NYC Housing Resources

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*Note: This Benefit Tool is not designed for print. Housing resources are listed as hyperlinked websites.*

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**AFFORDABLE HOUSING: GOVERNMENT WEBSITES**

Open Doors: Resources for New Yorkers Facing Housing Instability, by New York City Department of Social Services (DSS)

Guide with resources for New Yorkers looking for housing, such as rental assistance. It explains what Source of Income Discrimination is and how DSS can help. It also provides guidance on navigating the apartment search process.

NYC Housing Resource Portal
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/housingportal/index.page

Combines housing resources from different city agencies in a single site for New Yorkers who are searching for NYC housing and/or housing resources.

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**NOTE**

When determining a household’s eligibility, the affordable housing resources/programs listed below compare the household’s income to a percentage of Area Median Income (AMI). The AMI takes into account the varying costs of living and income levels within a specific city, town or county.

NYC’s 2022 AMIs can be found at https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/area-median-income.page.

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New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)
https://selfserve.nycha.info/nycha/app/eservice/enu?SWECmd=GotoView&SWEView=NYCHA+OUI+Notice+Instruction+View

Online application for Public Housing with NYCHA.

NYC Housing Connect
https://housingconnect.nyc.gov/PublicWeb/

Both the NYC Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) and NYC Housing Development Corporation (HDC) offer affordable housing options for low and middle-income rentals through a lottery system. NYC housing lotteries are funneled through NYC Housing Connect, an online portal for applying.

NYC Housing Development Corporation (HDC)
http://www.nychdc.com/pages/Now-Renting.html

A complete listing of HDC-financed developments currently accepting applications for available apartments, some of which may not available via NYC Housing Connect.
NYC Housing Preservation & Development (HPD)

- HPD Housing Ambassadors
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/housing-ambassadors.page
  Community-based service providers in New York City that have partnered with HPD to help people prepare and apply for Housing Connect affordable housing lotteries.

- Section 8 Project-Based Voucher (PBV) Developments
  A listing of developments with units receiving HPD PBV subsidy, developments under construction that have entered into an agreement for future units to receive HPD PBV subsidy, and projects that have been conditionally selected to receive PBV subsidy in the future. Eligibility requirements for each development and the development’s contact information are included in this listing. To apply for HPD PBV assistance, contact the development directly.

  📘 NOTE
  PBV subsidies are attached to a designated unit and tenants typically pay 30% of their income towards rent.

- Apartment Hunting Tips
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/apartment-hunting-tips.page
  HPD apartment hunting tips for individuals searching for housing in NYC.

NYS Housing and Community Renewal (HCR)

- Search Tool to Find Affordable Housing
  http://www.nyhousingsearch.gov/
  Affordable, accessible apartments to rent in NYS, as well as links to housing resources and tools for renters, such as an affordability calculator, rental checklist, and information about renter rights.

- HCR’s Housing Finance Agency (HFA) Developments
  Affordable housing developments financed by NYS HCR’s HFA that are currently holding lotteries or accepting rental applications for vacancies or waiting lists throughout New York State.
  To apply for an affordable unit in an HFA-financed building, contact the building owner or managing agent to find out about eligibility requirements, the availability of units, and to obtain an application.
• Lotteries or Accepting Applications  
  https://hcr.ny.gov/lotteries

• Vacancies or Waiting Lists  
  https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/06/referral-list-for-renters-hfa.pdf

- HCR’s Rental Housing Website for Tenants  
  https://hcr.ny.gov/tenants

  Information and programs for low-income renters, Rent Stabilized tenants, and those in search of an affordable apartment.

**Mitchell-Lama Housing Program**

Affordable rental and cooperative housing for moderate- and middle-income families. Both New York City and New York State supervised Mitchell-Lama developments are available.

- NYS-Supervised Developments:  
  https://hcr.ny.gov/mitchell-lama-applicant-information

  o To view admissions waiting lists showing positions of active applications of NYS-Supervised Developments, visit:  
  https://hcr.ny.gov/mitchell-lama-automated-waiting-list-apps-awl

- NYC-Supervised Developments:  
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/mitchell-lama-program.page

  o NYC Mitchell-Lama Connect  
  https://a806-housingconnect.nyc.gov/nyclottery/lottery.html#ml-home

  NYC-supervised developments make waiting lists lotteries available on NYC Mitchell-Lama Connect, an online portal to submit entries for NYC-supervised Mitchell-Lama waiting list lotteries.

