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The Housing Counseling Center @ CCDC Housing and Services Resource Guide



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Introduction

The purpose of this resource guide is to provide our clients with a guide to better understand counseling and financial assistance housing programs available to those who qualify. This guide compiles resources from DC government agencies, community-based organizations, and the private sector so that individuals needing assistance with housing, utilities, and/or telecommunications services may view various program information in one document. This guide provides an overview of each program, eligibility information, instructions on how to apply, website links for additional information, and contact information to gain further assistance.

We look forward to servicing you through your housing assessment and working with you to find the best affordable housing solution for you and your family. We're hopeful that other resources provided in this guide will be of help to you as well – please share these resources with your family and friends who

I. Housing Programs

1. Targeted Affordable Housing for Individuals and Families

<https://dhs.dc.gov/page/targeted-affordable-housing-individuals-and-families>

What is TAH?

The Targeted Affordable Housing (TAH) program provides a permanent housing subsidy with case management (i.e., typically a quarterly check-in) to ensure housing stability. TAH is designed to assist individuals and families who are independent, but due to disability, age or other socio-economic factors require long-term subsidies to prevent homelessness. Such individuals and families are appropriately engaged in community services and do not require intensive services to remain stably housed.

Eligibility:

- Resident of the District of Columbia
- 1+ years of documented chronic homelessness (1 consecutive year or experienced 4 episodes of homelessness within the last 3 years that accumulate to at least 1+ year) and chronic disabling condition
- Limited income earning potential
- Need for case management

What is provided?

- Long-term rental assistance
- Individualized case management

Who provides case management?

DHS assigned Social Workers or Case Managers

What is expected of clients?

- To connect with their assigned Social Worker or Case Manager quarterly and participate in:
 - Housing navigation & stabilization
 - Creation and participation in Service Plan
- Pay 30% of gross income towards rental payments and utility payments

Families or Individuals may only be referred to and access TAH through the [Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement \(CAHP\)](#) system.

2. Permanent Supportive Housing for Individuals and Families (Project Based, Tenant-Based, Local Veterans)

<https://dhs.dc.gov/page/housing-resources-families>

What is Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)?

Provides long-term housing vouchers and intensive case management to individuals and families who are chronically homeless and continue to be at imminent risk of becoming homeless. PSH has three sub-programs that provide housing services:

- Tenant-Based: Voucher is issued to the tenant and the tenant can select a unit anywhere within the District of Columbia
- Project-Based: Voucher is attached to the unit and not to the tenant
- Local Veterans: For chronically homeless individuals with other than honorable/dishonorable discharge from the US military who are not eligible for Veteran Health Administration (VHA) services. The program operates like the Tenant-Based PSH Program.

Eligibility:

- 1+ years of documented chronic homelessness (1 consecutive year or experienced 4 episodes of homelessness within the last 3 years that accumulate to at least 1+ year) and chronic disabling condition
- Limited income earning potential
- Need for intensive case management

What is provided?

- Long-term rental assistance
- Individualized intensive case management

Who provides case management?

- Tenant- and Project-Based PSH: DHS Contracted Case Management Providers
- Local Veterans: DHS assigned Social/Case Worker

What is expected of clients?

- Connecting with their assigned case manager a minimum of 4 times a month and participating in:
- Housing navigation & stabilization
- Creation and participation in Service Plan
- Pay 30% of gross income towards rental payments and utility payments

Families or Individuals may only be referred to and access PSH through the [Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement \(CAHP\)](#) system.

3. Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) Affordable Housing Program

<https://dhcd.dc.gov/service/inclusionary-zoning-iz-affordable-housing-program>

The Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) Program requires that most new (and some renovated) residential developments include some affordable homes. IZ homes are apartments for rent or condos/townhomes for sale.

Eligibility

- Your household must meet the income requirements. Households that make 50%, 60%, or 80% of the Median Family Income (MFI) may be eligible. To view current incomes, rents, and prices, see the [2021 Inclusionary Zoning Maximum Income, Rent and Purchase Price Schedule | dhcd \(dc.gov\)](#).

- Your housing costs for an IZ home may not be more than half (50%) of your income (before taxes).
- You cannot be enrolled in a full-time college or university program.
- You must live in the IZ home as your primary residence.
- You (or someone who will live with you) may not own other residential property at the time of lease or purchase.

Anyone who meets these requirements may apply. However, if you (or someone who will live with you) do not live or work in the District of Columbia, the odds are very low that you will be selected.

