



# FAMILY ACCESS NETWORK

*Making a Difference in Young People's Lives  
Since 1981*

## **HOUSING ESTABLISHMENT FUND (HEF):**

### **What is HEF?**

HEF is one off funding which can be provided to young people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The principal responsibility of HEF providers is to assist this group to secure crisis accommodation, longer-term accommodation or maintain current housing in the Whitehorse, Manningham, Boroondara, Monash, Maroondah, Yarra Ranges and Knox areas.

## **LGBTIQ+ HEF:**

### **What is LGBTIQ+ HEF?**

LGBTIQ HEF was established to compliment FAN's existing 'alsorts' response, which provides homelessness support services specifically for LGBTIQ+ young people. It is available to cover the cost of flexible accommodation for a young person who is in a housing crisis and are working towards securing suitable, sustainable and safe housing. LGBTIQ+ HEF may also be used for full or partial provision of the following:

- crisis accommodation
- private rental in advance
- private rental arrears
- private rental bonds
- storage costs
- removal expenses
- essential furniture if needed



### **What is the eligibility criteria?**

Young people aged 15 –25 years old who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and identify as LGBTIQ+

### **How much is available?**

The amount available is dependent on client need and can be organised in conjunction with the HEF Co-ordinator at Family Access Network.

## **Are you young, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Intersex or Queer and experiencing at risk of homelessness?**

The Alsorts program is a case managed transitional support initiative for LGBTIQ young people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. It provides a holistic response to the needs of clients including access to transitional accommodation, linkages to FAN's Life Skills and Volunteer Programs, outreach services, brokerage for employment/education needs and/or counselling/family reconciliation and a social support group (EDG).

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