

Community Service Sector Priorities

1. Build 30,000 social homes by 2025
2. Install energy efficiency upgrades and rooftop solar panels on 30,000 social housing dwellings (\$215 million)
3. Establish a Community Resilience Fund (\$40 million over 3 years)
4. Commit to no cuts to community service funding
5. Commit to improving employment outcomes for women and reducing the gender pay gap

A Recovery for all Queenslanders

The economic challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic means more Queenslanders than ever are under financial pressure, and the economic recovery has a long way to go.

The community sector provides support where it is needed most – in local communities across Queensland. The sector will stand beside Queenslanders and help them to engage in the recovery.

Women in Queensland represent 65 per cent of all job losses since the start of the pandemic. At 15.8 per cent, women in Queensland have the second worst gender pay gap in Australia.

To make sure all Queenslanders can engage in the economic recovery, the government must partner with the community sector to put people at the centre of economic recovery plans and:

- support local economies by creating jobs
- ensure support reaches those who need it through frontline community services
- invest in the care economy, creating jobs for women

Housing



Housing is essential for human survival with dignity. The COVID crisis has highlighted how ensuring suitable, stable and accessible housing for all is crucial in protecting the health of our communities.

Priority 1: Build 30,000 Social Homes by 2025

A social housing boom would stimulate local economies by creating thousands of secure jobs and help to address the issue of housing stress and homelessness.

Priority 2: \$215M emPOWER Homes Program to create 1,800 Jobs

The proposal would see energy efficiency upgrades and solar PV installed on more than 50,000 social housing dwellings.

Community Sector



Our services are under pressure, we are seeing more complexity in cases and increased numbers of people coming to community organisations for assistance. Many organisations have innovative solutions to local issues and are willing to employ more staff.

Priority 3: Establish a \$40M Community Resilience Fund

to fund community organisations to deliver innovative programs that will create jobs, including for women (see below) and help solve local problems.

Priority 4: Commit to no cuts to community service funding

Women



The disproportionate impact of COVID on women will undermine gender equity goals if specific measures to create employment opportunities for women are not developed.

Priority 3: Establish a \$40M Community Resilience Fund

The community sector in Queensland currently employs approximately 80 per cent women. The establishment of a Community Resilience Fund would create many jobs in a highly feminised workforce.

Priority 5: Improved Employment for Women

Spending commitments in the budget should be tied to the goals of increasing the employment of women in Queensland and reducing the gender pay gap.