

Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes.

The Northern Territory Government is committed to improving housing in remote communities with an investment of

\$1.1 billion over 10 years. The program will focus on local decision making, consultation and planning. The program will also include a focus on local participation to deliver the work, to promote local economic development and develop local skills to build and manage housing.

The investment is funded through programs including:

\$500 million for new remote housing (HomeBuildNT)

\$200 million for more living spaces to existing houses (Room to Breathe)

\$200 million to expand government employee housing including housing for local recruits

\$200 million for additional repairs and maintenance funding.



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About local decision making.

This is a ten year program with a focus on local decision making. Local decision making means communities have input into how their funding allocation will be spent and will be consulted about how need is determined and prioritised in their community. A plan for every community, one they have a say in.

There are 73 communities throughout the Territory so not all communities can be

engaged with properly in one year, engagement, planning, development of construction contracts and commencement of works will be rolled-out in phases.

Although the program focuses on a range of housing solutions, the purpose of the program is to put people first, not assets, from working closely with communities to identify their housing needs to ensuring the work benefits Aboriginal businesses and leads to job creation and capacity development.



This program is supporting community development.

How can I be involved?

Territorians living in remote communities will have an opportunity to be involved as part of the local decision making process.

Another important part of the program is local participation to deliver the work, to promote local economic development and develop local skills to build and manage housing.

Long-term agreements will be created for Aboriginal Business Enterprises (ABEs) to enable sustainable training and apprenticeships, and there will be a focus on developing ABEs and opportunities for joint ventures.

To register your interest email ourfuture@nt.gov.au

Frequently Asked Questions

When does work actually start? What happens first?

Work has already started in 21 communities through \$10 million in Room to Breathe early works brought forward to 2016-17.

Contracts have been awarded for engineer reviews of 10 communities to design subdivision works and infrastructure study contracts are underway in three communities.

This is a ten year program, which will be delivered community by community. The first step is to engage with each community to determine their specific needs.

It is recognised that some communities will receive investment and works towards the beginning of the program while others will receive it towards the end.

A stakeholder working group was formed in 2016 consisting of land councils, regional councils, Aboriginal peak bodies and Aboriginal business enterprises throughout the NT and consultation has been ongoing about delivery of the Room to Breathe and we will keep working with this group to help with planning.

Will all communities get something out of this funding?

All communities will be informed and engaged over the life of the program.

The department is developing an allocations model that identifies the social need of individuals in communities to determine how funding can be distributed across communities and the order that communities will be prioritised (across HomeBuildNT, Room to Breathe and repairs and maintenance).

While this is developed we will start with communities that we know have high levels of over-crowding and need, and where there is existing infrastructure to build more houses.

Department of Housing and Community Development will work with the local decision-making groups in each community to determine what works best meets the community's housing and accommodation needs.

How will businesses be getting work? Can I submit a tender?

This program is supporting community development. Local and regional businesses that can demonstrate a commitment to local investment will have a priority under the current procurement policy of 'Buy Local'.

What's the difference between this and other previous major remote housing programs?

This program is place responsive, recognising that each Aboriginal community is different, with unique housing needs and solutions. It will provide an opportunity for community development and for communities to have a say in their housing needs and how their community grows. Planning will be undertaken with communities and respond to community needs and priorities, from the type of housing to how housing will be built, to job and training opportunities.

I live on a community, when is my community getting work done?

This program goes for ten years, and we will talk to all communities over the life of the program.

We will let you know when we are coming to talk to your community.

We will focus first on communities with high levels of over-crowding that can get houses underway.

What does local decision making mean?

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How can I get involved?

As the program rolls out and engagement starts there will be opportunities to be involved. For information specific to your request, please email ourfuture@nt.gov.au