



# Together Home Program Factsheet

## Who is Together Home for?

Together Home can help people who are:

- over 18 years old
- street sleeping (or living in tents, cars) or have a history of street sleeping
- being supported in Temporary Accommodation
- clients of Specialist Homelessness Service providers who are currently in crisis or transitional accommodation
- known to Assertive Outreach services across NSW
- interested in moving into long-term housing, but may require support to do so
- Australian citizens or permanent residents, and
- eligible for housing assistance.

Aboriginal people are a priority for Together Home.

## How does Together Home work?

- A community housing provider will talk with you to find a suitable place for you to live in, and you will sign a lease for up to two years.
- You will get support to help you stay in your home, for the whole two years (if you want that support).
- During or after the two years, the community housing provider will help you move into long-term housing.
- You will be living in a property that's rented in the private market. Your support services will be able to talk you through what this means for you.

## How will the program help?

The program will help you get straight into your own home. You can also get practical and financial assistance for things like furniture that you need to move in and to keep your home.

The support workers will listen to what you want, and create a plan with you that fits your situation, needs and goals. They may be able to support you with:

- Health issues including physical and mental health
- Financial issues, debts and legal issues
- Living skills, like cooking
- Connections to community and family
- Connections to culture
- Positive activities and hobbies
- Education and employment
- Your personal wellbeing



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## How do I join the program?

Your support worker or DCJ will speak to you and get your consent to be in the program then we will work with you and your community housing provider to make sure the program is right for you.

## How much will the program cost?

A community housing provider will find you a home in private rental or community housing.

Rent will be 25% of your income. If you do not have income from Centrelink, the community housing provider will help you apply.

For example, if you receive \$472.15 a week from a Disability Support Pension, you will pay \$118 a week for your rent.

There might also be a bond, but the community housing provider can help set up a payment plan that you can manage.

## Where can I find more information?

Together Home is funded by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ).

For more information, please speak to the staff at your local Housing office, or to staff at support or health services that you use.

You can also find more information on the internet here -

<https://www.coronavirus.dcj.nsw.gov.au/services/housing-and-homelessness>