

Affordable housing

In 2023–24, the Australian Government will provide funding of \$1.9 billion for state affordable housing services, consisting of \$1.7 billion through the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement (NHHA) and \$187.5 million through National Partnership payments, as detailed in Table 2.7.

Table 2.7: Payments to support state affordable housing services

\$million	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
National Housing and Homelessness Agreement	1,646.1	1,707.3	1,692.2	1,731.1	1,764.0
National Partnership payments					
HomeBuilder	481.5	-	-	-	-
Housing and essential services on Northern Territory Homelands	25.0	75.0	-	-	-
Remote housing	323.7	111.7	-	-	-
Social Impact Investments					
People at risk of homelessness	0.3	0.8	1.3	2.3	3.5
Total National Partnership payments	830.5	187.5	1.3	2.3	3.5
Total	2,476.5	1,894.7	1,693.5	1,733.4	1,767.5

National Housing and Homelessness Agreement^{(a)(b)(c)}

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	498.2	419.3	342.8	181.9	116.4	36.9	29.2	21.1	1,646.1
2023-24	515.6	436.5	355.8	188.8	120.2	38.1	30.4	21.9	1,707.3
2024-25	521.3	427.9	352.9	184.7	118.1	37.0	29.3	21.0	1,692.2
2025-26	532.1	439.2	361.1	189.0	120.3	37.8	30.2	21.4	1,731.1
2026-27	541.0	449.1	368.0	192.7	122.1	38.4	30.9	21.8	1,764.0
Total	2,608.1	2,172.0	1,780.6	937.2	597.2	188.2	150.0	107.3	8,540.7

- a) Bilateral agreements under the NHHA expire at the end of 2022–23, beyond which funding is subject to negotiation. The Government is negotiating with the states on a one-year extension of the NHHA to 30 June 2024, to support the transition to a new housing agenda.
- b) Estimates include funding in response to the Fair Work Commission's 2012 Equal Remuneration Order for the Social, Community, Home Care and Disability Services sector. This funding (known as SACS funding) expires at the end of 2022–23.
- c) Estimates from 2023–24 are based on 2022–23 funding, excluding SACS funding, indexed by Wage Cost Index 1 (see Appendix A). Additional one-off funding to support the provision of homelessness services is also included in 2023–24 (see Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24* for more details).

The NHHA contributes to improving access to affordable, safe and sustainable housing, including to prevent and address homelessness, and to support social and economic participation. The NHHA supports state and territory governments to deliver funding to support better housing and homelessness outcomes. The Australian Government's contribution to homelessness funding will be matched by the states.

A one-year extension of the NHHA to 30 June 2024 has been offered to the states to support the transition to the Government's housing agenda. This includes an additional \$67.5 million in 2023–24 to assist the sector in tackling the homelessness challenges revealed in the 2021 Census.

A new measure associated with this item is listed in Table 1.4 and described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.

National Partnership payments for affordable housing

The Australian Government will provide a total of \$187.5 million in 2023–24 through National Partnership payments to support state affordable housing services. Further details are provided below.

HomeBuilder^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	481.5
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	481.5

a) State allocations are not available as this is a demand-driven program.

HomeBuilder was announced on 4 June 2020 to respond to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the residential construction sector by encouraging eligible Australians to build a new home or substantially renovate an existing home. Applications for the program closed on 14 April 2021.

On 27 April 2023, the Government announced an extension to the HomeBuilder deadline for submitting supporting documentation.

Housing and essential services on Northern Territory Homelands

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.0	25.0
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75.0	75.0
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0

The Australian Government is providing funding of \$100.0 million for the delivery of critical housing and essential infrastructure on Northern Territory homelands.

Remote housing

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	323.7	323.7
2023-24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	111.7	111.7
2024-25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2025-26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2026-27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	435.4	435.4

The Australian Government is supporting the provision of housing for First Nations Australians in remote Northern Territory communities to help address overcrowding, homelessness, poor housing conditions and severe housing shortages.

Social Impact Investments

People at risk of homelessness^(a)

\$million	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS	ACT	NT	Total
2022-23	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.3
2023-24	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	0.8
2024-25	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	1.3
2025-26	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	2.3
2026-27	2.6	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	3.5
Total	2.6	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	8.0

a) State allocations have not yet been determined.

The Australian Government is providing funding to state governments to trial social impact investments which aim to help people at risk of homelessness.

New measures to support social impact investing are described in more detail in Budget Paper No. 2, *Budget Measures 2023–24*.