

# Core & Cluster Program Information and Resources

## Department of Communities and Justice References

- [Homepage](#) for new investment in housing and related supports for women and children escaping domestic and family violence
- Core and Cluster program resources\_ [Core and Cluster Discussion Paper](#)  
[Shaping the design and delivery of new Core and Cluster refuges for women and children in NSW: Engagement Summary](#)  
[Indicative locations](#)  
Fact sheets: [refuges locations analysis](#), [for local councils](#), [connecting with potential partners by registering interest](#), [capacity building program](#)
- DCJ presentations  
Core and Cluster Roundtable presentation ([video](#), [slides](#))  
Core and Cluster Tranche 1 Briefing Session ([video](#))  
Core and Cluster Tranche 2 Briefing Session ([video](#))  
Core and Cluster Tranche 2 Aboriginal-led Procurement Briefing Session ([video](#))

## Key guidelines and framework for design and delivery

- Asset design and delivery  
[Domestic Violence Crisis Accommodation Functional Design Brief](#), Department of Planning and Environment  
[FAQ](#) on the Domestic Violence Crisis Accommodation Functional Design Brief  
Land and Housing Corporation's [Good Design for Social Housing](#)  
[Draft Connecting with Country Framework](#), Government Architect NSW
- Service design and delivery  
Domestic Violence NSW's [Good Practice Guidelines](#)  
New edition to be released during the 16 Days of Activism (6 December 2022)  
[Specialist Homelessness Services Program Specifications](#)
- Procurement  
[NSW Government Procurement Policy Framework](#)

## Other sector resources

- [Design Guide for Refuge Accommodation for Women and Children](#), UTS, [Samantha Donnelly](#)
- [Women with Disability and Domestic and Family Violence: A Guide for Policy and Practice](#), PWDA & DVNSW
- Core and Cluster pilot site in Orange, NSW: [The Orchard](#) by HousingPlus ([video](#))
- [Design Guide: Specialist Domestic Violence Accommodation](#) by Housing Plus

## Four components of tender and organisational eligibility

Role	Description	Eligibility
Land Provision	Provision of the site.	Gov or NGO that has land or assets which either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has existing assets or land, and/or</li> <li>• Proposed assets or land</li> </ul>
Asset Delivery	Design and construction activities for completion of the facility.	Must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A registered Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 CHP or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– NGO that can demonstrate capability of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Delivery and management of facilities</li> <li>– Achieving registration as a Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 CHP by the date the last party signs an agreement</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Asset Management	Management of the asset following construction completion	
Service Provision	Delivery of homelessness and DFV services.	Must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCJ funded SHS with DFV specialisation or</li> <li>• NGO that can demonstrate its capability of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Delivering DFV support services</li> <li>– Meeting the SHS program guidelines including Accreditation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## Core and Cluster Sector Capacity and Capability Building Program

Homelessness NSW (HNSW), Domestic Violence NSW (DVNSW) and the Aboriginal Community Housing Industry Association (ACHIA) are working together to deliver a program of sector engagement, capacity and capability building, and grants of up to \$20,000 to support the success of the Core and Cluster procurement.

The program will prioritise Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, regional based projects, and smaller organisations with less than \$5 million in revenue each year.

Resources:

- View the [recording of the local government briefing](#) hosted in September 2022 and share it with your local council to build their understanding of the Core and Cluster Program.
- View the recording of [Forming Effective Partnerships webinar](#). A toolkit with relevant templates and resources will be made available shortly.
- Schedule to meet with the peaks to discuss your service's interest/participation in the procurement and available supports by emailing [sectorsupport@homelessnessnsw.org.au](mailto:sectorsupport@homelessnessnsw.org.au) or one of the listed contacts to the right.

**For more information, resources, and upcoming events, visit: <https://homelessnessnsw.org.au/core-and-cluster-program/core-and-cluster/>**

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