

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.

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.

## TENANTS' RIGHTS AND OTHER HOUSING ASSISTANCE

If you need help with a security deposit, rent payments, emergency housing/shelter, or tenant/landlord issues, contact the "housing, shelter and emergency resources" organizations.

## 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](http://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.



# AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCES

*Together for Housing Justice*



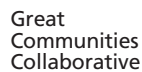
## **East Bay Housing Organizations**

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 • bayareactl.org

### Beacon Communities

(925) 924-7100 • abhow.com

### BRIDGE Housing

(415) 989-1111  
bridgehousing.com

### Christian Church Homes (CCH)

(510) 632-6712 • cchnc.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 • jtm-esc.org

### Habitat for Humanity East Bay/ Silicon Valley

(510) 251-6304 • habitatebsv.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 • saha homes.org

One Home provides up-to-date affordable housing listings in the Bay Area. Learn more about affordable housing opportunities at [onehomebayarea.org](http://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  
bfhp.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 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 • davisstreet.org

### East Bay Community Recovery Project

2577 San Pablo Ave, Oakland, CA 94612  
(510) 446-7100 • ebcrcp.org

### East Oakland Community Project

7515 International Blvd.  
Oakland, CA 94621  
(510) 532-3211 • eoocp.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 • 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 • 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

**Eden Information & Referral/  
211 Alameda County**  
211 or  
(888) 886-9660 for non-local calls  
edenir.org

**Family Emergency Shelter Coalition  
(FESCO)**  
(510) 581-3223 • fescofamilyshelter.org

**Greater Richmond Interfaith Program  
(GRIP)**  
(510) 233-2141 • gripcommunity.org

**Housing CHOICES for Alameda County**  
achousingchoices.org

**A Safe Place Domestic Violence Services**  
(510) 536-7233 • asafeplacedvs.org

**SAVE (domestic violence)**  
24-hour Crisis Hotline: (510) 794-6055  
Empowerment Center: (510) 574-2250  
save-dv.org

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
of Alameda County**  
(510) 638-7600 • svdp-alameda.org

**STAND! For Families Free of Violence**  
Crisis Hotline: (888) 215-5555  
Main Line: (925) 676-2845  
standffov.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

## 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  
centrodeservicios.org

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

**Community Resources for  
Independent Living (CRIL)**  
(510) 881-5743  
crilhayward.org

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

**Eviction Defense Center**  
(510) 452-4541

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

**Money Management  
International**  
(888) 845-5669  
moneymanagement.org

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

## 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  
Tenants Rights Clinic:  
(510) 836-2687 • 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.