



Transition to Alternative Housing grant

Helping social housing tenants take the step into private housing

Transition to Alternative Housing grant is a one-off payment to support social housing tenants who voluntarily move into private housing.

Who can be considered for a Transition to Alternative Housing grant?

The grant is for tenants moving out of social housing in an area where there's a high need for social housing, or for people entering a tenancy review.

Approval takes into account each tenant's specific situation and need, and the demand for social housing in the area they live in.

To be considered for a Transition to Alternative Housing grant, tenants must:

- be the named tenant on a social housing tenancy agreement
- be potentially able to get and remain in housing in the private market
- be voluntarily leaving social housing (because they want to and not because they're no longer eligible), and
- need extra support.

There are no income or cash assets limits, and a Transition to Alternative Housing grant doesn't need to be paid back.

How much is a Transition to Alternative Housing grant?

The payment is \$3,000 for each tenancy.

If there's more than one tenant on the tenancy agreement, the Transition to Alternative Housing grant is shared equally between the named tenants.

What other conditions apply?

It will only be paid after the tenant and the whole household have moved out of the social housing property into suitable long-term housing in the private market.

Tenants must move out within six months of the grant being approved, or it will expire.

Find out more

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contact your Youth Service provider.