

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 listed in this guide 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 listed 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 in this brochure.

Tenants' Rights and Other Housing Assistance

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

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. Some agencies can help you create a financial and savings plan so you can afford transportation, childcare, health care and other expenses along with rent or mortgage payments.

3 Check to see if your income qualifies

Find out if you qualify for 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 certain populations: seniors, special needs, family or transitional/supportive. You may have trouble qualifying if you're undocumented or if you have a certain type of criminal record. Most EBHO members 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 2-1-1, www.achousingchoices.org and www.OneHomeBayArea.org to find openings.
- 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 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.

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



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 member-driven organization working to create, protect, and preserve affordable housing opportunities for low-income communities in the East Bay by educating, advocating, organizing, and building coalitions.

EBHO appreciates its funding partners



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East Bay Housing Organizations

Affordable Housing Resources

Affordable Homes For All

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

BRIDGE Housing

(415) 989-1111
bridgehousing.com

Christian Church Homes (CCH)

(510) 632-6712 • cchnc.org

Community Housing Development Corp. (CHDC)

(510) 412-9290
communityhdc.org

Covia

(925) 956-7400 • covia.org

EAH Housing

(415) 258-1800 • eahhousing.org

East Bay Asian Local Housing Development Corp. (EBALDC)

(510) 287-5353 • ebaldc.org

Eden Housing

(510) 582-1460 • edenhousing.org

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley

(510) 251-6304 • habitatebsv.org

Housing Consortium of the East Bay

(510) 832-1382 • hceb.org

HumanGood

(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

Oakland Community Land Trust

oakclt.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

The Unity Council

(510) 535-6900 • unitycouncil.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

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

Alameda Point Collaborative

(510) 898-7800 • apcollaborative.org

Anka Behavioral Health, Inc.

(925) 825-4700 • ankabhi.org

Asbestos.com

(877) 775-3472 • asbestos.com

Bay Area Community Services (BACS)

(510) 613-0330 • bayareacs.org

Berkeley Food and Housing Project

Office: (510) 649-4965 • bfhp.org
Shelter Reservations: (866) 960-2132

Bonita House, Inc.

Office: (510) 923-1099 • bonitahouse.org
Homeless Outreach and Stabilization Team:
(510) 809-1780

Building Futures with Women and Children

Office: (510) 357-0205 • bfwc.org
Crisis Line: 1-866-292-9688

Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (BOSS)

Administrative Office:
(510) 649-1930 • self-sufficiency.org

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

(925) 944-2244 • ccinterfaithhousing.org

Davis Street Family Resource Center

(510) 347-4620 • davisstreet.org

East Bay Community Recovery Project

(510) 446-7100 • ebcrcp.org

East Oakland Community Project

(510) 532-3211 • eocp.net

First Place for Youth

(510) 272-0979 • firstplaceforyouth.org

Fremont Family Resource Center

(510) 574-2000
fremont.gov/228/Family-Resource-Center

Housing Consortium of the East Bay

(510) 832-1382 • hceb.org

Lutheran Social Services

(925) 825-1060 • lssnorcal.org

Oakland Community Organizations

(510) 436-9039 • oaklandcommunity.org

Operation Hope Oakland

(510) 535-6700 • operationhope.org

Rubicon Programs

Oakland Center: (510) 208-0912
Richmond Center: (510) 412-1725
rubiconprograms.org

SHELTER, Inc.

(925) 335-0698 • shelterinc.org

St. Mary's Center

(510) 923-9600 • stmaryscenter.org

Spectrum Community Services - Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

(510) 881-0300 • spectrumcs.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

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 • gripcares.org

Housing CHOICES for Alameda County

211 • achousingchoices.org

A Safe Place Domestic Violence Services

24 Hour Crisis Line: (510) 536-7233
Office: (510) 986-8600 • asafeplace.org

SAVE (Safe Alternatives to Violent Environments)

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.

Alameda County

(510) 538-8876
haca.net

City of Alameda

(510) 747-4300
alamedahsg.org

Berkeley

(510) 981-5470
cityofberkeley.info/BHA

Contra Costa County

(925) 957-8000
contracostahousing.org

Livermore

(925) 447-3600
livermoreHA.org

Oakland

(510) 874-1500
oakha.org

Pittsburg

(925) 252-4830

Richmond

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

Legal, Financial & Housing Rights Services

Information and support on eviction, discrimination, and other legal and financial issues.

Bay Area Legal Aid

Alameda Co: (510) 663-4755
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
evictiondefensecenteroakland.org

Family Violence Law Center

Office: (510) 208-0220
Hotline: (800) 947-8301
fvlc.org

Money Management International

(866) 531-3442
moneymangement.org

Foreclosure & Housing Counseling Resources

Additional counseling and legal and financial guidance related to foreclosure and tenancy.

Asian, Inc.

(510) 823-2178 • asianinc.org

Causa Justa :: Just Cause

Oakland Office: (510) 763-5877
Tenants Rights Clinic:
(510) TENANTS (510) 836-2687
cjjc.org

Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC)

(510) 412-9290 • chdcnr.com

ECHO Housing Assistance Center

General: 1-855-ASK-ECHO
Hayward Center: (510) 581-9380
Oakland Center: (510) 496-0496
echofairhousing.org

Housing and Economic Rights Advocates (HERA)

(510) 271-8443, x300 • heraca.org

Oakland Housing Assistance Ctr

(510) 238-6182

Pacific Community Services

(925) 439-1056

Project Sentinel

English: (800) 855-7100
Español: (800) 855-7200
housing.org

Tenants Together

Tenant Rights Hotline:
(888) 495-8020
Office: (415) 495-8100
tenantstogether.org

Tri-Valley Housing Opportunity Center

(925) 373-3130 x301

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) 953-3722
keepyourhomecalifornia.org