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

- HUD Resource Locator  
  https://resources.hud.gov/  

  A map of the different types of federally subsidized low-income housing in the US. Provides locations of HUD field offices, affordable housing property management companies, and public housing authority representatives that may be able to answer housing availability inquiries and general housing questions.

- HUD’s Rental Assistance Website  
  https://www.hud.gov/topics/rental_assistance

  Information on HUD rental assistance programs.
• HUD’s NYS Rental Resources
  https://www.hud.gov/states/new_york/renting

Breaking Ground
https://breakingground.org/our-housing
  Provides housing units to low-income individuals and families, as well as supportive housing to people who are chronically homeless, low-income adults, youth aging out of foster care, veterans, seniors, people with HIV/AIDS and mentally ill.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING: REAL ESTATE WEBSITES

The following are non-governmental websites of real estate companies that can complement an individual's housing search. As a result, housing units found on these websites may be at market rate. However, households with rental subsidies can use these websites to find housing that meet subsidy rent requirements. Benefits Plus Learning Center does not endorse or promote any one real estate company.

AffordableHousing.com
https://www.affordablehousing.com/
  Resource for affordable housing, including Section 8 rental housing.

CityRealty’s No-Fee NYC Rentals
https://www.cityrealty.com/nyc/buildings/no-fee-rentals
  Listing of apartments in NYC where prospective renter may not have to pay a broker’s fee with the ability to search by borough and various price points.

Craigslist
https://newyork.craigslist.org/d/housing/search/hhh
  Listing of apartments in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Bronx, Staten Island, New Jersey, Long Island, Westchester, and Fairfield, Connecticut.

iAfford NY
https://iaffordny.com/
  An HPD-approved marketing agency that provides an overview of the NYC Housing Connect lottery process, an apartment search tool for all affordable housing units available through the lottery process, and customized notifications based on criteria selected by a prospective applicant.

RENTCafé
https://www.rentcafe.com
  Nationwide apartment listing service.
Zillow Group Brands
Zillow Inc. hosts the following real estate websites that list rental apartments:

- HotPads
  [https://hotpads.com](https://hotpads.com)
- StreetEasy
  [https://streeteasy.com/](https://streeteasy.com/)
- Trulia
  [https://www.trulia.com](https://www.trulia.com)
- Zillow
  [https://www.zillow.com/](https://www.zillow.com/)

**RESOURCES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS**

**New York City Family Justice Centers (FJCs)**

Case managers at the FJCs provide advice and referrals for public benefits, housing, shelter and other needs for survivors of domestic violence, elder abuse, and sex trafficking.

**NYC HOPE Resources**
[https://www1.nyc.gov/nychope/site/page/neighborhood-resources](https://www1.nyc.gov/nychope/site/page/neighborhood-resources)

Resource directory with information on community-based organizations that work with survivors of domestic and gender-based violence in all five boroughs.

**New Destiny Housing Corporation Housing Resource Center**
[https://www.newdestinyhousing.org/housing-help/](https://www.newdestinyhousing.org/housing-help/)

Information on how to access affordable housing, eviction prevention, rental subsidies and more targeted to the needs of domestic violence survivors.

**Safe Horizon**
[https://www.safehorizon.org/our-services/safe-place-to-stay/](https://www.safehorizon.org/our-services/safe-place-to-stay/)

Provides short-term, emergency, and safe shelter for people fleeing domestic violence and for young people under the age of 21 who have no place to stay.

**Sakhi for South Asian Women**
[https://www.sakhi.org/transitional-housing-program/#](https://www.sakhi.org/transitional-housing-program/#)

Transitional Housing Program that supports clients with full rent for two years in an apartment of their choice in a location that is safe and accessible. Also provides help with safety measures, relocation, security deposit payments, and utilities.
RESOURCES FOR FORMERLY INCARCERATED PEOPLE

NYC Inmate Jail Release Services
https://portal.311.nyc.gov/site-finder/  (Select ‘Jail Release Services’ as ‘Site Type.’)

A site finder/map to find community-based organizations that provide services and support, such as case management, housing, employment assistance, and more for formerly incarcerated individuals.

The Fortune Society
https://fortunesociety.org/services-that-build-lives/

Provides supportive and affordable housing to formerly incarcerated individuals and their families through transitional housing, long-term housing, and scattered-site housing.

RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS OR AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Find Shelter Tool
https://www.hud.gov/findshelter

HUD’s Find Shelter Tool provides information about housing, shelter, health care, and clothing resources in communities across the country for people who are facing homelessness.

NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS)
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dhs/shelter/shelter.page

Information about applying for homeless shelter for families with children, pregnant women, adult families, single adults, and information on assistance for young people under 21 and the LGBTQ community.

Homebase
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/homebase.page

Community-based agencies that have contracted with the Human Resources Administration (HRA) to assist individuals/families facing eviction and/or homelessness allowing them to remain in their communities and avoid entering shelter.

NYC’s Right to Counsel: Legal Services for Tenants Facing Eviction
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/legal-services-for-tenants.page

NYC’s Office of Civil Justice (OCJ) provides tenants facing eviction in Housing Court or NYCHA administrative proceedings with access to free legal representation and advice provided by nonprofit legal services organizations. Right-to-Counsel legal services are free, available in every ZIP code, and available regardless of immigration status.
Supportive Housing - NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/housing-services-supportive-housing.page

DOHMH supportive housing provides a combination of affordable housing and support services to individuals or families that are chronically homeless and have a mental illness and/or a substance use disorder. To determine eligibility for supportive housing, approved providers must complete and submit the HRA 2010e application on behalf of an individual or family.

• To find approved providers that assist in submitting the HRA 2010e application:
  o Visit https://nycwell.cityofnewyork.us/en/find-services/ and search for “HRA 2010e,” or
  o Call 888-692-9355 and ask for the nearest location that assists with filling out the HRA 2010e.

• For questions about the supportive housing application and referral process:
  o Contact a housing consultant at the Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS) at (212) 801-3333, or visit https://www.cucs.org/housing/housing-resource-center/

Family-Type Homes for Adults (FTHA)
https://access.nyc.gov/programs/family-type-homes-for-adults-ftha/
212-331-3722, 212-331-3351, or 212-331-3347

FTHA provides state-licensed homes to persons with disabilities who are homeless or who need care and supervision.

NYC Rental Assistance Programs

• FHEPS (formerly FEPS)
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/fheps.page

A rent supplement that helps eligible families with dependent children who have been evicted or who are facing eviction, or who lost their housing because of health or safety issues, certain court decisions, or domestic violence.

• CityFHEPS (formerly CityFEPS, LINC I through V, and SEPS)
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/cityfheps.page

A rent supplement that helps individuals and families at risk of entry to shelter and those already in shelter to secure permanent housing.

• Pathway Home (formerly LINC VI)
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/pathway-home.page

A rent supplement that helps eligible individuals and families move out of shelter by moving into the home of friends or family members ("host families").
• SOTA (Special One-Time Assistance) Program
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/sota.page

  Provides one year’s full rent for eligible individuals and families in NYC shelter to move out of shelter within New York City, to other New York State counties, to another state, Puerto Rico, or Washington, DC.

HRA’s Rental Assistance Call Center for Landlords & Brokers
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/landlords.page
929-221-0043, Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

  Provides information about the various vouchers and incentives available to landlords and brokers when leasing apartments to FHEPS and CityFHEPS voucher holders. Landlords and brokers can also access FHEPS and CityFHEPS program documents on this site.

NYC’s Home Support Unit (HSU)
https://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/home-support-unit.page
929-221-0047 or 212-918-8176, Monday-Friday 9:00 am – 5:30 pm

  HSU works with landlords and real estate brokers across the five boroughs that have expressed an interest in leasing vacant apartments to NYC residents receiving rental assistance vouchers, such as FHEPS and CityFHEPS. Additionally, case managers with clients who have rental assistance vouchers can contact HSU to speak with a specialist who can help find housing that meet the parameters of the clients’ vouchers.

Coalition for the Homeless
https://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/
212-776-2000

  Runs programs that assist homeless people, including crisis intervention, rental assistance program, and client advocacy.

Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS)
https://www.cucs.org/housing/housing-resource-center/
212-801-3300

  Operates a Housing Resource Center, providing housing and employment information for homeless people who are mentally ill or have other special needs.

New York Foundation for Senior Citizens, the George Daly House
https://www.nyfsc.org/housing-services/transitional-housing-and-services-for-the-homeless/

  Provides transitional housing, social services, financial assistance, and medical and psychiatric attention for homeless men and women ages 45 and older.
RESOURCES FOR HOMEOWNERS

New York State Attorney General’s Office
https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/help-homeowners

Provides various resources for homeowners having difficulty making mortgage payments or at risk of foreclosure.

Making Home Affordable Program
https://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/need-help

A program of the U.S. Department of the Treasury & the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development connects homeowners to housing counselors to obtain mortgage relief and avoid foreclosure.

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
https://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/mortgages

A U.S. government agency offering tools and resources for homeowners, including educational materials and “How-To” guides.

