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FRONTLINE HOMELESSNESS SERVICE JOBS SAVED

BeyondHousing has endorsed the Federal Government's decision to fill a \$67.5 funding shortfall for Homelessness Services.

The uncertainty for homelessness service providers like BeyondHousing emerged as funding for the Equal Remuneration Order (ERO) supplementation for homelessness services was due to expire in June 2023.

Celia Adams, CEO of BeyondHousing welcomed the commitment and thanked the Federal Government for listening to the concerns of organisations on the frontline of the work to end homelessness.

"This is critical funding for the sector to continue our work during the worst housing crisis we've ever faced.

"We have just seen the Census data show that homelessness is worsening in regional Victoria, so we are relieved to see jobs of frontline homelessness workers saved. We can continue providing critical support for the increasing number of people experiencing homelessness.

"We thank the government for listening to the concerns raised by our sector and committing to resourcing our critical role ending homelessness and addressing the housing crisis.

"This commitment gives us the security to continue our important work. Having certainty means we can go back to work finding and creating pathways to home for another 124 regional Victorian households who came to us for support this week alone."

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About: BeyondHousing is the largest community housing organisation within the Goulburn and Ovens Murray regions of Victoria. BeyondHousing is the main entry point for the homelessness system and provides a range of supports for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. If you or anyone you know is experiencing or at risk of homelessness, call 1800 825 955.

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