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Third Time's a Charm: HAFF Round 3 proves the policy pathway is working

Once might be luck, twice a coincidence, but three times sets a pattern – so the sage say. So it is with HAFF Round 3 commencing. A now proven pipeline – a clear and consistent pattern. It shows the government's key policy of providing much needed homes is working.

National Shelter is pleased to support Round 3 of HAFF with applications commencing today. The refined process offers quicker delivery possibilities, and a simpler, enhanced demand-driven application process to enable faster decisions. The latest round offers four distinct streams, an improvement that we at National Shelter and others have advocated for. These streams include:

- **The Housing diversity stream** will deliver more homes for diverse cohorts including ADF/veterans' providers, local government and across regional, rural and remote Australia
- **The State and Territory stream** will offer expanded co-investment opportunities for state and territory governments to unlock and accelerate delivery
- **The Partnerships at Scale stream** will encourage new partnerships with industry led by Community Housing Providers to enable efficient delivery at scale
- **The First Nations stream** will improve First Nations housing outcomes by providing \$600 million in dedicated funding and additional concessional loans to support projects delivered by, or in genuine partnership with, First Nations organisations. Housing Australia will establish a new First Nations concierge service to help drive improved housing outcomes for First Nations communities

This allows for more diverse applicants and projects for consideration. HAFF Round 3 will allow both the growth of housing in terms of big numbers – 40,000 at the conclusion of the three rounds – and with this latest round also offers greater diversity of housing types and locations. This means it will deliver in terms of both quality and quantity of the homes supplied. This is increasingly needed and will make a real difference across the country to the people who need them most. National Shelter congratulates the Commonwealth on staying the course with HAFF Round 3 – good things, indeed, come in three.

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