

# OPPORTUNITIES FUND GUIDELINES

## WHAT IS THE OPPORTUNITIES FUND?

The Housing Choices Western Australia (Housing Choices WA) Opportunities Fund provides financial assistance to tenants to help them achieve their education, training, employment, health and/or wellbeing goals.

## WHAT DOES THE OPPORTUNITIES FUND PROVIDE?

The Opportunities Fund provides financial support to tenants, which could include:

- contributions towards TAFE, training and certified course fees;
- funding for equipment and supplies to support study and employment; and
- funding towards activities, materials and memberships that support mental health, wellbeing and social inclusion.

Beneficiaries of the Opportunities Fund will also receive ongoing planning support and guidance from Housing Choices WA Tenant Engagement and Capacity Building Officer Alex Kepes.



## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All Housing Choices WA tenants, residents, household members and carers of Housing Choices WA tenants can apply for support through the Opportunities Fund.

To be eligible for the fund, tenants will be asked to demonstrate a commitment to, and investment in, achieving their goals.

Housing Choices WA considers each tenant's application and circumstances individually and aims to award funds based upon greatest need.

*Tenants who have existing tenancy debt or have ongoing tenancy issues may not be eligible for support through the Opportunities Fund.*

## HOW MUCH ASSISTANCE AM I ELIGIBLE FOR?

If successful in your application, the amount of financial assistance you receive will depend on:

- your individual circumstances;
- the type of assistance you have requested;
- the number of applications that are pending or have already been approved this financial year; and
- greatest need upon application.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

All tenants must complete an application form, meet with our Tenant Engagement and Capacity Building Officer and provide evidence of commitment to their goals in order to be considered for support through the Opportunities Fund.

Please contact Alex Kepes on 9430 0900  
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