Safe Places Emergency Accommodation Forecast Opportunity

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Safe Places Emergency Accommodation Grant Opportunity

Objectives and Outcomes

The Safe Places Emergency Accommodation program (Safe Places) is a grant opportunity under the Housing and Homelessness Program to deliver new or expanded emergency and crisis accommodation for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence.

Safe Places will provide capital grants to eligible organisations to build up to 450 additional emergency accommodation dwellings, and assist up to 6,500 women and children each year experiencing domestic and family violence.

To maximise the benefits of Safe Places, the grant opportunity encourages contributions from other levels of government, and from private and philanthropic sources. Projects that bring forward additional contributions, whether cash or in-kind, will be preferred.

The intended outcomes of the grant opportunity are to:

- increase the number of appropriate emergency accommodation to provide additional safe places for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence
- increase women and children experiencing domestic and family violence housed in a safe place due to the provision of the additional emergency accommodation.

Funding for Safe Places

\$60 million (GST exclusive) over two years (2020-21 to 2021-22).

Capital grants from \$100,000 to \$10 million (GST exclusive) will be available. Grant funding will be allocated across remote, regional and metropolitan locations to support projects across the nation.

Application process

The Safe Places grant opportunity is an open competitive grant process. The application will open **later this year** and will close in **January 2020**.

The application process will involve only one stage, and will not include an Expression of Interest.

More information about the opportunity will be available closer to the guideline release date. These documents will be available at **<u>GrantConnect</u>** and <u>Community Grants Hub</u> websites. By registering on this website, you will be automatically notified of any changes to the grant documentation. GrantConnect is the authoritative source for grants information.

More information and information sessions

This is the first update on the Safe Places grant opportunity. A second update will be available within 10 business days on **<u>GrantConnect</u>**. The second update will include details and a registration link for upcoming information sessions.

Information sessions will be held in multiple locations across Australia to assist organisations to apply for a grant. For more information please visit <u>DSS Engage</u> and to register please visit <u>Eventbrite</u>.

GrantConnect

These grant opportunities will be advertised on <u>GrantConnect</u> and the <u>Community Grants Hub</u> websites. All awarded grants will be published on GrantConnect.

Grants will be undertaken in accordance with the <u>Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines</u> (CGRGs). If you would like to register your interest and be notified of any advertised opportunities, please register here on <u>GrantConnect</u> for an email notification.