How to Begin

- **Step 1 - Orientation.** Complete a two-hour IZ Orientation. **CLICK HERE** <https://dhcd.dc.gov/publication/inclusionary-zoning-orientation-classes> to find a class. Note: you must take a new class every two years and update your registration to apply for a home.
- **Step 2 - Registration.** After you finish the IZ Orientation and receive a certificate, **CLICK HERE** <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5493787/Register-to-receive-Inclusionary-Zoning-RENTAL-emails> to fill out the online registration form. *You must complete this form to be registered for the IZ program.*
- **Step 3 – Purchase registration (optional).** Attend an approved eight-hour homebuyer class. **CLICK HERE** [Homeownership CBOs | dhcd \(dc.gov\)](#) for options. When you get your eight-hour certificate, notify them at iz.adu@dc.gov or 202-442-7221.

Getting a Home

- **Lottery.** Most IZ homes are offered by lottery only. This is a random drawing. IZ is not an emergency housing program.
- **Check your email.** If you are registered, you will receive an email anytime a home is available for your income and household size. Check your email 1-2 times a week, including your junk, spam, or other folders.
- **How Often?** Lotteries happen when homes become available. There is no regular schedule.
- **New information?** If your information changes (income, household members, etc.) let us know at iz.adu@dc.gov or 202-442-7221.
- **Other housing options?** Try www.dchousingsearch.org & follow the directions for each listing.

After Renting or Purchasing an IZ Home

- Households living in an IZ home **may not** rent out or sublet any part of the IZ home for any length of time.
- Renters of an IZ home must prove residency, household size, and income each year.
- Owners of an IZ home must prove that the home is their primary residence each year.
- Owners of an IZ home who wish to sell/refinance must submit a [Resale Price Request](#) to DHCD and wait for a pricing letter.

4. Affordable Dwelling Units (ADU)

<https://dhcd.dc.gov/service/affordable-dwelling-units>

Affordable Dwelling Unit (ADU) is an umbrella term applied to for-sale and for-rent homes that are locally restricted for occupancy by households whose income falls within a certain range. ADUs are generally offered at a below-market rate. The DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) monitors and enforces compliance with ADU requirements in the District of Columbia.

ADUs do not include:

- for-sale and for-rent homes that are federally restricted (for example, homes funded by the [Home Investment Partnership Program](#) (HOME), [Low Income Housing Tax Credits](#) (LIHTC) or [Community Development Block Grant](#) (CDBG); or
- developments funded through the District's [Housing Production Trust Fund](#) (HPTF).

ADUs are generally produced in exchange for zoning relief, tax incentives, public financing, and/or the right to purchase or lease District-owned land. Specific ADU provisions, such as the affordability period, income limits, and resale restrictions, are set out in deeds, covenants, land disposition agreements, ADU administration plans, and other originating documents. While historically, these are provisionary from project to project due to unique negotiations or project approvals, ADU restrictions are now becoming more standardized.

5. Home Purchase Assistance Program (HPAP)

<https://dhcd.dc.gov/hpap>

The Home Purchase Assistance (HPAP) program provides interest-free loans and closing cost assistance to qualified applicants to purchase single-family houses, condominiums, or cooperative units in the District of Columbia. The loan amount is based on a combination of factors, including income, household size, and the number of assets that each applicant must commit toward a property's purchase. The loan is subordinate to a private first trust mortgage.

Eligible applicants can receive a maximum of \$80,000 in gap financing assistance and an additional \$4,000 in closing cost assistance. The HPAP loan for borrowers with incomes below 80 percent of the area median income (AMI) is deferred until the property is sold, refinanced to take out equity, or is no longer their primary residence. Moderate-income borrowers who earn between 80 percent and 110 percent AMI will have payments deferred for five years with a 40-year principal-only repayment period.

The maximum first trust loan amount cannot exceed \$510,400, the conventional conforming loan limit.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Home Purchase Assistance Program (HPAP), you must meet the following criteria:

- Be the head of the household and a first-time homebuyer.
- Be a very low-to-moderate income resident, based on the Department's standards.

- Cannot have had an ownership interest in any residential real estate within the three years before an application.
- The purchased home must be the borrower's primary residence and must be located within the District of Columbia.
- Possess a good credit rating.

Application Priority

Applications are prioritized based on the following:

- low income, elderly, handicapped, disabled, or displaced District residents.
- other eligible District residents, that are not stated above in a.
- non-residents who have been employed in the District for one year before application
- non-residents who have lived in the District for three consecutive years as an adult

***Please note:** District residents always are the priority for HPAP assistance. We will accept applications from non-residents, but they only will be processed when there are no pending applications from District residents.*

How to Apply

To apply for HPAP assistance, please contact one of the [Community Based Organizations \(CBOs\)](https://dhcd.dc.gov/node/702332). <https://dhcd.dc.gov/node/702332>

Assistance Amount

The level of gap financing assistance is based upon household size, household income, need, and the availability of funds. The maximum amount of HPAP assistance provided to very low- low- and moderate-income eligible households is \$80,000. Closing cost assistance is provided separately and cannot exceed \$4,000. Review the [assistance table](#) to determine your eligibility.

