

HCA Affordable Homes Programme 2015-18

The bids prospectus for the Affordable Homes Programme 2015-18 was published by Homes and Communities Agency on 27th January 2014. A full copy of the prospectus can be found here:

[HCA affordable-homes-programme-2015-18](#)

Bids must be submitted to HCA by noon on **30th April 2014**.

Please contact the Council's Strategic Enabling Team if you would like an initial discussion on any bids your organisation would like to make for schemes in South Gloucestershire.

The HCA requires all bids, whether firm or indicative, to be supported by the relevant local authority. If you are proposing to make a bid for schemes in South Gloucestershire please contact the Strategic Housing Enabling Team to arrange a meeting in April 2014 to discuss the final proposals.

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South Gloucestershire Council affordable housing needs information

The HCA expects that the 2015-18 Affordable Homes Programme will be shaped by local affordable housing needs, and will seek views from local authorities on proposals.

Providers are to ensure that their schemes take account of the needs identified by local authorities, and are expected to work closely with local authorities to ensure that the mix of housing offered and the long term provision of affordable housing is appropriate for the local area and range of needs identified.

There is an identified need in South Gloucestershire for 903 affordable homes per year (WoE SHMA 2009), and on the basis of current projections, over 2,000 affordable homes are projected to be delivered through planning policy in the period 2015-2018.

Funding is available under the AHP 2015-2018 for Affordable Rent and affordable shared ownership. We are therefore seeking bids in South Gloucestershire to meet the identified needs for these tenure types, i.e.:

Affordable Rent		
Percentage	Type	Min Size m2
0%	1 bed flats	46
18%	2 bed flats	67
35%	2 bed houses	75
47%	3 bed houses	85
0%	4 bed houses	106

Affordable home ownership		
Percentage	Type	Min Size m2
44%	1 bed flats	46
17%	2 bed flats	67
19%	2 bed houses	75
19%	3 bed houses	85
1%	4 bed houses	106

We will accept Affordable Rent proposals for one bed and four bed homes subject to confirmation from the Provider that they are deliverable and they meet the affordability criteria set out in the Council's Strategic Tenancy Policy: [Strategic Tenancy Policy 2012](#)

We welcome proposals for mixed-tenure ExtraCare, schemes for people with learning difficulties and proposals for rural locations.

Please contact the Strategic Housing Enabling team to discuss any proposals for other supported housing client groups.

Equalities information

The Equalities Act 2010 requires public bodies, such as local authorities, to meet statutory duties for equality. From April 2012, local authorities have been required to publish their equality priorities.

South Gloucestershire Council's equality priorities can be found here: [Single Equality Plan](#)

Monitoring information can be found here: [Equalities annual report 2012/13](#)