Apply to as many affordable housing properties as you can. Be persistent and informed, and advocate for more affordable housing and tenant protections in your community!

**STEPS TO FIND AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

**Step 1. Learn about different kinds of affordable housing**

**NON-PROFIT HOUSING**
Non-profit affordable housing developments offer well-designed and professionally-managed homes with eligibility requirements. Call the organizations in this brochure or visit their websites.

**SECTION 8**
This federally-funded program helps close the gap between rent and your income. It’s difficult to obtain a Section 8 voucher; contact your public housing authority to get on the waitlist.

**PUBLIC HOUSING**
Public housing has certain income and residency restrictions. Contact your local public housing authority.

**AFFORDABLE HOMEOWNERSHIP**
When buying a home, contact your city’s housing department and homebuyer assistance programs. Struggling with mortgage payments? See the foreclosure counseling resources listed.

**Step 2. Get your finances and credit ready**

**CREDIT CHECK**
Obtain your credit report and be prepared to tell prospective landlords about any problems and how you’re addressing them. They may accept a poor credit history with good references and proof of employment, a higher security deposit, or a co-signer. For help, contact a credit-counseling agency.

**INCOME AND BUDGETING**
Your housing costs should equal no more than one-third of your income. Some agencies can help you create a financial plan so you can afford rent/mortgage as well as a rent deposit, transportation, childcare, health care and other expenses.

**Step 3. Check to see if your income qualifies**

Affordable housing is for people with lower incomes. Find out if you qualify by contacting a specific property or non-profit developer. If you have a Section 8 Voucher, ask if the property will accept it.

**Step 4. Identify your housing needs and preferences**

Think about location and amenities, but also be flexible and consider several cities and types of housing to increase your chances. Non-profit housing often targets specific populations: Seniors, Special Needs, Family and Transitional or Supportive. Housing providers cannot discriminate based on race, ethnicity, gender, national origin or family status. You may face challenges if you’re undocumented or have a criminal record. Housing providers can inform you about your eligibility.

**Step 5. Contact non-profit housing organizations and apply**

Contact many organizations and agencies to increase your chances of finding an affordable home.

- Check the websites of non-profit developers often.
- Use the online search tool OneHomeBayArea.org to find affordable housing openings.
- Get on as many waitlists as you can. When a waitlist opens, call the property. Complete and submit applications by the deadline.
- For properties under construction, ask to be added to the interest list.
- Once you’ve submitted your applications or joined a waitlist, let each property know if you move or change your phone number. Ask about the best way to keep in contact.

It can be difficult to find an affordable home in the East Bay, but knowing your options can help. Call 211 or contact organizations in this brochure for more information.
East Bay Housing Organizations
538 9th Street, Suite 200, Oakland, CA 94607
510-663-3830

EBHO’s Mission
East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) is a membership non-profit organization, founded in 1984, dedicated to working with communities in Alameda and Contra Costa counties to preserve, protect and expand affordable housing opportunities through education, advocacy, organizing, and coalition building.

EBHO appreciates its funding partners

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NON-PROFIT DEVELOPERS & SERVICE PROVIDERS

Non-Profit Housing Developers
Non-profit organizations that develop, own and manage affordable housing in the East Bay.

Allied Housing
(510) 657-7409
abodeservices.org

Bay Area Community Land Trust
(510) 545-3258 • bayareaclt.org

Beacon Communities
(925) 924-7100 • abhow.com

BRIDGE Housing
(415) 989-1111
bridgehousing.com

Christian Church Homes (CCH)
(510) 632-6712 • cchn.org

Community Housing Development Corp. (CHDC)
(510) 412-9290 • chdcr.org

EAH Housing
(415) 258-1800 • eahhousing.org

East Bay Asian Local Development Corp. (EBALDC)
(510) 287-5353 • ebaldc.org

Eden Housing
(510) 582-1460
edenhousing.org

Episcopal Senior Communities
(925) 956-7400 • jtm-esc.org

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley
(510) 251-6304 • habitatbsv.org

Housing Consortium of the East Bay
(510) 832-1382 • hceb.org

Mercy Housing California
(415) 355-7100
mercyhousing.org

MidPen Housing
(650) 356-2900
midpen-housing.org

Northern California Land Trust
(510) 548-7878 • nclt.org

Resources for Community Development (RCD)
(510) 841-4410
RCDhousing.org

Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services Inc.
(510) 237-6459
RichmondNHS.org

Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA)
(510) 647-0700 • sahahomes.org

One Home provides up-to-date affordable housing listings in the Bay Area. Learn more about affordable housing opportunities at onehomebayarea.org.

Housing Support Services/Service Providers
Community-based organizations that provide transitional and supportive housing, mental and physical health services, and other support services.

