



Housing for Winter 2018

We want to make sure that all New Zealanders have the housing support they need this winter.

Winter is a particularly challenging time for those without secure housing. Colder temperatures result in increased pressure on the housing sector.

Our priority is that all New Zealanders have access to somewhere warm, dry and safe to live.

To do this, we will have an additional 1,500 new public, transitional and Housing First places by the end of this winter, compared to the end of 2017.

What's being done

Government is working on the ground with providers and communities across New Zealand to urgently increase housing supply.

In comparison to the end of 2017, by September 2018, our goal is to have up to an additional:

- 300 transitional housing places
- 116 short-term contracted motel units
- 50 Housing First places
- 1,071 public housing places

This is just the base of what we are aiming to achieve this winter, though. We will do more if we can.

Funding

Approximately \$37.1 million will be invested this winter:



\$26.9 million to secure additional transitional housing places



\$7.8m for short-term contracted motel units



\$2.5m for Housing First places in Tauranga, Christchurch and Wellington this Winter

All funding will come from re-prioritised existing Vote Social Housing budget.

Help for those who need it

A wide range of support is available for people, depending on their circumstances. Support can include an emergency housing special needs grant; transitional housing; or public housing.

People might be eligible for other support as well, such as help with power bills.

Anyone needing support this winter should contact us as soon as possible on **0800 559 009** to discuss options.

Learn more

If you're interested in what's being done to prepare for Winter 2018, and how you can help, more information is available on the Ministry of Social Development Housing website: housing.msd.govt.nz.