

More being helped but others get nothing

49 households are now being supported with \$11,035 per week. This is up from 37 households (90 individual people, of whom 28 were children) in October.

Sadly, despite this level of expenditure from Bridge, people in need are being turned away because there is insufficient money. **There is nowhere else for them to go.**

Bridge supporting 49 households, up from 37 in October

What drives this alarming growth?

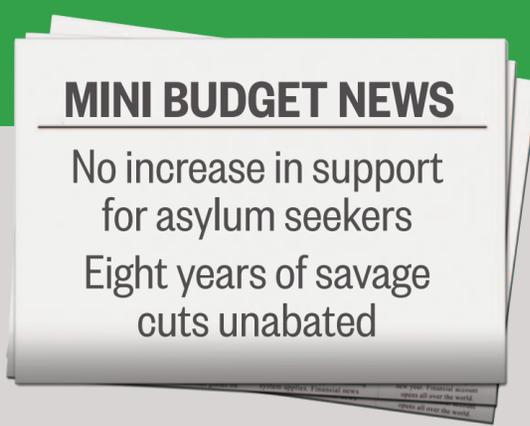
<p>No work rights</p> <p>Some 23% of our clients are denied right to jobs</p>	<p>Got a job but little else</p> <p>Gig economy work means no savings, no safety net</p>	<p>Not able to work</p> <p>Many clients have physical or mental barriers to work</p>
<p>No relief in sight</p> <p>Others lack child-care support or have insufficient English</p>	<p>Too close to the edge</p> <p>Covid-driven losses inflamed financial and family failures</p>	<p>Hardly living</p> <p>For many clients, Bridge's allowance is all of their income</p>

Bridge estimates demand for this financial year to be \$614,000

Worryingly, 20 years of fund-raising shows our yearly-average is under \$350,000

This year will be mightily challenging and **we won't do it without you.**

Thank you for any support you can provide.



Improving the process

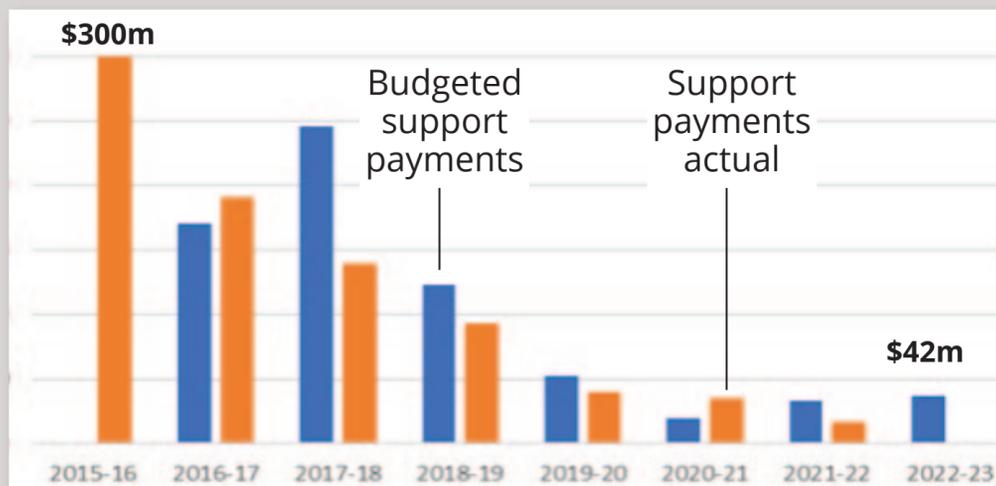
Refugee Council says applications are taking over two years. Bridge has a record of someone submitting their Protection Visa Application in 2016 **but only getting a primary interview recently**

Pleasingly, 500 extra staff are being recruited and \$42m has been allocated to lessen appalling delays in visa processing.

Ignoring the people

No extra money has been allotted to asylum seekers living in the community.

This graph illustrates how dire their situation is:



'Legacy caseload' shames us as a nation

30,000 asylum seekers were denied protection during Labor's previous term of government. Suffering even more under the Coalition's adverse policy changes, **they still have no right to applications.**

Many have been languishing since 2012-14, **with many of these being Bridge clients.**

This government makes much of the failure of predecessors yet offers no hope for those in this legacy caseload.



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