



Quality housing at affordable prices

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With pockets of the Highland population growing significantly, major house building projects are underway to meet the growing demand for homes throughout the area. While house prices have increased recently, they remain competitive with other parts of the UK.

Communities Scotland can help people on lower incomes purchase affordable homes through its funding of housing associations. These organisations help speed up the supply of housing in areas of high demand like Aviemore, Dingwall, Fort William, Inverness and Portree.

In conjunction with others, the agency is developing long term plans to help satisfy the 21st century housing needs of the Highland population. Good quality housing is seen by every public agency as a key component in the economic and social development of the area.

As a condition of planning in some areas, private property developers must reserve a portion of the new homes they build in the affordable housing category. Grant assistance may be available in rural areas towards house building projects to help sustain rural communities; this makes it easier for local people on low incomes to own their own home.