Center for NYC Neighborhoods
https://cnycn.org

Offers loans and grants for repairs and retrofits and counseling assistance on mortgage hardship, foreclosure, scam prevention and flood insurance.

Family-Type Homes for Adults (FTHA)
https://access.nyc.gov/programs/family-type-homes-foradults-ft/ha/
212-331-3722, 212-331-3351, or 212-331-3347

FTHA compensates “homeowners” (whether they rent or own a home) to provide housing and in-home supportive services to persons with disabilities who are homeless or who need care and supervision.

New York Foundation for Senior Citizens’ Home Sharing Program
https://www.nyfsc.org/home-sharing
212-962-7559 ext. 244, 246

The Home Sharing Program pairs adult “hosts” who have extra private spaces in their homes or apartments with appropriate adult “guests.” One of the adults must be 60 years old or older. The program also serves adult “hosts” age 55 or older, who are interested in sharing with developmentally disabled adult “guests” capable of independent living.
**RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND MENTAL ILLNESS**

**Section 811: Supportive Housing for People with Disabilities**
[https://resources.hud.gov/](https://resources.hud.gov/) (Select “Find Affordable Elderly and Special Needs Housing”)

Federally subsidized housing with supportive services and rental assistance for very low- or extremely low-income individuals with disabilities.

**NYS Homes & Community Renewal (HCR)**

Information on rent laws that provide protections for rent regulated tenants who are disabled against eviction for the purpose of owner occupancy.

**Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities**
[https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mopd/resources/housing.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mopd/resources/housing.page)

Provides information on accessible programs, accessible transportation, housing, employment, health services, activities and other resources for the individuals with disabilities.

- *Access Housing Guide* provides housing rights and resources for individuals with disabilities.
  [https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mopd/resources/access-housing-guide.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mopd/resources/access-housing-guide.page)

- Project Open House modifies architectural barriers in the homes of people with permanent disabilities to increase independence in the activities of daily living.
  [https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mopd/initiatives/project-open-house.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mopd/initiatives/project-open-house.page)

**Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) Program**
[https://www1.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/index.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/index.page)

NYC program that freezes rents for qualifying disabled tenants in rent-regulated apartments, Mitchell-Lama and Housing Development Fund Corporation (HDFC) buildings.

**Supportive Housing - NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH)**
[https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/housing-services-supportive-housing.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/housing-services-supportive-housing.page)

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- To find approved providers that assist in submitting the HRA 2010e application:
  - Visit [https://nycwell.cityofnewyork.us/en/find-services/](https://nycwell.cityofnewyork.us/en/find-services/) and search for “HRA 2010e,” or
• Call 888-692-9355 and ask for the nearest location that assists with filling out the HRA 2010e.

• For questions about the supportive housing application and referral process:

  o Contact a housing consultant at the Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS) at 212-801-3333, or visit https://www.cucs.org/housing/housing-resource-center/

NYC Adult Protective Services (APS) Case Management
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/adult-protective-services.page
Central Intake Unit: 212-630-1853

  APS provides case management services for physically and/or mentally impaired adults to help them live safely in their homes.

Family-Type Homes for Adults (FTHA)
https://access.nyc.gov/programs/family-type-homes-for-adults-ftha/
212-331-3722, 212-331-3351, or 212-331-3347

  FTHA provides state-licensed homes to persons with disabilities who are homeless or who need care and supervision.

NYC Connects in NYC
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycnyconnects/index.page

  NY Connects offers a phone-based hotline with drop-in offices located in each borough. Older adults and people with disabilities can work with NY Connects staff to learn about ways to remain independent at home and in their community or exploring nursing home or other long-term residential care options.

NYC Housing Preservation & Development (HPD)

• HPD Housing Ambassadors for People with Disabilities
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/housing-ambassadors.page

  Community-based service providers in New York City who help people with disabilities prepare and apply for Housing Connect affordable housing lotteries.

• Affordable Housing Guide for Applicants with Disabilities
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/resources-for-people-with-disabilities.page

Center for Independence of the Disabled in New York (CIDNY)
https://www.cidny.org/housing/
212-674-2300

  CIDNY provides referrals, assistance, and resources for individuals with disabilities looking for affordable and accessible housing.
Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS)
https://www.cucs.org/housing/housing-resource-center/
212-801-3300

Operates a Housing Resource Center, which provides housing and employment information for homeless people who are mentally ill or have other special needs.

