

We have a few suggestions for your consideration when shaping the final document.

- Consideration should be given to expanding the definition of ‘family and domestic violence’ to include former partners and partners that do not live with the person. Victim-survivors of domestic, family and sexual violence may not be safe in their homes even when the perpetrator is not living in the same residence.  
The current definition includes behaviour that ‘seeks to coerce or control the person and causes the person to suffer harm or to be fearful’. It may be beneficial to expand this to behaviour that ‘seeks to coerce or control the person *and/or causes or intends to cause* the person to suffer harm or to be fearful’.
- Consider removing gender from the definition. This may be exclusionary to non-gender conforming people. Additionally, there may be crisis and transitional housing specifically for men (not just women).
- Consider inclusion of a minimum threshold for mixed-use facilities (ie is one property sufficient in a mixed-use facility?).
- Consider the viability / funding source for recurrent operations and support services through the assessment process.
- General comment – the operations and nature of crisis and transitional accommodation may make it difficult to generate the revenue needed to service any loan components.

We were also wondering if this funding can be used with other Commonwealth funding opportunities.