



NHIF Finance

What is the National Housing Infrastructure Facility (NHIF)?

The NHIF is a \$1 billion facility that provides finance for eligible infrastructure projects that will unlock new housing supply, particularly affordable housing. The NHIF offers concessional loans, grants and equity investments.

To be eligible for financing, an applicant must demonstrate that without NHIF finance its project would be:

- unlikely to proceed
- likely to proceed only at a much later date, or with a lesser impact on new affordable housing

The terms of NHIF financing are flexible with a range of concessions available to suit the applicant's project requirements. These may include:

- concessional interest rates
- longer loan tenure or extended period of capitalised interest.

Who is eligible for NHIF finance?

Recipients eligible for NHIF finance may include:

- Registered community housing providers
- State or territory governments or government-owned development corporations or utility providers
- Local governments or their investment corporations or utility providers
- Incorporated special purpose vehicles that have at least one eligible foundation member (as above).

What can NHIF finance be used for?

- New or upgraded infrastructure for services such as stormwater, sewerage, water, gas, electricity, telecommunications or transportation (including roads)
- Site remediation works including the removal of hazardous waste or contamination
- Onsite and linking infrastructure.

What can't NHIF finance be used for?

We won't provide financing through the NHIF for:

- Housing itself or community infrastructure such as parks, day-care centres or libraries
- Acquisition or refinance of land holdings, levies or contributions
- Feasibility, scoping or planning studies or consultancy costs
- Administrative costs associated with a project.

What is the application process?



STEP 1

Consider the NHIF Guidelines



STEP 2

Submit an EOI via the NHIF website



STEP 3

NHIF Origination team will contact you to discuss your EOI



STEP 4

Submit a formal NHIF application



STEP 5

NHIF access the application and determines key financing terms and conditions



STEP 6

NHIF notifies you of the outcome in writing

Where can I find out more?

 nhfc.gov.au

 inquiries@nhfc.gov.au

 1800 549 767

Need help applying for NHIF finance? If you are a tier 2 or 3 CHP you may qualify for our Capacity Building Program which provides grants for professional advisory services to assist in applying for NHIF finance.

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