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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 waiting lists please visit ACHA's website above.

### HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH

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

200 Ross Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15219

412-456-5000 TTY 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)

For more information on waiting lists please visit HACP's website above.

### 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 online at: <http://www.mckha.org/applications.htm>

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”, “Advance,” or “Accessible” searchable features.
- Review list of affordable, market-rate, age-restricted and accessible rental housing.
  - Quick link for All Listing in Allegheny County for Income Based or Sliding Scale Rent  
[http://www.socialserve.com/dbh/SearchHousingSubmit.html?ch=PA&type=rental&region\\_id=33031&sliding\\_scale=t](http://www.socialserve.com/dbh/SearchHousingSubmit.html?ch=PA&type=rental&region_id=33031&sliding_scale=t)
- 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; TTD/TTY: 7-1-1.*

### HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

[HTTP://WWW.HUD.GOV/APPS/SECTION8/STEP2.CFM?STATE=PA,%20PENNSYLVANIA%20](http://WWW.HUD.GOV/APPS/SECTION8/STEP2.CFM?STATE=PA,%20PENNSYLVANIA%20)

- 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 City Paper <http://pennsylvania.pittsburghcitypaper.ws/online/classifieds/index>
  - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette <http://classmart.post-gazette.com/>

# RENTAL TRACKING SHEET

Date of Contact	Contact Information of Property Manager or Landlord	Address Of Rental Unit	Rent Amount	Deposit	Utility Costs	Date Unit Available	Actions Taken:

It is extremely important to keep a record of the properties to which you apply. You can then update the properties if any of your information changes such as your phone number, mailing address, income info, household make-up, etc.

## 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?

## 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 -11:30A & 1P – 2:30P

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

2840 Liberty Avenue, Suite 205 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

412-391-2535

## WHERE TO FIND FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Appliance Warehouse  
523 Bingham Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203  
[www.appliancewarehouse.com](http://www.appliancewarehouse.com)  
1-800-557-0003 or 412-381-8800
- The Blessing Board  
140 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15139  
[www.blessingboard.org](http://www.blessingboard.org)  
412-828-1055      Email: [info@theblessingboard.org](mailto:info@theblessingboard.org)
- Construction Junction  
214 N. Lexington Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15208  
[www.constructionjunction.org](http://www.constructionjunction.org)  
412-243-5025
- East End Community Thrift Shop (“Thrifty”)  
5123 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224  
[www.thomasmertoncenter.org/thrifty](http://www.thomasmertoncenter.org/thrifty)  
412-361-6010
- Free Store 15104 & Wilkinsburg  
420 Braddock Avenue, Braddock, PA 15104  
619 Penn Avenue, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221  
[www.freestore15104.org](http://www.freestore15104.org) and [www.freestorewilkinsburg.org](http://www.freestorewilkinsburg.org)  
201-532-1722      Email: [freestore15104@gmail.com](mailto:freestore15104@gmail.com)  
Email: [freestorewilkinsburg@gmail.com](mailto:freestorewilkinsburg@gmail.com)
- Goodwill Thrift Stores  
Dormont 412-942-0090  
Hill District 412-924-0070  
Cheswick 724- 274-5883  
Monroeville 412-856-9840  
[www.goodwillswpa.org/goodwill-stores](http://www.goodwillswpa.org/goodwill-stores)  
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)  
South Side 412-481-5390      412-696-0092  
Whitehall 412-885-5151
- Off the Floor Pittsburgh  
[www.offthefloorpgh.org](http://www.offthefloorpgh.org)  
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 an individual in need of furniture assistance, please reach out the any agencies you are working with to inquire if they are a Referral Partner. 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

- St. Vincent DePaul Society [www.svdppitt.org](http://www.svdppitt.org)  
 Coraopolis 412-264-2378 · 415 Chess Street, Coraopolis, PA 15108  
 Penn Hills 412- 247-4157 · 10736 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235  
 Monroeville 724-733-8585 · 1730 Golden Mile Highway, Monroeville, PA 15146  
 Sharpsburg 412-781-2020 · 900 Main Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15215  
 Castle Shannon 412-882-8519 · 3423 Library Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15234
- 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) [www.ccpgh.org/page.aspx?pid=450](http://www.ccpgh.org/page.aspx?pid=450)
- Salvation Army 412-446-1500 [www.wpa.salvationarmy.org](http://www.wpa.salvationarmy.org)
- Pittsburgh Presbytery Lazarus Fund 412-697-7390 [www.pghpresbytery.org](http://www.pghpresbytery.org)
- 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)
- 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 1-888-282-6816

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 \$1 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.