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EAST BAY HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS

Affordable Housing Resources
How to Find Affordable Housing

Finding an affordable home can be challenging, but the tips below can help. Call 211 or contact organizations in this brochure for more information.

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

**Non-Profit Housing**
Non-profit affordable housing developments offer well-designed and professionally-managed homes. Tenants are carefully screened and eligibility requirements may vary. Find out more by calling and visiting non-profit developer websites.

**Section 8** *(Housing Choice Voucher Program)*
This federally-funded program helps close the gap between rent and your income. It’s difficult to obtain a Section 8 voucher, but contact your local public housing authority to get on the waiting list.

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

**Affordable Homeownership**
If you’re thinking about buying a home, contact your city’s housing department and the organizations that provide homebuyer assistance programs. If you’re struggling with mortgage payments, see the foreclosure counseling resources in this brochure.

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

**Credit Check**
Obtain your credit report early. Be prepared to tell prospective landlords about any problems and the steps you’ve taken to address them. Some landlords may accept a poor credit history if you have good references and can offer proof of employment, a higher security deposit, or a co-signer. If you need help, contact a credit-counseling agency.

**Income and Budgeting**
Ideally, your housing costs should be no more than one-third of your income. Some agencies can help you create a financial plan so you can afford transportation, childcare, health care and other expenses as well as rent or mortgage payments.

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

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

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

Identify the location and amenities you prefer, but be flexible. Consider several cities and housing types to increase your chances of finding a home. Non-profit housing is often targeted to certain populations: Seniors, Special Needs, Family and Transitional or Supportive. Housing providers cannot discriminate based on race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, family status, or other protected classes. If you’re undocumented or have a criminal record, you may encounter challenges in qualifying. The housing organizations listed here can inform you about your options.

**Step 5: Contact non-profit developers and housing authorities and apply**

There’s no single source of information about affordable housing. Contact many organizations and agencies in your search; you may discover some great places and increase your chances of finding an affordable home.

- Check the websites of non-profit developers often.
- 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 applications or joined a waitlist, let each property know if you move or change your phone number. In order to remain on a waitlist, you must be in regular contact with the site manager of each property. Ask about the best way to keep in contact.

Apply to as many affordable housing properties as you can. Be persistent and informed, and advocate for more affordable housing in your community!
Non-Profit Developers & Service Providers

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

Allied Housing
(510) 657-7409
www.abodeservices.org

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

Beacon Communities
(925) 924-7100
www.beaconcommunities.org

BRIDGE Housing
(415) 989-1111
www.bridgehousing.com

Christian Church Homes (CCH)
(510) 632-6712
www.cchnc.org

Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC)
(510) 412-9290
www.chdcnr.org

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

East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC)
(510) 287-5353
www.ebaldc.org

Eden Housing
(510) 582-1460
www.edenhousing.org

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

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

Housing Consortium of the East Bay
(510) 832-1315
www.hceb.org

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

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

Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of the East Bay
(510) 237-6459
www.eastbaynhs.org

Northern California Land Trust
(510) 548-7878
www.nlct.org

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

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

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

Abode Services
(510) 252-0910
www.abodeservices.org

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

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

Bay Area Community Services (BACS)
2362 Bancroft Way
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 649-4965
(866) 960-2132 (Shelter reservation phone line)
www.bayareacs.org

Berkeley Food and Housing Project
2362 Bancroft Way
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 649-4965
(866) 960-2132 (Shelter reservation phone line)
www.bfhp.org

Bonita House, Inc.
1410 Bonita Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94709
(510) 809-1780
www.bonitahouse.org

Building Futures with Women and Children
1395 Bancroft Ave.
San Leandro, CA 94577
(510) 357-0205
www.bfwc.org

Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (BOSS)
Offices: 2065 Kittredge St., Ste. E
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 649-1930
Drop-in: 1931 Center St.
Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 843-3700
www.self-sufficiency.org

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing
3164 Putnam Blvd., Ste. C
Walnut Creek, CA 94597
(925) 944-2244
www.ccinterfaithhousing.org

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

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

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

First Place for Youth
426 17th St., Ste. 400
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 272-0979
www.firstplaceforyouth.org

Housing Consortium of the East Bay
1440 Broadway, Suite 700
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 832-1315
www.hceb.org

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

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

SHELTER, Inc. of Contra Costa County
1815 Arnold Dr.
Martinez, CA 94553
(925) 335-0698
www.shelterincofccc.org

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## Affordable Housing Resources

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

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<td>East Bay Community</td>
<td>(510) 548-4040 or <a href="http://www.ebclc.org">www.ebclc.org</a></td>
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<td>Eviction Defense Center</td>
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<td>Money Management International</td>
<td>(888) 845-5669 or <a href="http://www.moneymanagement.org">www.moneymanagement.org</a></td>
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### Housing, Shelter and Emergency Resources and Referrals
Temporary and emergency housing assistance. For general referrals, services and assistance for Alameda County, call 211.

