

PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

All tenants entering into the Vinnies Housing Plus program are referred by and must have the support of their external support agency for the duration of their tenancy. Each agency agrees to provide personalised support and guidance to their tenants, working with them to achieve their identified goals.

Working collaboratively with other agencies ensures the interests of each individual and family is at the centre of support. We work with agencies that understand the complex interrelationship between housing instability, trauma exposure, mental health challenge, substance misuse and social disadvantage.



SUPPORT OUR NETWORK

The support we are able to provide to families and individuals experiencing housing stress has continued to grow through the generosity of the Western Australian community.

You can help Vinnies Housing Plus in the following ways:

- Make a financial donation
- Make a goods or material donation
- Engage in corporate partnerships
- Support events such as the Vinnies CEO Sleepout
- Hold a fundraising event in support of Vinnies Housing Plus

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HOUSING PLUS



Providing a secure base for people in need to reduce housing stress and facilitate change.

OVERVIEW

Vinnies Housing Plus provides a variety of medium-term housing options in the greater Perth and Mandurah area for families and young people who face barriers accessing housing, are willing to engage and have the capacity to meet tenancy responsibilities.

Our flexible tenancy management model is person centred, strength based and offers the capacity to manage tenancies on a case by case basis. This enables Vinnies Housing Plus to offer a safe, secure and supportive environment that enables tenants to engage with their external support workers and plan for their long-term goals.

As a recognised Community Housing Provider, all rents are capped at a maximum of 30% of assessable income plus Commonwealth Rent Assistance.

Our homes come fully furnished and are move-in ready, including white goods, bedding and crockery. This allows us to seamlessly coordinate the transition to stable accommodation for families and youth in crisis who meet the eligibility criteria. Tenants are responsible for their utility costs and set up (electricity and gas), with water usage costs on-charged separately by Vinnies.



HOUSING ELIGIBILITY

Vinnies Housing Plus only accepts referrals from external support agencies for clients who meet the eligibility criteria. All applications will be assessed by the Housing Team. Accepted referrals will be eligible for up to 12 months accommodation pending the ongoing success of the tenancy and engagement with their support worker. Please note that referrals received will be matched to the appropriate property.

Tenants must:

- Be homeless or at risk of homelessness
- Be in receipt of a regular income
- Provide the required bond and 2 weeks rent in advance at move-in or be eligible for a Department of Communities Bond Loan*
- Have the capacity to maintain a tenancy independently including payment of bills, daily upkeep of the property and meet tenancy agreement responsibilities
- Have an active Outreach Support Worker for the duration of the tenancy
- Be willing to commit to planned meetings and engage with the support worker on identified goals including a long-term housing plan

**Exceptions may apply at the discretion of management*

SERVICE OUTCOMES

Our service aims to reduce immediate housing stress giving tenants a stable foundation and secure base to help rebuild their lives and participate in their community. This in turn offers them the opportunity to focus on other aspects of their lives such as health, mental health, employment, training, education and their long-term housing needs to embrace positive change.

Social housing can provide a real opportunity to help break the cycle of homelessness, reduce poverty related issues, and can be a circuit breaker for victims of domestic violence. Through giving people the opportunity to have a safe stable place to call home, we provide them the opportunity to rewrite their story.

Vinnies Housing Plus looks beyond the 'bricks and mortar' and sees a safe home as not only a human right but the cornerstone to facilitating opportunities for people to ultimately make a difference in their lives.

SERVICES OFFERED



STRENGTHS BASED SUPPORT



FLEXIBLE TENANCY MANAGEMENT



COLLABORATION WITH SUPPORT PROVIDERS



MOVE-IN READY FULL FURNISHED HOMES



3-12 MONTH LEASES



RESPONSIVE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT



TENANCY ADVOCACY



LINKS TO OTHER VINNIES WA SERVICES