Applicant Contribution

HPAP recipients contribute \$500 or 50% of liquid assets greater than \$3,000, whichever is greater. For very low- and low-income applicants, the contribution over five hundred dollars (\$500) may be waived by the Director where there is demonstrated need and the applicant household is elderly, handicapped, disabled, or displaced.

Loan Repayment

- **For moderate income-eligible households:** Payment on loans is deferred for the first five years. Monthly principal-only payments begin in the sixth year of the loan, amortized over a 40-year period.
- **For very low income and low-income eligible households:** Loans will have no monthly payments.
- **When all loans become payable:** Regardless of household income, the entire loan amount becomes immediately due and payable if the borrower transfers the property, the property is refinanced (unless the refinance meets certain conditions), or the property ceases to be the borrower's primary residence.

How to Apply

To apply for HPAP assistance, please contact one of the [Community Based Organizations \(CBOs\)](#) listed under the “Housing Counseling” category.

The CBO will forward the completed application to the HPAP administrator, who processes the applications on the District’s behalf. The HPAP administrator will review the application, determine eligibility, and issue an eligible applicant a Notice of Eligibility (NOE). The NOE will outline the maximum amount of assistance available and the homeownership steps to follow. [DC Housing Search.org](#) may help with finding a home.

II. Rental Housing Programs

1. DC DHS ERAP Rental Assistance Program

<https://erap.dhs.dc.gov/ERAPIntroduction>

What is ERAP? The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) helps District residents earning less than 40% of the Area Median Income (AMI) who are facing housing emergencies, by providing funding for overdue rent including late fees and court costs if the qualified household is facing eviction. The program also supports security deposits and the first month's rent for residents moving into new apartments. The amount paid on behalf of eligible households depends on a household's income and available resources and is subject to certain limitations.

Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) - ERAP helps District residents with incomes that do not exceed 40% of the Area Median Income (AMI) who are facing housing emergencies, by providing funding for overdue rent if a qualified household is facing eviction (including late costs and court fees). The program also supports security deposits and the first month's rent. ERAP may provide up to five (5) times HUD’s Rental Reasonable guidelines for the zip code and bedroom size. Eligible households may apply for ERAP up to two (2) times in a single twelve (12) month period from the date of the first application, during the public health emergency, and within 60 days of the end of a public health emergency, to access the rent assistance within the eligibility cap.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) assists low-income residents who are facing a housing emergency and provides rent assistance to stabilize housing, re-establish housing, and prevent eviction.

How can ERAP help?

ERAP can help to pay the following:

- Overdue rent (at least 30 days) including late fees and court costs
- Security deposit for a new residence and/or first month's rent ERAP does not assist with utilities or mortgage payments.

Who is eligible for ERAP?

- You must be a resident of the District of Columbia, and your income must be less than 40% of the Area Median Income (AMI) according to the household size.
- Does ERAP assist with past-due rent payments and/or a security deposit?
- If determined eligible for ERAP, residents are provided with an overview of their payment responsibilities and costs covered by the program.

Are there limits on how much ERAP can pay?

ERAP may provide up to five (5) months per HUD's Rental Reasonable guideline per the zip code and bedroom size. The revised average five months' rental payment is high as \$10,205. Eligible households may apply up to twice within a calendar year during a public health emergency and within 60 days of the end of a public health emergency. For security deposits and the first month's rent, ERAP can pay up to the Fair Market Rent for one (1) month.

Will ERAP give me the money directly?

ERAP will make its payment directly to the landlord, court, or court marshals. No money will be given to you directly.

How do I apply for ERAP?

Throughout the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, all applications are completed online or by phone. To apply online, please visit dhs.dc.gov/ERAPapp. Residents may also contact community-based organizations for application assistance. Residents must complete an application and submit the required information to participate in an eligibility interview. Case management services are available to further assist residents participating in ERAP.

What are the monthly income limits?

The monthly income limit depends on your household size. Here is a chart below that details the income limits per household size.

<https://dhs.dc.gov/page/monthly-income-limits-fair-market-rent>

How can I apply for ERAP?

There are 2 ways you can apply for ERAP. You can go to www.erap.dhs.dc.gov and submit an application and upload the required documents* online. This can be done on a computer or a smartphone/tablet. You may also submit a completed paper application with supporting documents to the top of the 6 Community Based Organizations* that provide ERAP.

*You can find the list of the required documents below and the list of the 6 Community-Based Organizations at the end of this document.

