# Target Group

15 – 25 year olds who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and who are supported by either youth specific or cross target SAAP and THM services (including refuges). CEEP funding applications are capped at $1200 per individual and can only be applied for once in a 12 month period.

# Aim of the Service

The brokerage funding aims to assist and support young people who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, to engage and sustain EET pathways.

# Objectives

The key objectives of CEEP brokerage are to:

• enable young homeless people to participate in EET;

• sustain and /or re-engage the young person in EET;

• develop a sustainable pathway out of homelessness through improved integration of education and employment goals in homelessness programs; and

• support and assistance to secure and sustain stable housing.

Please note: *It is important for the key worker to make an effective assessment on the “readiness” of a young person to engage in EET options. Workers are advised to look at factors such as the young person’s stability, realistic goal setting, commitment and other factors that influence a young person’s capacity to participate. A sound and integrated case plan should be integral to the process of applying for brokerage on behalf of a young person.*

# Eligibility Criteria

CEEP can only be accessed by young people who are:

* 15-25 years old;
* homeless, or at risk of homelessness;
* engaged with homelessness assistance services;
* not in sustainable employment;
* experiencing long term difficulties in maintaining stable accommodation and overcoming barriers to participation in EET.

# Use of Brokerage

Brokerage funding is to be used for goods and/or services directly related to the EET pathway of the young person. CEEP funding is intended to support young people to develop and sustain pathways into EET. Whilst it is recognised that young people need a range of support with material items such as general household goods, this funding source is not to be used for this purpose. Only material items directly related to the young person’s EET pathway will be approved (eg. desk; chair). CEEP funding applications are capped, where additional funds are required to form an EET package of assistance for a young person services will need to demonstrate how they will access such funds.

***CEEP funding cannot be used for the following items:***

• goods/services that can be accessed through alternatives sources;

• assistance that can be provided through the Housing Establishment Fund (eg. rent in advance, rent arrears and emergency accommodation)

• agency infrastructure (eg. computers, office equipment etc. or capital items);

• general household furniture;

• mobile phones-funding can be used only on items that are sustainable and not likely to impact negatively on a young persons financial situation over time;

• to pay a young person’s outstanding debt (utility bills, fines) which are not related to their EET plan;

• as additional funding for staffing and/or program infrastructure of the applying agency;

• for large personal outlays that do not directly relate to effective participation in EET;

• items that requires ongoing funding to sustain (eg. a car). Evidence of how this item will be sustained must appear in the application. The CEEP panel reserves the right to ask further questions in relation to the sustainability of this item, and to not approve an item they believe may create debt for the young person;

• food vouchers or equivalent

• costs that are intended/should be covered by other Government Departments, eg. Department of Education costs.