

Community housing asset ownership

The Minister for Housing announced on 25 June 2009 that the ownership of the majority of new social housing funded through the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan and a proportion of social housing properties currently under community housing management will be transferred to community housing providers.

Under this initiative, over 5,500 properties delivered under the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan will be allocated to community housing providers for management and potential ownership and 500 properties already under community housing management will be identified for ownership transfer.

Housing NSW will be allocating properties largely based on a competitive selection process. However, due to the short timeframes for the delivery of Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan properties separate processes will be used to allocate properties for Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the program.

Allocation of Stage 1 Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan

In Stage 1 of the Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan, 857 properties have been identified for direct allocation to the management of 12 registered community housing providers.

The majority of properties in Stage 1 have been allocated to Growth Providers selected by a competitive tender process in 2007/08 to receive assistance from Housing NSW to grow the supply of community housing. Where properties are located in areas outside the operational area of Growth Providers, allocations have been made to a local community housing provider.

For ownership of the allocated properties to be transferred, the community housing providers will need to meet a number of prerequisites for asset ownership and obtain approval from Government through a separate assessment process. Providers allocated properties in Stage 1 will be notified of this process.

Allocation of Stage 2 Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan

Housing NSW is conducting a competitive tender process to determine the allocation of Stage 2 Nation Building Economic Stimulus Plan properties for management and potential ownership.

The tender will be open to registered community housing providers and other not for profit organisations who can demonstrate a commitment and ability to meet the requirements for registration as a Class 1 or Class 2 community housing provider within the meaning of the *Housing Act 2001*.

The *Nation Building Community Housing Tender* will open on Friday 4 December 2009 and close on Friday 26 February 2010.

Identification of 500 community housing properties for ownership transfer

Housing NSW is also conducting a select tender process to identify 500 properties already under community housing management to be transferred to the ownership of the managing community housing providers. Up to five community housing providers will be allocated ownership of up to 200 properties owned by Housing NSW that they currently manage.

This is a select tender and is only open to registered community housing providers with at least 100 capital properties currently under management. These providers will receive an invitation to apply which will include instructions on how to access the tender documents.

Eligible applicants will need to identify in their tender application one or two packages of 100 properties that would be capable of having ownership transferred from Housing NSW.

The *Community Housing Asset Ownership Tender* will open on Friday 4 December 2009 and close on Friday 12 February 2010.

Further information

The following briefing sessions will be held on the tender processes:

*Thursday 10 December, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm
Club Ashfield (Ashfield Catholic and Community Club)
1 -11 Charlotte Street
Ashfield NSW 2131*

*Thursday 17 December, 10.00 am – 12.30 pm
Club Ashfield (Ashfield Catholic and Community Club)
1 -11 Charlotte Street
Ashfield NSW 2131*

The documents for both tenders will be available from the NSW Government e-tendering website at <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/housing> from Friday 4 December 2009.

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