How do I check the status of my application?

You may go to www.erap.dhs.dc.gov and log in with your email and password to check the status of your application. You should also watch for emails regarding the status of your application. Please also check your spam folder for emails from the ERAP team.

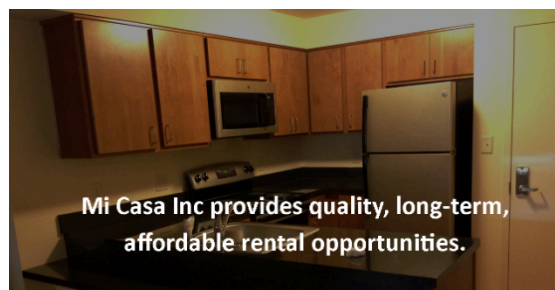
For general ERAP inquiries, please email: erap.program@dc.gov

2. MI CASA Affordable Rental Program

<https://micasa-inc.org/programs/affordablerentalprogram/>

The Need for Affordable Rental Housing

DC is one of the most expensive housing markets in the nation with rapidly disappearing affordable rental housing stock. According to DC Fiscal Policy Institute, DC



experienced a 50% drop in low-cost affordable rental units and a 155% rise in the number of unaffordable units from 2002 to 2012. This trend displaces long-term DC residents. In response to the critical need for affordable rental housing, Mi Casa developed its ***Affordable Rental Program*** in 2012. Many of the buildings Mi Casa develops were previously neglected and at risk of being converted into high-end condos, and individuals and families with low incomes were at risk of being displaced. Mi Casa works to increase the availability of renovated, long-term affordable rental housing.

Mi Casa's portfolio has steadily grown from just one property in 2012 to adding buildings over the next 7 years for a current total of 213 units in nine properties, **listed below**, including one co-owned LIHTC property. Mi Casa sustains best practices in rental management by self-managing eight out of nine of these buildings.

Mi Casa's portfolio of affordable rental properties we include:

- 6925 Georgia Avenue NW
- 21 Kennedy Street NW
- 1919 Calvert Street NW
- 49-53 Missouri Avenue NW
- 1847-1849 Good Hope Road SE
- 4040 8th Street NW
- 301 Delafield Place NW
- 5400 5th Street NW
- 3232 Georgia Avenue NW (co-owned)

3. MI CASA Cooperatives

A Limited Equity Cooperative (LEC) is a model for homeownership in which residents collectively own and democratically control their building, usually by forming a tenant's association. In other words, each resident owns an equal share of their building, which gives them voting rights for decisions about who manages the building. Some of the benefits of becoming a part of a Limited Equity Cooperative (LEC) include:

1. Accessibility

Since LEC properties are owned by a not-for-profit corporation, cooperative members are not personally responsible for paying off the properties' mortgages, making it easier for those who struggle to qualify for individual mortgages to still achieve homeownership. Moreover, due to their nature of limiting equity, purchasing a share in an LEC often requires lower down payments and lower closing costs than purchasing a single-family home, condominium, or market-rate housing cooperative would.

2. Affordability

LECs are among the most affordable types of affordable housing even when compared to other affordable housing models such as community land trusts or deed-restricted inclusionary housing (ShelterForce, 2017). Moreover, cooperative members can typically receive tax deductions like homeowners of traditional development properties. Finally,

because LECs limit the amount of equity an individual can earn on the resell of their share, units in cooperative properties remain affordable for long periods.

3. **Stability**

The cooperative housing structure limits motivation for monthly charge increases ensuring that increases will be in proper accordance with increases in operating costs in comparison to the drastic rent hikes that can occur in rental housing. This increase in monthly expenses provides a sense of security and allows for members to take root in their homes for longer.

4. **Control**

As owners, cooperative members can influence the decision-making process on important choices about how their building is managed and the services that are available to them

III. Permanent Housing Facilities

1. Hyacinth's Place

[HyacinthsPlace](#)

Hyacinth's Place is a permanent, affordable housing program in Washington, DC. Hyacinth's Place serves homeless women with a mental diagnosis living in Washington, DC. We partner with the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and the DC Housing Authority for individual placement. The residence is not a shelter offering direct entry, nor accommodates children and families. We provide affordable, permanent housing with programming to aid women with mental illness to prepare for self-sufficiency. create an environment to nurture and support each woman's recovery —focusing on emotional, financial, and vocational stability.

Hyacinth's Placement Process:

1) If Hyacinth's Place has a vacancy, your case manager contacts the Executive Director and forwards your physical and mental health status documentation for review.

2) If you are a potential fit for the program, Hyacinth's staff contacts your case manager to schedule a face-to-face interview.

