management Support program (MCM)	15 (a) support services for women	Bethany Community Support Inc
		engages with men who are removed from the family home		Centre for Non-Violence Inc.
	management response for	by providing timely case management to assist men to take responsibility for their use of violence and mitigate	and family violence, including to stay in their present housing where	Child & Family Services Ballarat Inc
		the risks of re-offending. The program provides assistance		Inner South Community Health Service Limited
	violence	at court and links men to behaviour change programs,		Latrobe Community Health Service
		other service supports and accommodation. Engagement		MDAS Limited (Mallee District Aboriginal Services)
1				Ngwala Willumbong Co-operative Limited

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		with men at these times needs to occur by skilled practitioners to ensure the safety of women and children is not compromised. Case management is complemented with 20 transitional properties so that men have alternative accommodation if they have been removed from the family home		Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative Limited Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited
	Legal assistance for Indigenous women	This initiative supports Indigenous women experiencing family violence who require legal assistance. The initiative uses case management support to access legal services, and accommodation options and linkages with other support services in their communities. The worker will also support women through court processes as required.	and family violence, including to stay in their present housing where	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Corporation Family Violence Prevention & Legal Service (Vic)
13	Support to Maintain Tenancies	This initiative is an integrated case management model. The focus of the model is outcomes-based and aims to improve client outcomes across economic social and personal domains.		Advocacy & Rights Centre Ltd Bethany Community Support Inc Brophy Family & Youth Services Inc Child and Family Services Ballarat Inc Launch Housing Mallee Accommodation and Support Program Inc Ngwala Willumbong Co-operative Limited Quantum Support Services Inc. Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative Limited BeyondHousing Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited Wayss Limited Wesley Mission Victoria Wombat Housing And Support Services Inc
14	Support to Maintain	The Support to A Place to Call Home (APTCH) initiative targets families including women and children who have	15 (g) support services for homeless people, including families with	Anchor Inc Berry Street Inc (Northern)

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	Tenancies – A	experienced family violence, Indigenous families and	children, to stabilise their situation	Bethany Community Support Inc
	Place to Call	families experiencing homelessness. The initiative links	and to achieve sustainable housing	Centre for Non-Violence Inc.
	Home	individualised support of up to 14 months with an		Child & Family Services Ballarat Inc
		allocation of A Place to Call Home property with the aim of		Connections UnitingCare Eastern
		sustaining tenancies, reconnecting children in education and communities and establishing links and access to a		Gippsland Lakes Community Health
		range of services that the families need to get on with their		Grampians Community Health
		lives.		Kara House Inc
				Loddon Mallee Housing Services Limited
				Merri Outreach Support Service Inc
				Quantum Support Services Inc.
				BeyondHousing
				The Salvation Army (Vic) Property Trust-Gippsland
				Region
				Uniting Care Harrison Community Services
				UnitingCare Ballarat Parish Mission
				UnitingCare Gippsland
				Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-operative Limited
				Wayss Limited
				Windermere Child and Family Services Inc
				Women's Health West Inc
15	Workforce	A range of workforce enhancement measures have been	15 (m) workforce development	Anglicare Eastern
	training and	implemented including provision of management	strategies and career progression	Anglicare Victoria
	development –	positions in women's and youth refuge services, as well as	opportunities for workers in	Annie North Inc
	funding for	training in new case management tools such as SHIP and	homelessness services	Berry Street Victoria Incorporated
	reform to the homelessness	Outcome Star. Victoria has released an overarching		Centacare, Catholic Diocese of Ballarat Inc
	sector	sness Victorian Homelessness Action Plan which guides the implementation of further innovation and reform of the		Centre Against Violence Inc.
	Sector	homelessness system. Once service system reform has		Emerge Women & Children's Support Network Inc
		commenced a more comprehensive calendar of workforce		Emma House Domestic Violence Services Inc
		development will be introduced to support		Fusion Australia Limited
		implementation of VHAP objectives.		Georgina Martina Inc.

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				Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-
				operative Limited
				Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service
				Launch Housing
				Hope Street Youth and Family Services Inc.
				Junction Support Services Inc
				Kara House Inc
				Mallee Sexual Assault Unit Inc
				Margaret Tucker Hostel for Girls Inc
				McAuley Community Services for Women
				Melbourne Citymission
				Merri Outreach Support Service Inc
				Mind Australia
				Barwon Centre Against Sexual Assault Inc
				Quantum Support Services Inc.
				Sacred Heart Mission Inc.
				Safe Futures Foundation Inc
				Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre
				SVdP ACCS Adult Support Services
				The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust- Eastern
				The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust -
				Western
				Barwon Child, Youth & Family
				Various training organisations (training organised by
				DHS for sector staff)
				Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association
				Limited
				VincentCare Victoria
				Wayss Limited
				Wesley - EMR - Crisis Homeless Service
				Women's Health West Inc
				Women's Liberation Halfway House Inc