Abode Services
Office: (510) 657-7409
Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter:
(510) 252-0910 • abodeservices.org

Alameda Point Collaborative
677 West Ranger Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 898-7800 • apcollaborative.org

Anka Behavioral Health, Inc.
1850 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 900
Concord, California 94520
(925) 825-4700 • ankabhi.org

Bay Area Community Services (BACS)
629 Oakland Ave.
Oakland, CA 94611
(510) 613-0330 • bayareacs.org

Berkeley Food and Housing Project
1901 Fairview St.
Berkeley, CA 94703
(510) 649-4965
Shelter reservation phone line:
(866) 960-2132

Bonita House, Inc.
1410 Bonita Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94709
(510) 923-1099
Homeless Outreach and Stabilization Team:
(510) 809-1780
bonitahouse.org

Building Futures with Women and Children
1395 Bancroft Ave.
San Leandro, CA 94577
(510) 357-0205
Crisis Line: (866) 292-9688
bfwc.org

Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (BOSS)
Multi-Agency Service Center
1930 Center St., Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 843-3700
South County Homeless Project
(510) 732-5956
Admin. Office: (510) 649-1930
self-sufficiency.org

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing
399 Taylor Blvd., Ste. 115
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
(925) 944-2244 • ccinterfaithhousing.org

Davis Street Family Resource Center
3081 Teagarden St.
San Leandro, CA 94577
(510) 347-4620 • davistreet.org

East Bay Community Recovery Project
2577 San Pablo Ave, Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 446-7100 • ebcrp.org

East Oakland Community Project
7515 International Blvd.
Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 532-3211 • eocp.net

First Place for Youth
426 17th St., Ste. 100
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 272-0979 • fi rstplaceforyouth.org

Housing Consortium of the East Bay
410 7th St., Ste. 203, Oakland, CA 94607
(510) 832-1382 • hceb.org

Lutheran Social Services
(925) 825-1060 • lssnorcal.org

Rubicon Programs
101 Broadway St., Richmond, CA 94804
(510) 412-1725 • rubiconprograms.org

SHELTER, Inc.
1333 Willow Pass Rd., Ste. 206
Concord, CA 94520
(925) 338-1038 • shelterinc.org
AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCES

Housing, Shelter & Emergency Resources and Referrals
Temporary and emergency housing assistance. For general referrals, services and assistance, call 211.

Bay Area Community Services (BACS) (510) 613-0330 • bayareacs.org
Bay Area Rescue Mission (510) 215-4555 • bayarearescue.org
Catholic Charities of the East Bay (510) 768-3100 • cceb.org
Center for Independent Living (510) 841-4776 • thecl.org
Contra Costa Crisis Center/Contra Costa 211 211 or (800) 833-2900 crisis-center.org • 211database.org
East Oakland Community Project (510) 532-3211 • eocp.net
Eden Information & Referral/211 Alameda County 211 or (888) 886-9660 for non-local calls edenir.org

Public Housing Authorities
Management of affordable housing and administration of Section 8 programs.

City of Alameda (510) 747-4300 alamedahsg.org
Berkeley (510) 981-5470 ci.berkeley.ca.us/BHA
Livermore (925) 447-3600 livermoreHA.org
Oakland (510) 874-1500 oakha.org
Richmond (510) 621-1300 ci.richmond.ca.us/rha
Pittsburg (925) 252-4830 ci.pittsburg.ca.us/index.aspx?page=150
Alameda County (510) 538-8876 haca.net
Contra Costa County (925) 957-8000 contracostahousing.org

Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO) (510) 581-3223 • fescofamilyshelter.org
Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP) (510) 233-2141 • gricommunity.org
HOUSING CHOICES for Alameda County (510) 536-7233 • achousingchoices.org
A Safe Place Domestic Violence Services (510) 536-7233 • asafeplacedvs.org
SAVE (domestic violence) 24-hour Crisis Hotline: (510) 794-6055 save-dv.org
Tenancy Hotline: (888) 215-5555 standffov.org

Legal, Financial and Housing Rights Services
Information and support on eviction, discrimination and other legal and financial issues.

Bay Area Legal Aid Alameda Co: (510) 663-4744 Contra Costa: (510) 233-9954 Legal Advice: (800) 551-5554 baylegal.org
Centro de Servicios (510) 489-4100 centrodesevicios.org
Centro Legal de la Raza (510) 437-1554 centrolegal.org
Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) (510) 881-5743 crilhayward.org

Foreclosure and Housing Counseling Resources
Additional counseling and legal and financial guidance related to foreclosure and tenancy.

Asian, Inc. (415) 928-5910 • asianinc.org
Causa Justa :: Just Cause (510) 763-5877 cjc.org
Community Housing Development Corp. (CHDC) (510) 412-9290 • chdcnr.com
ECHO Housing Assistance Ctr. (855) ASK-ECHO echofairhousing.org
Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HERA) (510) 271-8443 ext. 300 heraca.org
Lao Family Community Development, Inc. (510) 533-8850 • lfcd.org
Oakland Housing Assistance Ctr. 250 Frank Ogawa Pl., Ste. 5313 Oakland, CA 94602 (510) 238-6182 www2.oaklandnet.com/Government/o/hcd/index.htm
Pacific Community Services (925) 439-1056
Tenants Together Tenants’ Rights Hotline: (888) 495-8020 Office: (415) 495-8100 tenantsTogether.org
Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center (925) 373-3130 • tvhoc.org
The Unity Council (510) 535-6900 unitycouncil.org

Foreclosure Prevention Hotlines:
Homeownership Preservation Foundation (888) 995-HOPE (4673) • 995hope.org
Keep Your Home California (888) 954-KEEP (5337) • keepyourhomecalifornia.org

Dial 211 for information about housing and human services 24/7.