3) The Executive Director conducts the interview, provides a tour of the residence, makes a decision, and notifies the case manager.

4) Once accepted, the application process begins. The potential resident submits ALL required documentation for placement (e.g., original birth certificate, social security number, driver's license or government issued ID, lease agreement, etc.). Expect at least 30 days for the entire application process and validation.

5) Welcome to your New Home

2. 50th Street Family Program

Update: Effective September 30, 2021, the 50th Street Family Program is **closed permanently** and is no longer accepting families for shelter and services. The Coalition owns the property, and the leadership is exploring other program uses to serve the community.



3. Anacostia Road Apartments

[Anacostia Road Apartments](#)

Consists of eight affordable one-bedroom apartments for formerly homeless or at-risk individuals and families. This location represents part of the Coalition's expanded mission to help at-risk D.C. residents become self-sufficient. The tenants are fully independent and the Coalition maintains only a resident manager on-site for those who may need additional support.



4. Sherman Avenue Single Room Occupancy (SRO) – For Men **Sherman Avenue Single Room Occupancy (SRO)**

Provides 10 Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units **for men who were once homeless**. This program represents the most tangible step towards independence within the Coalition's continuum of care. Men, who were once homeless, now pay rent, buy and prepare their own food. Men who are in this program have demonstrated that they are ready for independent living and are prepared to assume appropriate responsibility for their lives.

IV. Temporary Housing

1. Pathways to Housing

[Pathways to Housing DC Homepage - Pathways to Housing DC](#)

If you know someone who is interested in going to shelter, direct them to the Shelter Hotline for assistance at 1-800-535-7252. Pathways to Housing DC provides home, health, and hope to individuals who are experiencing or at risk for homelessness. The people they serve face serious physical and mental health challenges. Many have lived in shelters, jails, psychiatric institutions, and on the streets for prolonged periods of time. Pathways to Housing DC empowers these individuals to take control of their lives by providing housing first, followed by intensive, wrap-around, client-driven support services. Their teams of psychiatrists, nurses, peer support specialists, case managers, social workers, employment specialists, and certified addictions counselors teach life skills and provide comprehensive support in the recovery process.

Pathways are available year-round for scheduled transportation and outreach to homeless residents of the District. During the winter months (November 1st through March 31st), the program provides services 7-days-a-week, 24-hours-a-day to homeless adults and families. They offer emergency transportation to shelters, access to warm clothing, blankets, sleeping bags, and food, when available. During the warmer months, (April 1st through October 31st), the Shelter Hotline continues to provide scheduled transportation to shelters and emergency transportation when temperatures are excessively high from 8am until midnight.

- **Homeless families** can be directed to the Virginia Williams Family Resource Center for centralized intake and resource referrals. Virginia Williams is located at 920 Rhode Island Avenue, NE and their phone number is 202-536-0017
- **Homeless veterans** can be referred to the Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) which is located at 1500 Franklin Street, NE. They can also be reached at (202) 636-7660. The CRRC is open 7-days-a-week, 24-hours-a-day and although it is not a shelter, it includes a primary care clinic, kitchen, laundry, shower facilities, a food pantry, and other community resources for Veterans. Please note that not all offices are open 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. The Veteran's Crisis Line is 1-800-273-8255.

2. Catholic Charities Housing and Shelter

Catholic Charities offers many different housing programs designed to work with families and adults who are experiencing homelessness and/or trying to recover from substance abuse or mental health challenges. Some of these programs are ready to help you today. Other programs require a referral from a social worker or a government agency because they are more specialized in their services.

A. Low-Barrier Shelters

These are shelters open to any single adult every single night of the year. You can simply show up at 7 pm and go through intake. We will provide you with a bed, a hot meal, a place to shower and use the restroom, and access to a case manager.

1. Men's Shelters in Northeast DC

- [Adam's Place](#)
- [New York Avenue](#)

2. Men's Shelter in Southeast DC

- [801 East](#)

3. Women's Shelter in Northeast DC

- [Harriet Tubman](#)

4. Women's Shelter in Northwest DC

- [Bakhita Women's Shelter](#)

5. Women's Shelter in Southern Maryland

- [Angel's Watch](#)

3. Coalition for the Homeless

Learn more about the programs offered by reviewing the list of properties listed below, along with visiting the website, link is provided.

A. The Webster House

The Webster House

A small home-like program that can serve 12 men who are homeless. To help foster responsibility, the men are assigned tasks to maintain the property. Supportive services include

case management, employment and housing placement assistance, substance abuse counseling, life skills training and social skills development.



