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# Financial Housing Assistance

The following resources are housing assistance programs provided by The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For more specific information on qualifications, availability, and applications, please contact your local Public Housing Authority (PHA) or the nearest HUD office near you. You can go to <https://resources.hud.gov/> to find a location.

## HUD

Under HUD, low-income individuals with a disability are eligible for public housing programs, rental assistance or subsidized housing, and Section 8. Select individuals may also qualify for emergency housing. Detailed information can be found below.

### Public Housing

Public housing options are government-sponsored apartments or houses that are available to individuals who meet the following requirements:

- Annual gross income that falls below a predetermined amount (Amount varies based on location)
- Qualifies as elderly, a person with a disability, or as family
- Is a U.S. citizen or has an eligible immigration status

This option does not provide assistance for private housing. If you want more information on public housing, visit:

[https://www.hud.gov/topics/rental\\_assistance/phprog](https://www.hud.gov/topics/rental_assistance/phprog)

### Rental Assistance or Subsidized Housing

HUD works with select private complexes or housing companies to offer reduced rent to low-income tenants. To determine eligibility or receive benefits you should apply directly through the leasing/management office.

You can search for participating housing at <https://resources.hud.gov/>.





## Section 8 Voucher

Unlike public housing, section 8 allows individuals or families to apply financial assistance to private housing. The voucher can be used on any private housing that meets the requirements of the program, including single-family homes, townhomes, and apartments, and is not limited to subsidized housing. If eligible, the local PHA will pay a housing subsidy directly to the landlord and the individual or family should pay any remaining rent. If authorized by the PHA, a family may be eligible to use this voucher to help purchase a home. Eligibility for Section 8 is determined by your local PHA, but in general, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Is a U.S. citizen or has an eligible immigration status
- Family's income must not exceed 50% of the median income for the county or area they choose to live

For more information on Section 8, visit:

[https://www.hud.gov/topics/housing\\_choice\\_voucher\\_program\\_section\\_8](https://www.hud.gov/topics/housing_choice_voucher_program_section_8)

## Emergency Housing

HUD provides emergency housing vouchers (EHV) to local PHAs in order to assist individuals and families who meet the following criteria:

- Homeless
- At risk of homelessness
- Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
- Recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability

You can learn more about the EHV program at <https://www.hud.gov/EHV>