



**Allegheny Link**

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SERVING THE COMMUNITIES OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCES

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## HOUSING AUTHORITIES IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY

### ALLEGHENY COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY

[WWW.ACHSNG.COM](http://WWW.ACHSNG.COM)

625 Stanwix Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15222

412-355-8940 TTY 412-402-2671

Intake Hours: 8:30AM – 4:00PM Monday – Friday

Application is available online at: <http://www.achsng.com/applyLIPH.asp>

For more information on housing waiting lists and Section 8 waiting lists please visit ACHA's website above.

### HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH

[WWW.HACP.ORG](http://WWW.HACP.ORG)

100 Ross Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412-456-5030 TDD 412-201-5384

Business Hours: 8:00AM – 5:00PM Monday – Friday

Disability Compliance Office 412-456-5282

To apply for housing a pre-application must be submitted. This pre-application is available online at:

[www.hacp.org/housing-options/apply-for-housing](http://www.hacp.org/housing-options/apply-for-housing)

To check your waiting list status via an automated phone system which is available 24/7 call 412-520-3848

### MCKEESPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY

[WWW.MCKHA.ORG](http://WWW.MCKHA.ORG)

2901 Brownlee Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor McKeesport, PA 15132

412-673-6942 TTY 412-673-4711

Office Hours: 8:30AM – 4:30PM Monday - Friday

Applications are available to print online at: <http://www.mckha.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Public-Housing-Application-March-2018.pdf>

For more information on waiting lists and specific properties accepting applications please visit MCKHA's website above.

## SEARCH FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

### PA HOUSING SEARCH [WWW.PAHOUSINGSEARCH.COM](http://WWW.PAHOUSINGSEARCH.COM)

- Select “Find Rental Housing” or “Find Homes for Sale” then Select an area (county or city)
- Narrow down a housing search by using the “Basic,” “Advanced,” or “Accessible” searchable features.
- Review list of affordable, market-rate, age-restricted and accessible rental housing.
- Detailed listings include pictures, maps, eligibility requirements (if applicable), and information about nearby amenities such as hospitals and schools.
- Use helpful tools including an affordability calculator, rental checklist, and information about renters' rights and responsibilities.

*Don't have internet access? Contact the Bilingual Call Center, Mon. through Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m 1-877-428-8844; TTY: 7-1-1.*

### HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) [WWW.HUD.GOV](http://WWW.HUD.GOV)

- Select “Resources” then select “Affordable Apartment Search”
- Enter search criteria, then review list of HUD-funded, privately-owned, subsidized housing.

### OTHER RESOURCES FOR HOUSING OPTIONS

- Classifieds
  - Craig's List <https://pittsburgh.craigslist.org/>
  - Pittsburgh Pennysaver <https://pittsburghpennysaver.com/>
  - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette <http://classmart.post-gazette.com/>
  - Show Me the Rent <https://www.showmetherent.com/>
  - Trulia <https://www.trulia.com/>
  - Zillow <https://www.zillow.com/>



## THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES

- Birth Certificates for All Family Members
- Social Security Cards for All Family Members
- Driver's License or other Photo ID for All Members 18 Years of Age or Older
- Sources of Income and Addresses
- Bank Name and Address (Type of Account: Savings, Checking, or other Account)
- Current and Previous Landlord Names and Addresses

\*Some Management Companies may Require Additional Documents

## POTENTIAL QUESTIONS TO ASK A LANDLORD BEFORE SIGNING A LEASE

- What utilities am I responsible for? What utilities is the landlord paying?
- Where and how do I pay the rent? Do I receive receipts for rent paid?
- Who do I contact if there is a maintenance emergency?
- Appliances: Who is responsible for repairs? Replacement?
- Does the lease extend month-to-month after the fixed term (usually one year) or does it renew?
- What is your guest policy? What your pet policy?

