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Budget housing on target

By Amanda Williams

THE State Government will spend \$2.4 million to build 11 new three-bedroom homes in Murray Bridge with a focus on providing housing to disadvantaged or disabled residents living within the area.

State Social Housing Minister Tony Piccolo announced the project on Monday.

Mr Piccolo said the project was aimed at stimulating the building industry and providing affordable homes for some of South Australia's most vulnerable citizens.

"This stimulus package will increase the

supply of affordable rental housing and reduce rental costs for low income households," he said.

"In total, 82 homes to be built under this package are dedicated specifically to people with high support needs, with 29 of these allocated specifically for people living with disability."

Not-for-profit organisation Community Housing Limited is the selected housing provider for Murray Bridge.

The Murray Bridge homes are part of a statewide project of 128 new affordable homes to be built.

"Everyone deserves to have somewhere secure to live and this investment in affordable housing will provide that for some of the most disadvantaged people in our community," Mr Piccolo said.

About \$20 million is being provided by the State Government to nine different community housing organisations who will build homes in both metropolitan and rural areas.

Building of the homes is scheduled to begin within the next 12 months with all homes to be completed by the end of 2014.

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