

## **Pru Goward**

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Treasurer and Minister for Industrial Relations

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## SECOND PHASE OF SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND OPENS

The NSW Government has officially opened the Expressions of Interest for the second phase of its Social and Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF), which will deliver up to 1,200 additional social and affordable homes.

The SAHF was set up with more than \$1 billion in seed funding from the Government - the first of its kind in Australia - and the second phase of the Fund demonstrates the commitment to continued investment in more social and affordable housing.

Minister for Social Housing Pru Goward and Treasurer Dominic Perrottet have called on non-government organisations, landholders and the private sector to tap into the new fund and deliver better outcomes for the State's most vulnerable.

"This year, hundreds of homes are going up in cities, regions and rural areas of NSW, funded under the SAHF." Ms Goward said.

"Together, with our Communities Plus program, the commencement of Phase 2 will ensure this pipeline of more houses in more locations continues for years to come."

Proponents will be asked to put forward proposals that:

- Provide tailored support that will improve employment and education prospects for tenants and their households
- Provide stability and support for vulnerable people of NSW, with a particular focus on supporting women aged 55 and over.

Mr Perrottet said the government was proud to be delivering the most significant social housing reforms in 40 years.

"The SAHF is a game-changer in our goal to provide housing and support for those in NSW who need it most," he said.

"In this next stage of the process, we hope to attract innovative and high quality organisations to help the government deliver these outcomes."

Proponents can register for an Invitation for Expression of Interest at: <a href="https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/reforms/social-housing/SAHF/Phase2/how-to-get-involved">https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/reforms/social-housing/SAHF/Phase2/how-to-get-involved</a>. The close date for Expressions of Interest applications is 21 March 2018.

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