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Crisis housing grants for women, children and young people

Australian Community Housing has welcomed today's announcement by Minister for Housing, Homelessness and Cities Clare O'Neil MP and Minister for Social Services Tanya Plibersek MP that \$300 million allocated to crisis and transitional housing loans under the Housing Australia Future Fund will now be delivered as grants.

The change will deliver 500 additional homes and support 19,000 vulnerable Australians, including women and children escaping domestic violence and young people at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness. It gives a wider mix of providers, including state governments, community housing providers and First Nations organisations, the certainty to build faster.

Australian Community Housing called for this change, alongside other housing and homelessness providers from across the country.

Quotes attributable to Mark Degotardi, CEO, Australian Community Housing:

"For someone escaping violence, or a young person with nowhere to live, moving into one of these homes means the safety and stability to start rebuilding."

"Housing providers know this cohort. We have the sites, the partnerships and the projects ready to go, and this funding lets us get on with building the homes that are desperately needed. Grants get shovels in the ground fast, and get good, ready-to-build projects underway."

"Loans and grants suit different types of housing, and the government deserves credit for listening to providers and getting that balance right."

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About Australian Community Housing

Australian Community Housing is the national peak body for Community Housing Providers (CHPs). ACH members collectively manage and own around 149,000 social and affordable homes across the country. Our sector works to ensure that everyone in Australia has a home that is safe, secure and affordable, while also building stronger, more connected communities.

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