## LEGAL ASSISTANCE REGARDING HOUSING ISSUES

**Neighborhood Legal Services Association (NLSA)** [www.nlsa.us](http://www.nlsa.us)

928 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222

412-255-6700 or 1-866-761-6572

Walk-ins: Monday – Friday 9A – 3P / By Phone: Monday –

Friday 9A – 12P & 1P – 2:30P and Mon & Wed 5P – 8P

Online: Select “Get Legal Help” to complete an assessment

**Fair Housing Partnership** [www.pittsburghfairhousing.org](http://www.pittsburghfairhousing.org)

2840 Liberty Avenue, Suite 205 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

412-391-2535

Monday – Friday 9A – 5P

## WHERE TO FIND FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- **Appliance Warehouse**  
20 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203  
[www.appliancewarehouse.com](http://www.appliancewarehouse.com)  
1-800-557-0003 or 412-381-8800 · Monday – Saturday 9A – 5P  
Email: [info@appliancewarehouse.com](mailto:info@appliancewarehouse.com)
- **The Blessing Board**  
140 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139  
820 Market Street, McKeesport, PA 15132  
[www.blessingboard.org](http://www.blessingboard.org)  
412-828-1055      Email: [info@theblessingboard.org](mailto:info@theblessingboard.org)  
Call for appointment
- **Construction Junction**  
214 N. Lexington Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15208  
[www.constructionjunction.org](http://www.constructionjunction.org)  
412-243-5025 · Monday – Friday 9A – 6P, Saturday 9A – 5P, Sunday 10A – 5P
- **East End Community Thrift Shop (“Thrifty”)**  
5123 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224  
[www.thomasmertoncenter.org/thrifty](http://www.thomasmertoncenter.org/thrifty)  
412-361-6010 · Tuesday – Friday 10A – 4P, Saturday 12P – 4P
- **Free Store 15104, Wilkinsburg, Penn Hills**  
420 Braddock Avenue, Braddock, PA 15104  
· Tuesday & Thursday 11A – 1P, Saturday 10A - 12P  
619 Penn Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221  
· Saturday 11A – 2P  
7300 Ridgeview Avenue, Penn Hills, PA 15235  
· Monday & Saturday 10A – 1P  
[www.freestore15104.org](http://www.freestore15104.org)      Email: [freestore15104@gmail.com](mailto:freestore15104@gmail.com)  
[www.freestorewilkinsburg.org](http://www.freestorewilkinsburg.org)      Email: [freestorewilkinsburg@gmail.com](mailto:freestorewilkinsburg@gmail.com)  
412-436-9839  
[www.freestorepennhills.com](http://www.freestorepennhills.com)      Email: [freestorepennhills@gmail.com](mailto:freestorepennhills@gmail.com)  
412-536-6892
- **Goodwill Thrift Stores**  
Banksville 412-942-0090  
Dormont 412-942-0090  
Hill District 412-924-0070  
Cheswick 724- 274-5883  
[www.goodwillswpa.org/goodwill-stores](http://www.goodwillswpa.org/goodwill-stores) (see website for more locations)  
Lawrenceville 412-696-0205      South Side 412-481-5390  
Monroeville 412-856-9840      Whitehall 412-885-5151  
North Hills 412-635-9612      \*ComputerWorks Store in Lawrenceville  
North Side 412-322-5666      [www.goodwillswpa.org/computer-store](http://www.goodwillswpa.org/computer-store) 412-696-0092
- **Off the Floor Pittsburgh**  
[www.offthefloorpgh.org](http://www.offthefloorpgh.org)

901 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233

412-926-5053

Email: [info@offthefloor.org](mailto:info@offthefloor.org)

*\*Off the Floor Pittsburgh does not accept direct referrals from individuals in need. If you are in need of furniture assistance, please reach out the any agencies you are working with to inquire if they are a Referral Partner or call 2-1-1. The Allegheny Link is not a referral partner with this agency.*

- **The Salvation Army Family Thrift Store**

855 E Carson Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203

[www.wpa.salvationarmy.org](http://www.wpa.salvationarmy.org)

412-481-7900 · Monday – Saturday 9A – 6P

- **St. Vincent DePaul Society**

[www.svdppitt.org](http://www.svdppitt.org)

Coraopolis 412-264-2378 · 415 Chess Street, Coraopolis, PA 15108

Monday – Friday 9A – 8P

Penn Hills 412- 247-3201 · 10736 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Monroeville 724-733-8585 · 1730 Golden Mile Highway, Monroeville, PA 15146

Castle Shannon 412-882-8519 · 3423 Library Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234

Swissvale 412-871-3793 · 7402 Church Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15218

Sharpsburg 412-781-2020 · 900 Main Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15215

Monday – Friday 9A – 6P

- **Online Resources**

[www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com) [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org)

## GENERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AGENCIES

- Catholic Charities (must apply online) 412-456-6999 [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org) Select “Do you need help?”
- Salvation Army 412-446-1500 [www.wpa.salvationarmy.org](http://www.wpa.salvationarmy.org) Select “Ways we Help”
- Pittsburgh Presbytery Lazarus Fund 412-697-7390 [www.pghpresbytery.org](http://www.pghpresbytery.org) Select “Forms and Resources”
- North Hills Community Outreach (North Hills Residents Only) 412-487-6316 (Main) [www.nhco.org](http://www.nhco.org)  
NHCO Millvale 412-408-3830  
NHCO North Boroughs 412-307-0069  
*Contact the office closest to you for assistance*

- Allegheny Valley Association of Churches (Allegheny Valley Area Only) 724-226-0606 x 10 [www.avaoc.org](http://www.avaoc.org)  
Email: [avac@avaoc.org](mailto:avac@avaoc.org)
- PA Department of Human Services (Formerly Department of Public Welfare) Emergency Assistance Fund 412-565-2146  
Must currently receive assistance from PA DHS (DPW) Examples: SNAP, Medical Assistance, TANF, etc. *If you are in need of DPW Benefits, please apply at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us) or visit your local PA Department of Human Services (Formerly DPW) Office*

## UTILITY COMPANY INFORMATION

Most utility companies have Customer Assistance (CAP) or Customer Assistance Referral and Evaluation Services (CARES) programs that will assist low-income or otherwise needy households with either temporary or long term reduction in budget payments. Contact your utility company for information:

Peoples Natural Gas: 1-800-400-WARM (9276)  
 Duquesne Light Company: 1-888-393-7600  
 Columbia: 1-800-537-7431  
 Peoples TWP: 1-800-222-5101  
 First Energy: West Penn Power 1-888-686-0021  
                   Penn Power 1-800-720-3600  
                   Met-Ed/Penelec 1-800-545-7741

### Dollar Energy Fund

[www.dollarenergy.org](http://www.dollarenergy.org) 412-431-2800 or 1-800-683-7036

The Dollar Energy Fund provides cash assistance to utility customers to help them pay their utility bills. Hardship funds provide assistance grants to customers who “fall through the cracks” of other financial assistance programs, or to those who still have a critical need for assistance after other resources have been exhausted. The fund makes payments directly to companies on behalf of eligible customers.

### Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/heatingassistanceliheap/> 412-562-0330 or 1-866-857-7095

Income-eligible households can apply for an energy assistance grants. The program is based on income and number in a household. LIHEAP Provides cash assistance to help utility customers pay residential energy bills. The program normally opens around November each year.

Apply online at: [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us) or request an application by calling the Statewide LIHEAP Hotline 1-866-857-7095 or TDD 1-800-451-5886. Applications are also available at your local county assistance offices.