

Lead topic: Housing	Sub-topic: Budget 2016 allocations to Housing	Contact: Ben Sweeney Ext: 5589
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FAST FACTS

- **A total of €923m will be provided for social housing in 2016.**
- **This is being funded via the DECLG Vote, which will provide €811m and Local Authorities will self-fund €112m housing expenditure. An overall increase of €118m on 2015.**
- **The allocation in 2016 will ensure over 17,000 people will have their housing needs addressed in 2016.**
- **This is in addition to the 15,900 who will have had their housing needs addressed over the course of 2015**

Q&A'S

- **What has been allocated to homelessness in Budget 2016?**
 - Homelessness – Budget provided €70m to assist homeless households to transition to long term sustainable housing solutions (includes funding for emergency accommodation).
 - This represents an increase of €17m or 32% on 2015 funding (and a 56% increase on 2014 funding)
 - Additional funding has been also allocated to provide 500 modular units for homeless families in 2016
- **What is the new Affordable Rental Scheme that was announced in the Budget 2016 speech?**
 - €10m per annum of the €400m Bord Gáis Energy proceeds will be allocated for an affordable rental pilot scheme to commence in 2016. It will address the requirements of applicants for social housing and lower income earners who are struggling to secure permanent housing appropriate to their needs.
- **What is the breakdown of the 17,000+ units?**

	New Units in 2016
RAS	1,000
HAP	10,000
Social Housing Current Expenditure Programme	3,000
Capital Programmes	3,139
Modular Housing for homeless families	500
Total New	17,639

- **How is the Public Private Partnership in Social Housing progressing?**
 - In Budget 2015 a €300m PPP capital investment scheme was announced that will provide 1500 housing units.

- This is the first time that PPPs have been used to fund the provision of housing units in Ireland.
- The sites for the first tranche of around 500 units to be delivered by PPP out of 1,500 have been selected and were announced by the Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government on the 13th of October 2015.
- Two of the sites are located in Dublin City with one each in South Dublin, Kildare, Wicklow and Louth.