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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.



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

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.

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
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.habitatebsv.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.nclt.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.ankabhi.org

Bay Area Community Services (BACS)

1814 Franklin St., 4th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 613-0330
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.davisstreet.org

East Bay Community Recovery Project

2577 San Pablo Ave.
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 446-7100
www.ebcprp.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.lssnocal.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

Affordable Housing Resources

Housing, Shelter and Emergency Resources and Referrals

Temporary and emergency housing assistance. For general referrals, services and assistance for Alameda County, call 211.

Bay Area Community Services (BACS)

(510) 613-0330
www.bayareacs.org

Bay Area Rescue Mission

(510) 215-4555
www.bayarearescue.org

Catholic Charities of the East Bay

(510) 768-3100
www.cceb.org

Center for Independent Living

(510) 841-4776
www.cilberkeley.org

Contra Costa Crisis Center/ Contra Costa 211

211 or (800) 830-5380
www.crisis-center.org
www.211contracosta.org

East Oakland Community Project

(510) 532-3211
www.eocp.net

Eden Information & Referral/ 211 Alameda County

211
www.edenir.org

Family Emergency Shelter Coalition (FESCO)

(510) 581-3223
www.fescfamilyshelter.org

Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP)

(510) 233-2141
www.gripcommunity.org

Housing CHOICES for Alameda County

www.achousingchoices.org

A Safe Place Domestic Violence Services

(510) 536-7233
www.asafeplacedvs.org

SAVE (domestic violence)

24-hour Crisis Hotline:
(510) 794-6055
Community Office:
(510) 574-2250
save-dv.org

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Alameda County

(510) 638-7600
www.svdv-alameda.org

STAND! For Families Free of Violence

Crisis Hotline: (888) 215-5555
Main Line: (925) 676-2845
www.standffov.org

Public Housing Authorities

Housing authorities manage affordable housing and administer Section 8 programs.

City of Alameda

(510) 747-4300
www.alamedahsg.org

Berkeley

(510) 981-5470
www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/BHA

Livermore

(925) 447-3600
livermorehousingauthority.com

Oakland

(510) 874-1500
www.oakha.org

Richmond

(510) 621-1300
www.ci.richmond.ca.us/rha

Pittsburg

(925) 252-4060
www.ci.pittsburg.ca.us/index.aspx?page=150

Alameda County

(510) 538-8876
www.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 County and Contra Costa County West:
(510) 250-5270
Contra Costa County East:
(925) 219-3325
www.baylegal.org

Centro de Servicios

(510) 489-4100

Centro Legal de la Raza

(510) 437-1554
www.centrolegal.org

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL)

(510) 881-5743
www.crilhayward.org

East Bay Community Law Center

(510) 548-4040
www.ebclc.org

Eviction Defense Center

(510) 452-4541

Family Violence Law Center

(510) 208-0220
www.fvlc.org

Money Management International

(888) 845-5669
www.moneymanagement.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

Catholic Charities of the East Bay

(510) 768-3100, cceb.org

Causa Justa :: Just Cause

(510) 763-5877, cjjc.org

Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC)

(510) 412-9290, chdcnr.com

ECHO Housing Assistance Center

General 1-855-ASK-ECHO
(510) 581-9380 Hayward
(510) 496-0496 Oakland
(925) 449-7340 Livermore
www.echofairhousing.org

Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HERA)

(510) 271-8443 ext. 300
heraca.org

Lao Family Community Development, Inc.

(510) 533-8850

Oakland Housing Assistance Center

(510) 238-6182
Drop in at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 6th floor, Oakland

Pacific Community Services

(925) 439-1056, pcsi.org

Tenants Together

Hotline: (888) 495-8020
General: (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:

Homeownership Preservation Foundation

(888) 995-HOPE (4673)
makinghomeaffordable.gov
www.995hope.org

Keep Your Home California

(888) 954-KEEP (5337)
keepyourhomecalifornia.org

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



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, and coalition building.

EBHO appreciates its funding partners.