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16	Young People	The Leaving Care Initiative focuses on intervening earlier	15(b) support services to young	Barwon Child, Youth & Family
	Leaving Care			Berry Street Victoria Incorporated
		transition from care to prevent them becoming homeless.	homeless or at risk of homelessness	Brophy Family & Youth Services Inc
		The initiative was informed by the evaluation of existing	to re-engage with their family where	Child & Family Services Ballarat Inc
		Victorian leaving care housing and support programs and a mapping of regional service responses to identify gaps and	It is sale to do so, maintain stable	Junction Support Services Inc
		areas of greatest need.	with education and/or employment	Mallee Accommodation and Support Program Inc
		aleas of greatest need.		MOIRA Inc.
				St Luke's Anglicare
				The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust -
				Western
				The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust-
				Southern
				Uniting Care Harrison Community Services
				Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-operative
				Limited
				Wimmera Uniting Care
				Wombat Housing And Support Services Inc
	Young People –	The Homelessness Youth Dual Diagnosis Initiative (HYDDI)	, , ,	Monash Health/MOIRA
	dual diagnosis	is a cross-government program which aims to assist young		Eastern Health/Family Access Network
	workers	people accessing homelessness services who also present	homeless or at risk of homelessness	North West Mental Health Service/Hope St
		with drug and alcohol use and emerging mental health	to re-engage with their family where	North West Mental Health Service /WRAP
		issues. The initiative is based on an in-reach model and	it is safe to do so, maintain stable	Goulburn Valley Health/Brayton
		dual diagnosis clinicians employed by area mental health services are co-located in youth crisis homelessness	accommodation and engagement with education and/or employment	Barwon Health/Barwon Youth Services
		services. The clinicians provide a range of support		La Trobe Regional Health/Kilmany
		including therapeutic interventions, co-case management.	15(e) support services to assist	Ballarat Health
		They also facilitate access to mental health and drug &	homeless people with substance	Ramsay Health/MASP
		alcohol treatment services. Training and sector capacity	abuse issues to secure or maintain	
		building activities are also part of the deliverables.	stable accommodation	
18	Adult Initiatives	Victoria established a prison exit program as a	15(i) support services for people	The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust -
	(Support For	collaborative partnership between the Departments of		Western
	People Exiting	Human Services and Justice. This response seeks to	those who have had recent contact	The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust-Barwon

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	Prison)	reduce homelessness amongst exiting prisoners who have a history of homelessness and transience, and a high risk of re-offending on release into the community. Prison exit housing workers provide initial housing assessment and planning services at Victorian prisons. These workers assist people in prison with access to housing, homelessness support and other services upon release.		Wimmera Uniting Care
19	Psychosocial	This initiative funds individualised mental health	5.7 11	EACH
	Support	psychosocial support packages targeted at individuals	homeless people with mental health	Inner South CHS
	Packages	aged 16 to 64 years, who have a psychiatric disability, arising from serious mental illness and complex needs who	issues to secure or maintain stable	MIND Australia
		are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The target group	accommodation	Cohealth
		require intensive support to access secure, affordable housing and to maintain tenancies. Support providers work closely with housing managers to enable this.		St Lukes Anglicare
				Mental Illness Fellowship
				Break Thru People Solutions
				Peninsula Support Services
				SNAP Gippsland
				Wimmera Uniting Care
				ERMHA
				NEAMI
20	Tenancy	Private Rental Tenancy Support for People with Mental	15(f) support services to assist	Launch Housing
	Support for People with Mental Health Issues	Illness aims to increase long term housing options for people with a mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness by providing support and time limited brokerage funds to secure and establish viable housing within the private rental market.	homeless people with mental health issues to secure or maintain stable accommodation 15(I) improvements in service coordination and provision	SVdP ACCS Accommodation Services
21	Youth	The Enhanced Youth Refuge Response builds on and	15(b) support services to young	Anglicare Eastern
	Homelessness Services –	expands existing youth services reform in Victoria and aims to achieve the following outcomes:	people aged 12 to 24 years who are homeless or at risk of homelessness	Anglicare Victoria
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	Reform,		to re-engage with their family where	Centre for Non-Violence Inc.
	Restructure and	<ul> <li>earlier intervention and better prevention of young</li> </ul>	it is safe to do so, maintain stable	Cobaw Community Health Services Limited
	Expand)	people entering the homelessness service system through	accommodation and engagement	Fusion Australia Limited
		an increased family reconciliation focus;	with education and/or employment	Gippsland and East Gippsland Aboriginal Co-
		<ul> <li>more comprehensive assessment of young people in youth refuges;</li> </ul>	15(l) improvements in service	operative Limited
		- increased youth refuge worker skills in responding to	coordination and provision	Hope Street Youth and Family Services Inc.
		young people with complex needs;		Junction Support Services Inc
		- longer and more intensive support for young people		Loddon Mallee Housing Services Limited
		exiting the refuge; and providing young people with better		Mallee Accommodation and Support Program Inc
		pathways out of the homelessness system.		Mallee Family Care Inc
				Margaret Tucker Hostel for Girls Inc
				Maryborough District Health Service
				Melbourne Citymission
				Merri Outreach Support Service Inc
				Quantum Support Services Inc.
				St Luke's Anglicare
				The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust - Eastern
				The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust -
				Western
				The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust-
				Southern
				Barwon Child, Youth & Family
				Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association Limited
				Wayss Limited
				Wesley - EMR - Crisis Homeless Service
22	Supportive	Provide supportive housing responses for people	15 (g) support services for homeless	Launch Housing
	Housing for	experiencing homelessness, particularly in North and West		Housing Choices Australia Limited
	People who are	Metropolitan regions of Melbourne	children, to stabilise their situation	Neami Limited
	Homeless		and to achieve sustainable housing	
23	Family Violence	Support services for women and children experiencing	15 (a) support services for women	Berry Street Inc (Northern)
	Stage 2	domestic and family violence to stay in their present	and children experiencing domestic	Centre for Non-Violence Inc.

