



Overview

IBA's Home Ownership on Indigenous Land (HOIL) Program provides home loans for Indigenous Australians living on community titled land. Individual leasehold arrangements are now in place for some communities in the Northern Territory, Queensland and New South Wales, which pave the way for Indigenous home ownership on community titled land, enabling choice in housing and creating a stable asset base for current and future generations.

Key program features include:

- Assistance with loan establishment costs,
- Low interest rates linked to borrowers income (which can start from as low as zero per cent) that gradually increase up to one per cent below market variable interest rates for owner-occupied homes,
- Low deposit requirement (\$2,000),
- Loan co-payment assistance during the first ten years for eligible borrowers,
- Complementary assistance available from the Department of Families Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs:
- Up to 20 per cent discounted from the purchase price (\$50,000 limit) to reward borrowers who have a good rental history,
- Matched savings grant (\$1,000 limit),
- Money management education, and
- Ongoing home ownership education.

Achievements include:

- The first HOIL loan approved for the construction of a house on Melville Island, in the Northern Territory, in March 2008,
- A further nine loans approved in 2008-09 for residents of Nguui, Northern Territory; and
- Community education about HOIL commenced in six Queensland communities.

Outlook

It is anticipated that the HOIL funding will assist up to 355 families over the next four years to purchase homes on Indigenous land.

IBA anticipates that more families in Nguui will apply for loans in 2009-10. IBA also intends to work closely with communities in Groote Eylandt (NT) Queensland and NSW in implementing the program.

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