**Background**

To support the establishment of partnerships in the delivery of the Core and Cluster program, a process to register interest has been established for:

* service providers requiring a partner to deliver on the 4 components of the Core and Cluster Program (land, asset, maintenance and service delivery); and
* parties interested in being approached to be a partner in Core and Cluster delivery.

On 19 October 2021, the NSW Government announced an historic investment for housing and specialist supports for women and children experiencing domestic and family violence (DFV).

This investment includes $426.6 million over four years to expand the NSW Government’s Core and Cluster Program, that will deliver and operate new women’s refuges and support up to an additional 2,900 women and children escaping DFV each year.

**Registering interest for potential partnership**

Supporting the involvement of sector organisations is critical to the success of the Core and Cluster program. To support organisations’ capacity to participate in the Core and Cluster program, the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) has developed a process for parties interested to connect with potential partners that are either:

* service providers who can only deliver on some, not all, of the four components and are seeking to partner on the remaining required components (land, asset, maintenance and service delivery); and
* parties who are open to providing one or more of the required components (e.g. land, service support). This could be for e.g. local councils, land holders, construction companies, Specialist Homelessness Services, Community Housing Providers (CHP), or Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations.

**Process for registering interest for potential partnership**

For parties interested in submitting their interest:

1. Please ensure you have read the **Conditions** and **Considerations** sections.
2. Complete the **Registering interest in a Core & Cluster partnership** **form** below.
3. Email the completed form to SHSProgram@dcj.nsw.gov.au. DCJ will acknowledge receipt via email.

Following receipt of your interest DCJ will:

1. Include your organisation’s details on the Register, which will be maintained by DCJ.
2. Circulate the Register to all organisations on the Register (to the contact email addresses provided). Organisations seeking potential partnerships are required to contact other parties on the Register directly.

**Considerations**

Please note:

* Completing the **Registering** **interest in a Core & Cluster partnership form** and inclusion on the Register does not guarantee a positive partnership result.
* If an organisation no longer wishes to be on the Register, an email with this advice must be sent to SHSProgram@dcj.nsw.gov.au.
* Organisations should note the following registration requirements, as outlined in the tranche procurement documents:
	+ The Asset Delivery and Maintenance component must include:
		- a registered Tier 1, Tier 2,Tier 3 CHP; or
		- a non-government organisation that can demonstrate its capability of:
			* delivering and managing crisis accommodation facilities; and
			* achieving registration through the National Regulatory System for Community Housing (NRSCH) as a Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 CHP by the date the last party signs an agreement with the Department registered community housing provider.
* Submitting interest for a potential partnership is not deemed a proposal for funding, proposals for funding are required to be submitted during the relevant procurement stage, via the [e-tender website](https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/).

**Conditions**

Please also note, by completing the **Registering** **interest in a Core & Cluster partnership form** and receiving information from the Register, your organisation:

1. Consents to DCJ sharing your details, as provided in the form, with other organisations on the Register.
2. Agrees not to circulate the Register to any person or organisation not listed on the Register.
3. Agrees to communicate and formalise any partnerships with other organisations listed on the Register, ahead of any Expression of Interest (EOI) submissions for Core & Cluster. DCJ is not responsible for facilitating partnerships between organisations listed on the Register.

**Further information**

For additional program and procurement information please refer to the [DCJ Core and Cluster webpage](https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/domestic-violence/new-investment-housing-and-related-supports-for-women-and-children-escaping-domestic-and-family-violence/procurement).

For more information on the Core and Cluster Sector Capacity and Capability Building Program please refer to the [Core & Cluster Capacity & Capability Program fact sheet](https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/download?file=836744).

For any specific queries about registering interest for potential partnerships please email SHSprogram@dcj.nsw.gov.au.

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| **Registering interest in a Core & Cluster partnership** |
| 1. **Organisation details**
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| Organisation Name |  |
| What location is your organisation interested in exploring for Core & Cluster? |  |
| Are you an Aboriginal-led organisation?  |  |
| Please insert your organisation’s website  |  |
| 1. **Contact details**
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| Contact details of representative/s | **Name** | **Position** | **Email** | **Mobile** |
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| 1. **Core components**
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|  | **Land** | **Asset**  | **Maintenance** | **Service delivery** |
| *Indicate either ‘can provide’ or ‘seeking partnership’ in the column that applies for your partnership requirements e.g. if you can provide land, asset and maintenance and are seeking a partner to provide service delivery, write ‘can provide’ in the land, asset and maintenance columns and ‘seeking partnership’ in the service delivery column.* |  |  |  |  |
| 1. **Date this form was completed**
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| 1. **Name of organisation’s representative who completed this form**
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