



The Housing Agency

Research Support Programme

2021 Call for proposals

Aims of the Research Support Programme

The Research Support Programme aims to fund projects which respond to key topical issues in housing and have the potential to impact on housing policy and practice.

The 2021 Research Support Programme is strongly aligned with the Government's *Housing for All* plan.

For 2021 the Housing Agency is interested in proposals under the overarching theme of *Housing – Our Shared Future*, under two main research strands.

1. Children and Housing

The Children and Housing theme responds to Pathway 2 of *Housing for All* “Eradicating Homelessness, Increasing Social Housing Delivery and Supporting Social Inclusion”.

Research projects that focus on the impact housing has on children's quality of life and life chances will be considered. This may include, for example, children with disabilities, children in precarious housing situations and children from minority ethnic backgrounds.

2. Sustainability and Housing

The Sustainability and Housing theme reflects the Housing Agency's strong commitment to supporting the development of sustainable and resilient communities. The theme also responds to the strong emphasis in *Housing for All* on embedding social, environmental and economic sustainability across the housing system.

Research projects can focus on one or more aspects of housing sustainability, for example, the town-centre first approach and sustainable communities, housing and climate change and housing in the context of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Nature of Support and Timelines

The grant funding can contribute to activities such as literature reviews, policy reviews, best practice guides, policy evaluations and various primary research approaches depending on the setting.

We envisage that two successful proposals will be awarded grant funding in this round to a maximum of €60,000 per project (including VAT). Proposals awarded grant funding should be completed in 2022.

The Agency is open to joint funding of research projects with partnership organisations and welcomes collaborative proposals which may involve academic/professional researchers and practitioners working in the local authority, approved housing body, NGO sector and government sector.

Application Process

Those wishing to apply for funding or other support can do so by completing an application form. Applicants are advised to consult the guidance document which provides further details on the programme.

The closing date for receipt of applications is **12 noon, Monday November 15th, 2021**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applications will be assessed by a panel in accordance with the scoring system outlined in the application form. Funding will be at the absolute discretion of The Housing Agency, but an appeals mechanism will be introduced for unsuccessful applications. Appeals will be accepted, in writing only, within 14 days of the notification of the outcome of the competition.

For further information please contact: researchsupport@housingagency.ie

All documentation is available on The Housing Agency website: www.housingagency.ie