B. La Casa Transitional Rehabilitation Program (TRP)
La Casa Transitional Rehabilitation Program (TRP)



Provides transitional housing for English and Spanish speaking homeless men to help them achieve self-sufficiency. The program can serve up to 40 men who are 18 and older. All participants in the program receive an Individualized Service Plan (ISP). The ISP identifies goals that should be met by individuals in the program. The primary objective will be to assist the residents in finding employment and moving into permanent housing.

C. Park Road Transitional Program
Park Road Transitional Program



Park Road Transitional Program can accommodate up to 12 men who are homeless and are in transition from a substance abuse treatment program emergency shelter or other crisis situation. Along with other trained staff, a Program Director is onsite to manage shelter operations. A Social Worker helps to formulate and facilitate an Individual Service Plan (ISP) to include helping the participant obtain and remain in permanent housing, helping develop independent living skills, stabilizing his recovery from substance abuse and finding employment.

D. Frederic Davison House Work Bed Program
[Frederic Davison House Work Bed Program](#)



Frederic Davison House Work Bed Program is specifically tailored to meet the needs of men who are homeless and employed. This program has the capacity to serve up to 15 men. This is the client's first step back to self-sufficiency and independent living. To be eligible for the program, you must be employed at least 20 hours per week or enrolled in a job training program. The program provides temporary housing, food, case management, substance abuse counseling, employment, and housing placement assistance.

E. Mickey Leland Work Bed Program
[Mickey Leland Work Bed Program](#)



Mickey Leland Work Bed Program is specifically tailored to meet the needs of men who are homeless and employed. This program has the capacity to serve up to 22 men. This is the client's first step back to self-sufficiency and independent living. To be eligible for the program, you must be employed at least 20 hours per week or enrolled in a job training program. The program provides temporary housing, food, case management, substance abuse counseling, employment, and housing placement assistance.

V. Emergency Shelter Services

1. Blair Low Barrier Shelter

Blair Low Barrier Shelter

Blair is a low barrier shelter that provides overnight emergency shelter to anyone who identifies as male, 18 and over, who is experiencing homelessness. Services also include food, access to case management services, showers, and a bed on a nightly basis from 7 pm to 7 am daily.

2. Emery Low Barrier Shelter

Emery Low Barrier Shelter



Emery is a low barrier emergency shelter that provides overnight emergency shelter to anyone who identifies as male, 18 and over, resides in the district of Columbia, and experiencing homelessness. Services include food, access to case management services, showers, and a bed on a nightly basis from 7 pm to 7 am daily. The shelter is **UNDER RENOVATION**.

VI. Youth Services

1. Sasha Bruce Youth Network

[About Us | Sasha Bruce Youthwork](#)

Sasha Bruce Youthwork is one of the largest and most experienced providers of services to youth in Washington, DC. Sasha Bruce helps young people find safe homes, achieve and maintain good physical and mental health, create and strengthen supportive and stable families, and explore opportunities in education and careers.

Emergencies: (202) 547-7777

Information: (202) 675-934

Programs

a. Safe Homes

Whatever the reason, a young person who needs a place to stay can find a home at Sasha Bruce, as well as counseling and classes that can lead them back to a more stable and supportive family situation, or on a path to true independence and self-sufficiency.

b. Life Skills

We believe that our work should not only contribute to the individuals and families we serve but that we should help youth and families develop capacity to advocate in their own behalf. Together we look forward to a more socially just world.

c. Workforce & Education

Sasha Bruce Youthwork provides a variety of programs to help educate young people and prepare them for meaningful and satisfying careers. And a primary objective of all of our work is to encourage young people to be civically engaged.

2. Covenant House

[Affordable Housing | Covenant House](#)

Visit the link above to learn more about the breadth of services provided by Covenant House and how to access the resources.

VII. Additional Resources

1. National AIDS Coalition Housing

1000 Vermont Ave, N.W. 5th Floor

Washington, DC
laurenk@nationalaidshousing.org
[\(202\) 347-0333](tel:(202)347-0333)

2. National Low Income Housing Coalition

3. Community Based Organizations

Community Based Organizations (CBOs) are public or private nonprofit organizations of demonstrated effectiveness that represent community or significant segments of a community and provide educational or related services to individuals in the community. The following CBOs offer DC residents services related to housing assistance. Visit the website and contact the organization for more information.

