2021–22 Victorian State Budget

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Funding overview

The 2021–22 Victorian State Budget is investing \$252 million towards:

- programs supporting people experiencing homelessness and sleeping rough, including expansion of Sacred Heart Mission's Journey to Social Inclusion program
- meeting housing and support needs of people in emergency accommodation
- supporting public housing residents at North Melbourne and Flemington
- an Aboriginal domestic violence refuge.

These initiatives build on the \$5.3 billion Big Housing Build that was funded in last year's budget of which more than \$1 billion has already been committed.



Continuing to support people who are homeless



There is \$194 million in the 2021–22 Victorian State Budget over four years for the continuation of successful programs for people experiencing homelessness

This includes funding for:

- Private Rental Assistance Program
- expanding pathways for people exiting prison
- on-site health services at three crisis accommodation facilities
- specialist leaving care and youth homelessness services
- Kangan Education First Youth Foyer
- H3 Alliance, to prevent and resolve homelessness in Wyndham.

Tackling rough sleeping

The 2021–22 Victorian State Budget continues our efforts to understand rough sleeping with a further \$26.1 million investment.

- \$15.1 million to expand Sacred Heart
 Mission's Journey to Social Inclusion program
 to provide intensive wrap around support to
 get homeless people with complex needs into
 stable housing.
- This Budget makes an \$11 million investment in data and analytics so we can better understand what kind of interventions get the best outcomes.



Continuing to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic



The government has successfully kept vulnerable people safe during the COVID-19 pandemic and provides further investment in this Budget

This includes:

- \$16.9 million to continue to meet housing and support needs of people in emergency accommodation. They can remain in hotels until their transition into the significant longer-term housing arrangements.
- \$6.6 million to continue the Pathways to Recovery project and develop partnerships with residents at North Melbourne and Flemington to give them more input into the decisions that impact their neighbourhoods.

Responding to mental health & family violence



Adults and young people living with mental illness are prioritised in the 2021–22 Victorian State Budget through a whole-of-government focus

- This includes \$40.4 million to provide wellbeing supports to 2,000 Victorians living with a mental illness and allocated supported accommodation places as part of the Big Housing Build.
- \$5.4 million is provided to undertake co-design and planning for a further 500 supported housing places for young people living with mental illness.

Women and children escaping family violence are also prioritised through the 2021–22 Victorian State Budget

 This includes \$9.1 million to build and operate an Aboriginal family violence refuge in the Wimmera region to provide accessible, culturally appropriate support services in a secure setting for victim survivors of family violence.