

Safer Families Assistance

What does Safer Families Assistance provide?

Safer Families Assistance provides financial assistance to people affected by domestic and family violence. It is the provision of \$2,000 worth of assistance to help with costs associated with maintaining or establishing a home in the ACT.

Who is eligible for the Safer Families Assistance?

Safer Families Assistance is available to people who are seeking to establish or re-establish a home following the experience of domestic and family violence. Single people and families are eligible to apply for assistance. Currently, the income barriers to receiving Safer Families Assistance are:

Single applicant with no dependents - \$1787 gross per week

Family of two persons - \$2382 gross per week

Family of three or more persons - \$2382 gross per week plus \$238 each additional person.

How do I apply?

If you are eligible, please fill out the [application form](#). A service in the Territory that works to address family violence must refer your application to Housing ACT. Services include:

- a general practitioner
- a police officer
- a social worker (including from a religious institution)
- an officer from a specialist housing and homelessness provider
- a medical professional
- a Child Youth and Family protection officer

What kind of expenses are covered?

Safer Families Assistance covers expenses associated with sustaining or re-establishing a family home. This includes, but is not limited to:

- mortgage or rental payments;
- white goods, furniture and furnishings;
- accessing legal services in relation to the family violence, or sustaining or re-establishing a family home;
- supporting children to participate in recreational activities;
- pet care expenses;
- transport; and
- any other related expenses.

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