



Victorian Budget 2019-20

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Funding Overview

The Andrews' Labor Government 2019-20 State Budget is investing **\$418 million in housing services, programs and initiatives** to provide housing and community services to Victorians in need.

This includes:

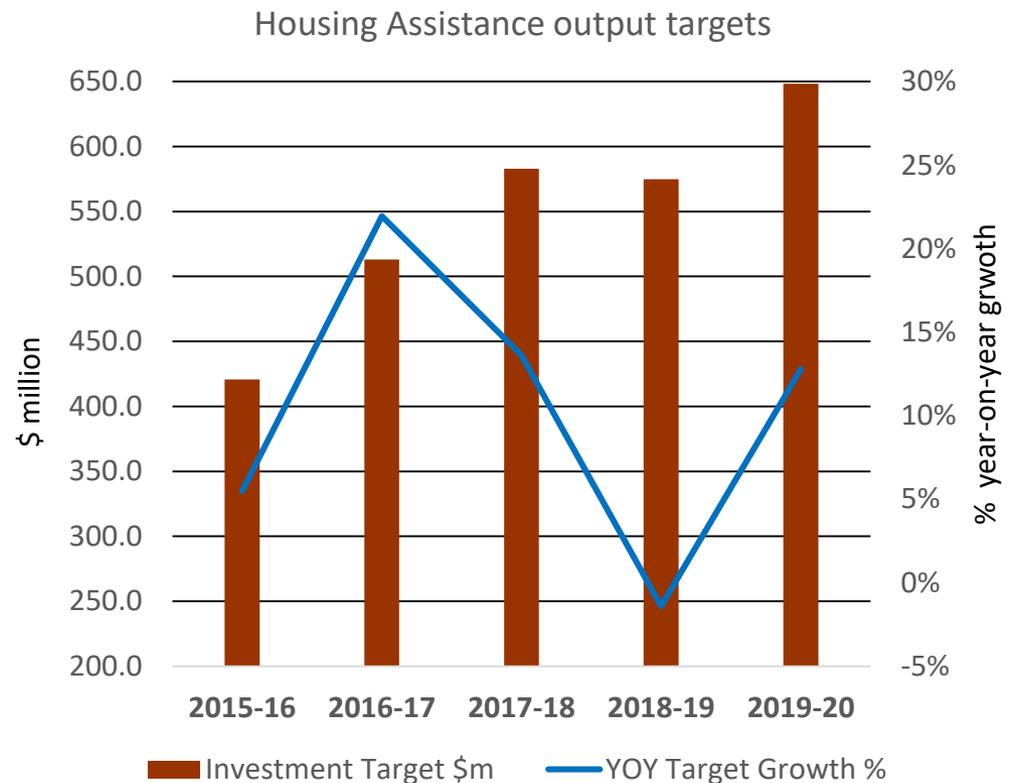
- Over **\$208 million** to deliver housing services to Victorians
- Over **\$209 million** to expand the available public housing stock

Since it was elected five years ago, the Andrews Labor Government has invested over **\$1.2 billion** in homelessness and housing services and infrastructure.



Housing Budget Output Growth

- In 2019-20, the Andrews' Labor government has a target investment of **\$648 million** in housing assistance.
- This investment constitutes a 13% increase compared to the 2018-19 target, and a 62% increase compared to the target 5 years ago.



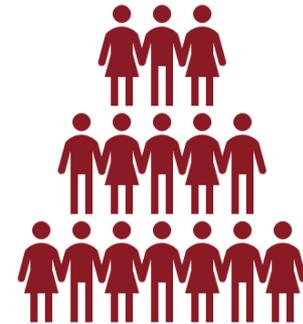
Target investment for the last five budgets handed down by the Andrews Labor government

More housing and homelessness investment

The Andrews' Labor Government will fund **\$209.1 million** towards the construction of **1,000 new public housing properties**.

This initiative will:

- directly assist Victorians escaping from family violence, homelessness and life on the streets
- help alleviate pressure on the public housing waiting list
- stimulate construction activity in Victoria, with an estimated 650 additional jobs being created during the construction stage.



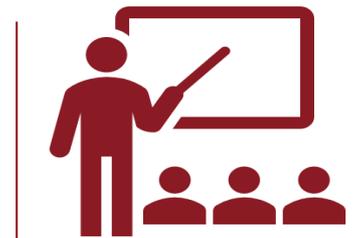
Homelessness Services

The Andrews' Labor Government is helping more people who are homeless to find a safe place to stay, with more than **\$50.4 million** for homelessness services.

- This money will continue to support on-site treatment services in crisis supported accommodation, provide continuity to the **private rental assistance program for over 6,000 vulnerable Victorians** and continue the state-wide homelessness after-hours crisis services.
- The commitment includes continuing support for the Kangan Education First Youth Foyer that **supports 40 young people who have experienced homelessness** to achieve their life and career goals.

This year's budget also includes **\$103.5 million in** funding through the National Housing and Homelessness Agreement.

- This money will ensure **funding certainty for over 48 agencies** delivering services to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including early intervention, housing and support and homelessness prevention.



Doing more for women and children escaping family violence

Women and children escaping family violence are also prioritised, with an additional **\$23.9 million** over four years to ensure they continue to receive the support they need.

This includes more than **\$13 million** over four years to improve the services available at recently redeveloped refuges. These refuges offer independent crisis accommodation and support services for women and children who have to leave their homes because of family violence.

Also, as part of this package, **\$5.3 million** over two years will fund support for victim survivors in emergency accommodation to be safe, supported and connected to the right services.



Gas Heater Replacement

To ensure safer housing the Andrews' Labor Government has announced:

- Over **\$30.8 million** to continue the Open-flue gas heater replacement regime, with the aim of removing all Vulcan Heritage and Pyrox gas heaters from public housing.
- The Victorian Government will also be ensuring thousands of Victorians are living in safely heated properties by investing in its program of servicing gas heaters.



Artist impression of public housing redevelopment in Heidelberg West