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# Community Housing Futures

## About Community Housing Futures

The Community Housing Futures is a collaboration between three Queensland peak and industry organisations: [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Queensland](#), [Community Housing Industry Association \(CHIA\) Qld](#), and [Queensland Shelter \(Q Shelter\)](#).

At a time when many Queenslanders are challenged by housing affordability and availability, Community Housing Futures is collaborating to deliver a new capacity building program funded by the Queensland Government and designed to support community housing organisations (CHOs) to achieve growth in housing supply.

The overall purpose of the program is to enhance the capability of CHOs to increase housing supply in QLD, by supporting access to training, education, tools and specialist business advisory services.

[Since the initial announcement](#), a significant amount of work has been undertaken to establish the program and to ensure it is as relevant and impactful as possible.

**The program is made up of four parts:**

### Part 1: Business Advisory Services Program

- A panel of approved professional services, namely the Approved Professional Supplier Panel, will be appointed and available to provide advisory services to CHOs. **Now Live** (further details are available below)
- A grants program will then be administered for CHOs to apply to access grant funding to pay for the services from Approved Professional Supplier Panel, with a small co-contribution. **Opening Soon.**

### Part 2: Organisational Capability for Growth Assessment

CHOs will be able to apply for a capability assessment to be conducted through a professional service/consultant in order to better understand their current position and

future growth potential. **Opening Soon.**

### Part 3: Delivery of training, education and tools

A Sector Reference Group will be established to guide the establishment of growth focused training, education and tools for community housing organisations to access. **Opening Soon.**

### Part 4: Independent evaluation

An evaluation of the above parts of the program will be undertaken to analyse outcomes and key learnings and to form recommendations.

## Stage 1 – Establishment of Approved Professional Supplier Panel

From Tuesday, 11 April 2023 through to Friday, 28 April 2023 at 5:00pm (AEST), the Community Housing Futures Program will be seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified consultants and/or professional services to join the Approved Professional Supplier Panel to assist CHOs with activities across the following streams:

- **Finance:** project and business financial modelling, fundraising, financial risk analysis and key ratios
- **Business planning:** project and business planning, preparation of business cases, forming partnerships, monitoring results
- **Property development:** developing or procuring new social and affordable housing, mixed tenure, sustainable and accessible property design, urban planning, place making
- **Risk management:** understanding risks (business, financial, policy, governance etc.) and managing, monitoring and mitigating risk.

**For further information on the requirements, selection criteria and how to submit an EOI, please visit [qshelter.smartygrants.com.au/CommunityHousingFuturesQLD](https://qshelter.smartygrants.com.au/CommunityHousingFuturesQLD)**

*Please note: This is not an open expression of interest. This Expression of Interest is only open to consultants and professional services who are already a part of the National Housing Investment and Finance Corporation (NHFIC) Capacity Building Program and/or who are suppliers on the publicly available Queensland Government Contracts Directory. Consultants or professional services who are not members of the above but are currently or will soon be working with a Community Housing Organisation in the future are also invited to apply a will need to specify which Community Housing Organisation they are engaged with.*

### Further Information

Following the appointment of the Professional Services Panel, Community Housing Organisations will be invited to apply for grants to access professional services from a

Panel member.

CHOs will be required to outline the purpose of the project and how it will directly support growth activities and to demonstrate their capability to successfully manage a consultancy project.

Further announcements regarding the opening of the CHO grants program will follow.

[CHOs interested in receiving further information can pre-register here.](#)

## Contact

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