Steps To Find Affordable Housing

It can be difficult to find an affordable home, but knowing your options will increase your chances. Contact the organizations in this brochure or call 211 for guidance and referrals.

1. Learn about different kinds of affordable housing

   - **Non-Profit Housing**
     Non-profit affordable housing developments offer well-designed and professionally-managed homes with restricted rents and varying eligibility requirements. Call the organizations in this brochure and visit their websites.

   - **Section 8**
     The Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) closes the gap between rent and your income. Contact your local public housing authority for guidance.

   - **Affordable Homeownership and Other Options**
     Contact the organizations in this brochure about homebuyer assistance and education programs. Consider Community Land Trusts and co-housing as options. Struggling with mortgage payments? See the financial and foreclosure counseling resources.

2. Get your finances and credit ready

   - **Credit Check**
     Obtain your credit report early, and be prepared to tell prospective landlords about any problems and the steps you’ve taken to address them. They may accept a low credit rating with good references, 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 consume no more than one-third of your income. Contact the agencies in this brochure for help creating a financial and savings plan so you can afford transportation, childcare, health care and other expenses along with rent or mortgage.

3. Check to see if your income qualifies

   - **Affordable Housing by inquiring with a specific property or non-profit developer.**
   - **If you have a Section 8 voucher, ask if the property will accept it, or contact your Housing Authority for a list of landlords that will.**

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 seniors, special needs, family or transitional/supportive populations. You may have trouble qualifying if you are undocumented or if you have a certain type of criminal record. Most strive to serve undocumented and formerly incarcerated people when possible.

5. Contact non-profit housing organizations and apply

   - Check the websites of non-profit developers often or call to get current information and applications. Follow directions to ensure success.
   - Search through 211, achousingchoices.org, and OneHomeBayArea.org.
   - For properties with openings, visit the website or call to request an application or to be added to the waitlist. Complete and submit applications by the deadline. Be prepared to provide financial and family information and your housing history to determine eligibility.
   - For properties under construction, ask to be added to the interest/marketing list.
   - Once you’ve submitted applications or joined waitlists, let each one know if you move or change your phone number. Ask for 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! Best of luck in your housing search.
East Bay Housing Organizations
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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.

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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/Abode Services (510) 657-7409 abodeservices.org
- Bay Area Community Land Trust (510) 545-3258 bayareaclt.org
- BRIDGE Housing (415) 989-1111 bridgehousing.com
- Christian Church Homes (CCH) (510) 632-6712 cchnic.org
- Community Housing Development Corp. (CHDC) (510) 412-9290 chdcnr.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 covia.org
- Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley (510) 251-6304 habitatbsv.org

Housing Consortium of the East Bay (510) 832-1382 hceb.org
Human Good (925) 924-7100 humangood.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 rcddhousing.org
Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services Inc. (510) 237-6459 richmondnhs.org
Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA) (510) 647-0700 saahomes.org

Housing & Support Services
Community-based organizations providing 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 bayareascs.org
- Bonita House, Inc. 1410 Bonita Ave. Berkeley, CA 94709 Office: (510) 923-1099 Homeless Outreach and Stabilization Team: (510) 809-1780 bonitahouse.org
- Building Futures 1395 Bancroft Ave. San Leandro, CA 94577 (510) 357-0205 Crisis Line: 1-866-292-9688 bwfc.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
- Center for Independent Living 3075 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA 94703 (510) 841-4776 thecil.org
- Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL) (510) 881-5743 crilhayward.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 davisstreet.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 ecpp.net
- First Place for Youth 426 17th St, Ste. 100 Oakland, CA 94612 (510) 272-0979 firstplaceforyouth.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 Issnorcal.org
- Rubicon Programs 101 Broadway St., Richmond, CA 94804 (510) 412-1725 rubiconprograms.org
- St. Mary’s Center 925 Brockhurst Ave. Oakland, CA 94608 (510) 923-9600 stmaryscenter.org

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

Housing, Shelter, Emergency Resources & 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
Berkeley Food and Housing Project
(510) 649-4965 • bfhp.org
Shelter reservation phone line:
(866) 960-2132

Building Futures
Crisis Line: (866) 292-9688 • bfwc.org
Catholic Charities of the East Bay
(510) 768-3100 • cceb.org
Center for Independent Living
(510) 841-4776 • thecil.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

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.pittsburgh.ca.us/index.aspx?page=150

Alameda County
(510) 538-8876
haca.net

Contra Costa County
(925) 957-8000
contracostahousing.org

Legal, Financial, Foreclosure & Tenants Services
Information and support on eviction, discrimination and other legal and financial issues.

Asian, Inc.
(415) 928-5910 • asianinc.org

Bay Area Legal Aid
Alameda Co: (510) 663-4744
Contra Costa: (510) 233-9954
Legal Advice: (800) 551-5554
baylegal.org

Causa Justa :: Just Cause
(510) 763-5877
cjcc.org

Centro de Servicios
(510) 489-4100
centrodesservicios.org

Centro Legal de la Raza
(510) 437-1554
centrolegal.org

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

East Bay Community Law Ctr.
(510) 548-4040 • eblclc.org

ECHO Housing Assistance Ctr.
(855) ASK.ECHO
echofairhousing.org

Eviction Defense Center
350 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Ste. 703
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 452-4941

Family Violence Law Center
Office: (510) 208-0220
Hotline: (800) 947-8301
fvlc.org

Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HERA)
(510) 271-8443 ext. 300
heraca.org

Lao Family Community
Development, Inc.
(510) 533-8850 • lfdc.org

Oakland Housing Support Ctr.
250 Frank Ogawa Pl., Ste. 6301
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 238-6182
www2.oaklandnet.com/
Government/o/hcd/index.htm

Operation HOPE
(510) 535-6700
operationhope.org/oakland

Pacific Community Services
329 Railroad Ave.
Pittsburg, CA 94565
(925) 439-1056

Project Sentinel
39155 Liberty St., Ste. D440
Fremont, CA 94538
English: (800) 855-7100
Español: (800) 855-7200
Housing.org

Tenants Together
Foreclosure Hotline:
(888) 495-8020
General: (415) 495-8100
tenantstoggether.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.