Name of Entity	How to Register
A. Greater Washington Urban League (GWUL) (202) 265-8200 www.gwul.org	https://www.gwul.org/gwul-events
B. Housing Counseling Services (HCS) (202) 667-7006 www.housingetc.org	www.housingetc.org
C. Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) (202) 540-7401 www.ledcmetro.org Email: housing@ledcmetro.org (202) 650-5604	http://ledc.nationbuilder.com/
D. Lydia’s House (LH) 202-373-1050 www.lh4us.org	https://www.lh4us.org/events-training
E. Marshall Heights Community Development Organization (MHCDO) (202) 650-5604 www.mhcdo.org	https://mhcdo.org/inclusionary-zoning
F. Manna, Inc (Manna) (202) 559-2792 www.mannahoc.org	https://www.mannahoc.org/our-classes-workshops
G. United Planning Organization (UPO) (202) 562-3800 www.upo.org	Call (202) 562-3800
H. University Legal Services (ULS NE) (202) 547-4747 www.uls-dc.org	Call (202) 547-4747
I. University Legal Services (ULS SE) 202-527-7070 www.uls-dc.org	Call (202) 889-2196
J. University Legal Services (ULS Far NE) (202) 527-7070 www.uls-dc.org	Call (202) 527-7070

VIII. Employment and Training Assistance Services

The goal for the Program is to provide comprehensive services to assist homeless individuals, heads of household (veterans or non-veterans) back into the workforce. These activities will

consist of stabilization, substance abuse education, job readiness activities, job search, job placement, work experience, skills development and individual counseling.

Stabilization

The Employment and Training Program will offer participants an opportunity for referral to a stabilized 24-hour residential facility if participant meets the eligibility criteria.

Substance Abuse and Education

The Employment and Training program will provide substance abuse education for those who have issues with alcohol and drugs. Certified Addiction Counselors will conduct the groups.

Job Readiness

Pre-job readiness skills and techniques that focus on the achievement of employment will be conducted through various workshops.

- Self-Esteem Building
- Interview Techniques & role playing
- Resume Preparation
- How to use online services
- Dressing for Success
- Money Management
- Networking for Employment

Work Experience and Skills Development

Participant will be referred to the following skills development training such as:

- Access to GED/Literacy Programs
- Apprenticeship Program
- Commercial Driver's License
- Compensated Work Therapy
- Computer Technology & Software
- Construction
- Culinary Arts
- Electrician
- Nursing Assistance
- Plumbing
- Roofing & Brick Laying
- Steam Fitter

Orientation

Orientation will be conducted by staff. This process will give participants an overview of the program services and expectations.

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be homeless

- Complete Employment Assessment
- Willingness to work with staff
- Attend workshops
- Alcohol & Drug Free (will provide assessments, if needed)

VIII. Utility Assistance Programs

<https://doee.dc.gov/energyassistance>

ALERT: DOEE is not accepting appointments for utility assistance applications at this time. Please visit the [Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program](#) page for more [information](#) updates.

DOEE has financial assistance, discounts, and energy efficiency programs to help District residents with their utility bills. The following are the main Department of Energy and Environment Utility Assistance Programs, and below are additional services available to District residents.

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- The Utility Discount Program (UDP)
- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
- Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge Relief (CRIAC)

Services for Income Eligible Residents:

- [Receive Help Paying Your Energy Bills \(LIHEAP\)](#)
- [Receive Discounts on Your Utility Bills \(UDP\)](#)
- [Receive Help Paying Your DC Water Bill \(LIHWAP\) or Discounts on Your DC Water Bill \(CRIAC\)](#)
- [Receive Assistance Replacing Your Partial Lead Service Line \(LPRAP\)](#)
- [Make Your Home More Energy Efficient with the Weatherization Assistance Program \(WAP\)](#)
- [Reduce Your Electric Bill with Solar for All \(SfA\)](#)
- [Receive Assistance Reducing Lead Paint in Your Home \(LRP\)](#)

Customers who receive assistance with their energy bills through LIHEAP are automatically eligible to receive a free Home Energy Kit from the DC Sustainable Energy Utility (DCSEU). Home Energy Kits include six energy-efficient LED light bulbs, a smart power strip, and a bathroom faucet aerator, and will help you reduce your energy use and your carbon footprint. [Request a Home Energy Kit.](#)

NEW Utility Affordability & Safe Home Assistance Programs Application

The NEW one-stop-shop application allows you to apply for 5 programs at once! With this application, you can apply for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Utility Discount Program (UDP), Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), Emergency Mechanical System (EMS), and Lead Reduction Program (LRP) with just one application!

- Email your application with required documentation to leadpaint.reduction@dc.gov

OR

- Mail your application to:
DOEE Utility Affordability & Safe Home Assistance Programs

Attn: LaWanda Jones
1200 First Street NE, 5th Floor
Washington DC, 20002

Questions? Please call (202) 299-3316 or email leadpaint.reduction@dc.gov

IX. Telecommunications Discounted Programs

1. Internet Essentials from Comcast

<https://www.internetessentials.com/apply>

Internet Essentials from Comcast brings affordable, high-speed Internet to your home so you can have greater access to homework, job opportunities, healthcare and benefits, education resources and more. When you're connected, you're ready for anything.

