

Fact sheet for community housing providers

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Community housing and types of assistance

Community housing is subsidised rental housing for very low-to-moderate income households managed by community housing providers. Community housing can include crisis accommodation for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, long-term social housing for eligible households and affordable housing for very low-to-moderate income households.

What is a community housing provider?

Community housing providers are organisations (either non-government, local government or religious organisations) that receive assistance (in the form of leased capital properties, recurrent funding or capital funding grants) from Housing NSW to provide community housing. Community housing providers manage tenancy agreements for social and affordable housing under the *Residential Tenancy Act 1987* and/or management agreements covering boarders and lodgers for crisis accommodation.

What is a capital property?

A capital property is a property owned by the Land and Housing Corporation and leased by Housing NSW to a community housing organisation to manage and sub-let to a resident as subsidised rental housing.

Properties owned jointly in a partnership arrangement between the Land and Housing Corporation and a community housing provider are capital properties when they are sub-let to a resident as community housing.

Properties owned by the community housing organisation, either solely or in a partnership arrangement with another organisation, such as a local council, church organisation or another community organisation, are capital properties when they are sub-let to a resident as subsidised rental housing.

What is a lease/leasehold property?

A leasehold property is a property leased from the private sector, including properties owned by other government departments, that Housing NSW supports under the Community Housing Leasing Program or that the community housing provider leases in order to deliver community housing.

What is a leasing subsidy?

A leasing subsidy is a payment to a community housing organisation under the terms of the Community Housing Leasing Program to lease properties from the private sector. The subsidy amount is the difference



between costs paid to landlords (capped at the Rental Bond Board median for the total portfolio) less rent charged to tenants and allowances for losses due to rental debts written off.

More information

For more information about community housing and information for tenants, refer to the *Community Housing* fact sheet.

For more information about registering as a community housing provider, refer to:

- *Information for New Entrants* fact sheet
- *Unregistered Organisations* fact sheet

It is illegal for an officer of Housing NSW to ask for money or favours or other benefits of any kind in exchange for helping you with your housing needs.

It is also illegal for you or anyone else to offer money or favours or other benefits of any kind to an officer of Housing NSW in exchange for helping you. If you have any information regarding this, please contact Business Assurance on 1300 HOUSING (1300 468 746). Housing NSW may refuse the provision of further housing services to anyone who has engaged or sought to engage in corrupt or illegal conduct.

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Chinese	免費的翻譯傳譯服務 致電 131 450
Russian	Служба бесплатного письменного и устного перевода Позвоните по номеру 131 450
Spanish	Servicio Gratuito de Traducción e Interpretación Llame al 131 450
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