

Housing Resources

Emergency Rent Assistance

Each state has its own eligibility rules. Call 211 or [search for state and local emergency rental assistance programs](#). Your state or local agency may refer you to a community or nonprofit organization that can help if you do not qualify for a government program.

If you want to talk to a housing counselor, [find your local Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) participating counseling agency](#).

If you have a disability and need legal help, contact the [National Disability Rights Network](#) in your state or territory.

Section 8 Housing

A Section 8 housing choice voucher can help you pay rent for private housing. Learn if you are eligible for a voucher and how to apply.

What are Section 8 housing choice vouchers?

The Section 8 housing choice voucher program is provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This program can offer you a voucher to help you afford safe, private housing. Section 8 vouchers are managed by your local public housing agency (PHA).

How Section 8 housing vouchers work

Families with a low income, seniors, and people with disabilities may qualify to use Section 8 vouchers to find housing.

- You can choose any housing that meets the program requirements, such as a single-family home, townhouse, or apartment.
- Housing choice vouchers can pay for all or part of your rent.
- The PHA pays its part of the rent to the owner (landlord), and you as the tenant pay the difference.

[Visit HUD's housing choice voucher fact sheet](#) to find answers to frequently asked questions about Section 8 housing vouchers.

Public Housing

Find out if you qualify for public housing. Learn how to locate your local public housing agency and how to apply.

What is Public Housing?

Public housing provides affordable rental homes to people with a low income, seniors, and people with disabilities. Public housing comes in all sizes and types, from single-family houses to high-rise apartments.

Local public housing agencies (PHAs) manage public housing properties. Your local PHA will review your case and determine if you qualify for this benefit. Learn more about public housing on the [Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) website](#). Or call the Public and Indian Housing Information Resource Center at 1-800-955-2232.

Your eligibility for public housing is determined by your local PHA and is based on:

- Your annual gross income
- If you qualify as a senior, a person with a disability, or a family
- U.S. citizenship or immigration status

[Find your local public housing agency](#) to learn if you are eligible.

Rental Assistance for Veterans, People with Disabilities, and Seniors

[Supportive Services for Veteran Families \(SSVF\)](#) may be able to help you and your family:

- Avoid eviction and stay in your current home
- Find new, more suitable housing
- Rapidly get rehoused if you are experiencing homelessness

To qualify for SSVF, you must:

- Be a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces or live in a family headed by a veteran or their spouse
- Have a very low income
- Be imminently at risk of becoming homeless

How to apply for SSVF benefits:

Call the [National Call Center for Homeless Veterans](#) at 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838). You can make an appointment with your local SSVF provider.

62 and Under With Disabilities

If you are under age 62 and have a disability, you may qualify for a non-elderly disabled (NED) voucher. It can help you find and pay for affordable private rental housing.

To qualify for a NED voucher, you must:

- Be the head, spouse, or co-head of a family
- Be under age 62
- Have a disability
- Meet other NED eligibility requirements based on your income and where you live

Apply for a NED voucher:

[Look up and contact your local public housing agency.](#) You can learn about your eligibility for a NED voucher and apply for other housing help. Or call the Public and Indian Housing Information Resource Center at 1-800-955-2232.

Seniors and Others

In addition to the programs above, you may qualify for other housing programs including:

- [Housing choice vouchers \(Section 8\)](#)
- [Affordable housing \(privately owned subsidized housing\)](#)
- [Public housing](#)

[Other government programs](#) to help pay rent and basic utilities.

Section 8 Housing

Eligibility for Section 8 housing is based on:

- Your total annual gross income - [see HUD's Section 8 income limits data](#)
- Your family's size
- If you are a U.S. citizen or non-citizen who has an eligible immigration status

[Find your local public housing agency](#) to learn if you are eligible for a housing choice voucher.

To apply for a Section 8 housing choice voucher:

- Contact your local public housing agency to apply for a housing choice voucher or check the status of your application.
- If you need help, [contact your local HUD office](#).

Waiting lists and long waiting periods for vouchers are common because HUD and local PHAs have limited resources. A PHA may temporarily close its waiting list when it has more families on the list than it can help. Check back with your local PHA's website to find out when its waiting list will reopen.

Subsidized Housing

In subsidized rental housing, the government pays apartment owners to reduce the rent for tenants with low incomes. Learn how to find this type of affordable housing.

Each city or county has its own eligibility rules for affordable housing. To find out if you are eligible:

- Contact your nearest [public housing agency](#)
- Call the Public and Indian Housing Information Resource Center at 1-800-955-2232.

If you are eligible for subsidized housing, you can [search for a participating housing community using the HUD map](#).

Select "Find Affordable Housing Opportunities Near Me" and search for your city or address on the map. If you receive a message that says "geolocation disabled," select the "OK" button. Explore the affordable housing that is available in your area. If you find affordable housing that you are interested in, contact the property to learn how to apply for a low-rent unit. Each property has its own system for accepting applications for its rental units. Some properties have waiting lists.

Affordable Housing Resources:

North Carolina Housing Finance Agency (NCHFA) can be a resource for general information: www.nchfa.com

North Carolina HUD is also a resource: www.hud.gov

- Locations: www.socialserve.com
- Subsidies: Fair Housing Training will give you this information
- Eligibility and Application Processes: Section 8 housing vouchers (<https://eligibility.com/section-8/northcarolina-nc-section-8-benefits>)
- Network of Property Managers/Landlords: Each provider will need to build personal relationships with landlords and property managers. Encourage collaborating with peer providers to help build relationships.

Other Rental Assistance

Regional Housing Authority (RHA):

This organization administers the Section 8 federal program, providing rental assistance for income-eligible families in Alexander, Burke, Caldwell, and Catawba counties.

NCHousingSearch.org:

This bilingual website provides a search service for rental housing listings across the state and can help you find available apartments, especially if you have a Section 8 voucher.

Emergency Housing

In most areas of the U.S., you can dial 211 to connect with local social services and get referrals for emergency housing.

Shelters and Temporary Housing

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offers programs and resources to find shelter, get temporary housing, or avoid homelessness.

- Check [HUD's local homeless assistance list](#) for shelters and housing in your state.
- Ask a [homeless continuing care program provider](#) for help. They can help you find temporary or permanent housing.
- Contact your [local public housing agency \(PHA\)](#) for help moving from homelessness to more permanent housing.

Emergency Housing for Teens and Youth

The [National Runaway Safeline](#) offers free, confidential, and non-judgmental support 24 hours a day. It also provides free transportation home or to other safe, stable housing.

- Call 1-800-RUNAWAY (1-800-786-2929)
- [Text, live chat, or email](#) an agent for help

Emergency Housing for Veterans

The Office of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers specialized programs for veterans facing or experiencing homelessness.

- Contact the [National Call Center for Homeless Veterans](#) at 1-877-4AID-VET (1-877-424-3838) for free and confidential support 24 hours a day.
- [Find safe housing](#) and other supportive services through the VA's housing programs.

For More Resources:

rentassistance.us

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