



# Together Home

Housing and support for people street  
sleeping during Covid 19

# Together Home Overview

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- Since March 2020 in response to Covid 19
  - More than 9,000 people accessed TA
    - 1,500 had been street sleeping
- NSW Government invested \$36.1 million
  - \$14 million for temporary accommodation
  - \$20 million for additional private rental subsidies

# Together Home Approach

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- Rapid rehousing response with Housing First principles
  - Based on STEP Program including STEP to Home
- Housing First principles include
  - An individuals right to housing
  - Flexible / long term support
  - Separation of housing and support provision
  - Client centred services

# Bridge Housing package

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- Funded \$4.5 million over 2 years for housing & support
  - 45 leasehold properties
  - 45 support packages
- Bridge Housing to contract support partners
  - Reviewed existing partnerships and selected high performers
  - Divided into packages of 3 to manage risk
    - Mission Australia
    - St Vinnies
    - Salvos
  - Contract based on previous C 100 support agreement

# Project Delivery

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- Existing and new staff to implement project
  - A new Housing Manager portfolio (P10)
    - Smaller property numbers to reflect intensity of support
    - Consolidate P70, Connect 100, Step to Home and new Together Home tenancies (approx. 130)
  - A new temporary leasehold assistant to assist Leasehold Coordinator in property selections
  - Tenant Support Coordinator manage program
- Training on Housing First for these roles

# Next Steps

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- Client referrals from DCJ underway
- Contracts with support partners issued
- Recruitment to new / backfill roles underway
- Promotion to agents / landlords for new properties issued
- Target to house the first client in Homelessness Persons Week from 3 August