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<td>Bay Area Rescue Mission</td>
<td>(510) 215-4555 or <a href="http://www.bayarearescue.org">www.bayarearescue.org</a></td>
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<td>Catholic Charities of the East Bay</td>
<td>(510) 768-3100 or <a href="http://www.ccee.org">www.ccee.org</a></td>
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<td>Center for Independent Living</td>
<td>(510) 841-4776 or <a href="http://www.cclberkeley.org">www.cclberkeley.org</a></td>
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<td>Contra Costa Crisis Center/Contra Costa 211</td>
<td>211 or (800) 830-5380 or <a href="http://www.cccrisis-center.org">www.cccrisis-center.org</a></td>
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<td>East Oakland Community Project</td>
<td>(510) 532-3211 or <a href="http://www.eocp.net">www.eocp.net</a></td>
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<td>Eden Information &amp; Referral/211 Alameda County</td>
<td>211 or <a href="http://www.edenir.org">www.edenir.org</a></td>
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<td>Housing CHOICES for Alameda County</td>
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<td>A Safe Place Domestic Violence Services</td>
<td>(510) 536-7233 or <a href="http://www.asafeplacedvs.org">www.asafeplacedvs.org</a></td>
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<td>SAVE (domestic violence)</td>
<td>(510) 794-6055 or save-dv.org</td>
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<td>The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County</td>
<td>(510) 638-7600 or <a href="http://www.svdp-alameda.org">www.svdp-alameda.org</a></td>
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<td>STAND! For Families Free of Violence</td>
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<td>Causa Justa :: Just Cause</td>
<td>(510) 763-5877 or cjjc.org</td>
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<td>Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC)</td>
<td>(510) 412-9290 or <a href="http://www.chdcnr.com">www.chdcnr.com</a></td>
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<td>ECHO Housing Assistance Center</td>
<td>General 1-855-ASK-ECHO or 447-3600 or <a href="http://www.echofairhousing.org">www.echofairhousing.org</a></td>
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<td>Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HERA)</td>
<td>(510) 271-8443 or ext. 300 heraca.org</td>
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<td>Lao Family Community Development, Inc.</td>
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### Foreclosure and Housing Counseling Resources
Additional counseling and legal and financial guidance related to foreclosure and tenancy.

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<td>Oakland Housing Assistance Center</td>
<td>(510) 238-6182 or <a href="http://www.995hope.org">www.995hope.org</a></td>
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<td>Pacific Community Services</td>
<td>(925) 439-1056 or pcsi.org</td>
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<td>Tenants Together</td>
<td>General (415) 495-8100 or tenantsstogether.org</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center</td>
<td>(925) 373-3130 or <a href="http://www.tvhc.org">www.tvhc.org</a></td>
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<td>The Unity Council</td>
<td>(510) 535-6900 or <a href="http://www.unitycouncil.org">www.unitycouncil.org</a></td>
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### Public Housing Authorities
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<td>Berkeley</td>
<td>(510) 981-5470 or <a href="http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/BHA">www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/BHA</a></td>
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<td>Livermore</td>
<td>(925) 447-3600 or livermorehousingauthority.com</td>
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<td>Oakland</td>
<td>(510) 874-1500 or <a href="http://www.oakha.org">www.oakha.org</a></td>
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<td>Richmond</td>
<td>(925) 252-4060 or livermorehousingauthority.com</td>
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<td>Alameda County</td>
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<td>Contra Costa County West</td>
<td>(925) 473-1554 or <a href="http://www.centrolegal.org">www.centrolegal.org</a></td>
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<td>Community Resources for Independent Living</td>
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### Foreclosure Prevention:
Homeownership Preservation Foundation (888) 995-100 (4673) makinghomeaffordable.gov www.995hope.org
Keep Your Home California (888) 954-KEEP (5337) keepyourhometensive.org

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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, and coalition building.

EBHO appreciates its funding partners.