Signing up is easy and fast from your mobile device at [apply.internetessentials.com](https://www.internetessentials.com).

You may qualify if you are eligible for public assistance programs like the National School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI and others.

What You'll Get

Internet Essentials includes:

- 50/10 Mbps Internet service for just \$9.95 a month plus tax.
 - Note: New customers may be eligible for two months free if they apply by June 30, 2022.
- No activation fees and no equipment rental fees.
- Option to purchase a computer for just \$149.99 plus tax.
- Access to free Internet training online, in print and in person.
- A Wireless Gateway, delivering in-home WiFi at no additional cost.
- Access to Xfinity WiFi Hotspots.

How to Apply

It's easy to get affordable high-speed Internet at home with Internet Essentials from Comcast. Just follow four simple steps:

Step 1: Qualify

You may qualify for Internet Essentials if you:

- Are eligible for public assistance programs such as the National School Lunch Program, Housing Assistance, Medicaid, SNAP, SSI and others.
- Live in an area where Comcast Internet service is available.
- Are not an existing Xfinity Internet customer and have not subscribed to Comcast Internet within the last 90 days.

Note: This requirement is being waived for Xfinity Internet customers who enroll and are

approved for the Affordable Connectivity Program and apply to Internet Essentials and are approved by June 30, 2022.

- Have no outstanding debt to Comcast that is less than one year old. Families with outstanding debt that's more than one year old may still be eligible. *

*Due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, households with outstanding debt owed to Comcast may be eligible for Internet Essentials. Comcast is waiving this qualification if you are approved by June 30, 2022. After June 30, standard eligibility rules apply.

Step 2: Submit Your Application Online

Signing up is easy and fast from your mobile device. Visit apply.internetessentials.com to submit your application today.

Step 3: Get Approved

Comcast will review your completed application and let you know through text message, email or regular mail if you are approved. If we need documentation, the fastest way to submit is to take a picture with your phone and upload it directly in the application.

Step 4: Get Online

If approved, you could have a home Internet connection in five to seven business days. Use the step-by-step guide included with your Internet equipment to set up your service.

2. Lifeline Program

<https://opc-dc.gov/consumer-assistance/utilities/lifeline>

What is Lifeline?

The Lifeline Program (Lifeline) helps make telephone and broadband services more affordable for low-income consumers. As a program under the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Commission, Lifeline provides eligible subscribers a discount on monthly telephone and/or broadband service. The discounts can be applied to either a wireline or a wireless service, but customers may not receive a discount on both services at the same time. The FCC rules limit a household to one Lifeline service. Lifeline service helps to ensure that low-income consumers can afford telephone and/or broadband service and the access it provides to jobs, education and other opportunities.

In the District, Lifeline is known as [Economy II](#) and offered by Verizon DC. This program offers discounted wireline local telephone service to qualified DC customers under 65 years of age for \$3.00 a month. Seniors 65 years of age or older pay \$1.00 per month. DC residents participating in Lifeline have unlimited calling in the DC metropolitan area.

How do I Qualify?

To participate in Lifeline, subscribers must either have an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal [Poverty Guidelines](#) or participate in certain assistance programs such as:

- [Medicaid](#)
- [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program](#) (Food Stamps or SNAP)
- [Supplemental Security Income](#)

- [Federal Public Housing Assistance](#) (Section 8)

How Can I Subscribe for Lifeline?

To apply for Lifeline also known as, [Economy II in the District](#), call 1-800-234-9473 for eligibility requirements and an application.

For questions, please contact the Office of Consumer Services at 202-626-5120.

X. DC Housing Program Contact Information

Agency Name	Point of Contact	Phone	Email Address	Website
Department of Housing Community Development (DHCD)	Gene Bulmash	202-442-7168	Gene.Bulmash@dc.gov	https://dhcd.dc.gov/service/inclusionary-zoning-iz-affordable-housing-program
Housing Counseling Services	Oscar Bermudez Program Director-Training Department	202-667-7006	oscarbermudez@housingetc.org	https://housingetc.org
Virginia Williams Family Resource Department of Human Services	Kia Williams Program Manager	202-526-0017	Kia.Williams@dc.gov	https://dhs.dc.gov/page/permanent-supportive-housing-individuals-and-families-project-based-tenant-local-veterans
Manna	Thomas Canvass	202-559-2792	TCanvass@mannadc.org	https://www.mannahomes.org/multifamily-preservation
Mi Casa	Elin Zurbrigg Deputy Director	202-722-7423 X 102	Elin@micasa-inc.org	http://micasa-inc.org/