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# Call for Housing 2020

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and developers



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As Ireland continues to face the COVID-19 challenge, we must take additional measures to **protect those in urgent need of a home.**



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**Call for Housing 2020** is a new national call for property owners and developers with vacant properties to make them available to those who really need them.

If you have a vacant property in good condition, you may be able to provide much needed homes in your community.

There are several ways to help through leasing and other options with your local authority. These schemes offer you a stable income for your property and provide vulnerable households with a secure home when they need it most. If you own a property, your local authority may be interested in buying this.

This booklet outlines in more detail the options available to property owners and developers.

**If you have a vacant property or maybe several vacant properties, please contact us to find out how you can help.**



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## Social Housing Leasing Scheme

**A property owner can lease their property to a local authority for a fixed term, for an agreed amount which is based on a discounted market rent.**

This will provide a home for a local authority tenant in need. The local authority manages and supports all aspects of the tenancy. The property owner has no relationship with the tenant. A range of property types are required.

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### Property Owners and Developers – Why Leasing?

Under the arrangement, the local authority will:

- Be the landlord to the tenants.
  - Manage and provide support to tenants.
  - Maintain the property internally for the term of the lease, (the property will be returned to the owner in good condition at the end of the lease term, subject to normal wear and tear).
  - Pay up to 80-85% of the open market rent over the term of the lease (a higher proportion of market rent is available for landlords willing to carry out management and maintenance responsibilities through the Enhanced Leasing Scheme).
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### General Principles

- The property must be vacant and in good condition and will be inspected prior to lease commencement.
- Property should be located in an urban area such as a town or city.
- Properties must be furnished, including the installation of large electrical appliances.
- The leasing term can be up to 25 years.
- No requirement to register with the Residential Tenancies Board (RTB).
- More than one property can be leased.
- No rent collection, rent arrears or vacancy periods.
- The property owner is responsible for the maintenance and insurance of the structure.
- A higher proportion of market rent is available for landlords willing to undertake management and maintenance for the property under the Enhanced Leasing Scheme – for proposals of 20 units or more only.

# Purchasing Properties for Specific Needs

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Do you own a property that can **fulfil a specific social housing need**, including:

- one-bed properties,
- larger family homes or
- homes that are or can be adapted for disability or older persons accommodation such as a bungalow or an apartment?



Is this property **in an urban area** such as a town or city?



Would you be **interested in selling** the property to your local authority?

**Local authorities are interested in buying such properties.**

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So whether you own a one bedroom apartment, large family home or a property on a single floor level **your local authority may be interested in buying the property.**



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