

Eligibility Policy

The objective of the Supportive Housing for Families (SH4F) Program is to divert at-risk families from involvement with Queensland's child protection system.

Common Ground Queensland will adhere to the Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) *Social Housing Eligibility Criteria*¹, *Social Housing Tenancy Management Policy*¹ and *SH4F Funding Schedule and SH4F Property and Tenancy Management Model (Appendix 1)* in its response to applicants for housing under the SH4F Program.

All social housing applicants must satisfy general eligibility criteria in the following areas:

1. Australian citizenship or residency;
2. Queensland residency;
3. Property ownership;
4. Liquid assets;
5. Independent income;
6. Housing income limits; and
7. Appropriateness of current housing.

Further to the above, specific eligibility criteria for the SH4F Program includes:

- Families that are at risk of homelessness and are at risk of contact with the child protection system;
- Have at least one child under five (5) years of age, including an unborn child; and
- Agree to engage with Micah Projects' Support Team (refer Micah Projects' *Keeping Families Together Housing Participate Agreement*).

Procedures that Implement

This policy will be actively implemented by adherence to the following procedures and documents:

- Keeping Families Together Housing Participant Agreement (Micah Projects)
- SH4F Funding Schedule and SH4F Property and Tenancy Management Model (Appendix 1) (DHPW)
- SH4F Tenant Selection and Referral Procedure
- Social Housing Eligibility Criteria (DHPW)¹
- Social Housing Tenancy Management Policy (DHPW)¹
- Tenancy Management (Residential) Procedure
- Tenant Transfer Procedure

¹ Available on the DHPW website.