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		housing where it is safe to do so.	and family violence, including to	EACH
				Eastern Domestic Violence Service Inc
			it is safe to do so	Emma House Domestic Violence Services Inc
				Gippsland Lakes Community Health
				Good Shepherd Youth and Family Service
				Grampians Community Health
				Gunditjmara Aboriginal Co-operative Limited
				inTouch Inc.
				Mallee Sexual Assault Unit Inc
				Quantum Support Services Inc.
				Rumbalara Aboriginal Co-operative Limited
				SVdP ACCS Adult Support Services
				The Salvation Army (Vic) Property Trust-(Southern
				(Gippsland)
				The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust-Barwon
				The Salvation Army (Victoria) Property Trust-
				Southern
				Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency Co-operative
				Limited
				WAYSS Limited
				Women with Disabilities Victoria Inc.
				Women's Health West Inc
				WRISC Family Violence Support Inc
	Innovation	Innovative projects which deliver early intervention	15(a) support services for women	Housing for the Aged Action Group Inc
	Action Projects	services that focus on preventing homelessness.	and children experiencing domestic	Jesuit Social Services Limited
		Collectively, the projects prevent homelessness through	and family violence, including to	Melbourne Citymission
		the provision of information and support to older people;	e; stay in their present housing where it is safe to do so 15(b) support services to young	BeyondHousing
	support to young people with complex issues includi	those exiting youth justice facilities; support for women		Kildonan UnitingCare
		linese exiting your jostice radiities, sopport for women		VincentCare Victoria

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		and children experiencing family violence; flexible packages and support to help families, couples and singles remain in or access private rental.		Wintringham	
	Support for vulnerable tenancies in social housing	Support for vulnerable tenancies in social housing to contribute to more sustainable tenancy outcomes for those identified to be in high risk of losing their tenancies.	15 (k) support for private and public tenants to help sustain their tenancies, including through tenancy support, advocacy, case management, financial counselling and referral services	Department of Human Services	
Sub-total – priority output (domestic and family violence)					\$11.744 million
Sub-total – priority output (children and youth services)					\$17.675 million
Tota	l Funding				\$60.145 million

\*Please note: Initiatives can have numerous programs or projects with different service providers that are delivering specific shared outcomes with time and cost constraints.

\*\*Please note: The Commonwealth acknowledges that funding allocated to addressing domestic and family violence, and youth homelessness may span across outputs other than the priority outputs listed at 15 (a), 15 (b) and 15 (c) of the Agreement.

### Expected reports, reviews or evaluations

In accordance with clause 31 and 32 of the Agreement, a final update is to be provided to the Commonwealth based on the monitoring and assessment of progress against this Project Plan, and any evaluations and reviews of services and outputs delivered. Details of any expected reports, reviews or evaluations of initiatives are to be listed in Table 3.

# Table 3: List of information expected to contribute to the final update to the Commonwealth.

ltem no.	Short description of expected item	Expected timeframe
1	A range of reviews/reports are expected to be undertaken as Victoria continues to improve its response to homelessness.	2017-18