New York Association on Independent Living (NYAIL) Open Doors Transition Center
https://ilny.us/transition-center

Assists people in nursing homes who wish to return to the community, as well as accessing housing subsidies when the rent exceeds the individual’s budget. (Only participants of the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Nursing Home Transition Diversion (NHTD) waiver programs have access to these housing subsidies.)

- To learn more about the TBI waiver:
  https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/program/longterm/tbi.htm

- To learn more about the NHTD Waiver:
  https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/mrt90/nhtd-tbi/nhtd_overview.htm

New York Foundation for Senior Citizens

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- George Daly House
  http://www.nyfsc.org/housing-services/transitional-housing-and-services-for-the-homeless/

  Provides transitional housing, social services, financial assistance, and medical and psychiatric attention for homeless men and women ages 45 and older.

Sinergia’s Residential Services and Housing Assistance
https://www.sinergiany.org/services
https://www.sinergiany.org/services/housing-assistance
212-643-2840  ext. 336; intake@sinergiany.org

Operates housing for individuals that have developmental disabilities and provides housing advocacy to low-income families who have members that are developmentally disabled.
Supportive Housing Network of NYS
https://shnny.org/supportive-housing/looking-for-housing/

A nonprofit membership organization that partners with 220 agencies which provide supportive housing throughout NYS.

- For a listing of agencies in NYC that provide supportive housing, visit: https://shnny.org/about/network-members/new-york-city/

- For a listing of affordable housing units in supportive housing residences, go to https://shnny.org/images/uploads/Community-Units.pdf

**NOTE**

In order to access supportive housing of the above NYC agencies, individuals and families may have to be determined eligible with the submission of the HRA 2010e application. (See above, Supportive Housing - NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH).)

ADAPT Community Network’s Housing Assistance and Doorways to Independence Program
https://www.adaptcommunitynetwork.org/service-options/family-support/
212-683-6700: Housing Assistance, ext.1154; Doorways to Independence, ext. 1170.

Provides housing and accessibility rights education, landlord/tenant negotiations, code enforcement advocacy, help in expediting public housing applications, transfers, referral to legal services, evaluations for adaptive equipment and home modifications, and housing case management to households where a member is eligible for services from the NYS New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD).

**RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH HIV/AIDS**

HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA)
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/hiv-aids-services.page
212-971-0626

An HRA program through which qualified individuals with HIV/AIDS may be eligible to receive a broad range of benefits and services, including a rent enhancement allowance, same-day housing placement, and emergency housing.

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/aids-hiv-care-housing.page
212-971-0626

Administers two federally funded housing programs to meet the needs of low-income people living with HIV/AIDS and their families: Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program and Ryan White Part A Housing Program.
Housing Works  
https://www.housingworks.org/services/housing  
https://healthcare.housingworks.org/help  
718-277-0386

Provides housing to homeless New Yorkers living with HIV/AIDS and/or other chronic health conditions.

**RESOURCES FOR LGBTQ+ PEOPLE**

Covenant House New York  
https://ny.covenanthouse.org/programs/housing/  
212-613-0300

Provides crisis shelter for youth (including LGBTQ+) who are homeless.

Destination Tomorrow  
https://destinationtomorrow.org/switch-housing  
(646)723-3325

Provides emergency and temporary housing for transgender, gender non-conforming, and gender non-binary individuals.

Hetrick-Martin Institute  
https://hmi.org/services/youth-services/  

Provides free programs and services for LGBTQIA+ youth and allies ages 13-24, including outreach homeless services and housing support & case management.

SAGE  
https://sagenyc.org/housing/  

Provides affordable housing for older LGBTQ+ people.

The Ali Forney Center  
https://www.aliforneycenter.org/programs-services  

Provides a drop-in center and housing services for LGBTQ+ youth (16-24).

**RESOURCES FOR SECTION 8 VOUCHER HOLDERS**

New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA)’s Section 8 Program  

Information about NYCHA Section 8.
New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/about-section-8.page

Information about HPD Section 8.

New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR)
https://hcr.ny.gov/section-8-housing-choice-voucher-hcv-program

Information about HCR Section 8.

AffordableHousing.com
https://www.affordablehousing.com/

Resource for affordable housing, including Section 8 rental housing.

**RESOURCES FOR SENIORS**

Section 202: Supportive Housing for the Elderly
https://resources.hud.gov/ (Select “Find Affordable Elderly and Special Needs Housing”)

Federally supported housing with supportive services and rental assistance for low- or moderate-income elderly, including elderly with disabilities.

NYS Homes & Community Renewal (HCR)

Information on rent laws that provide protections for rent regulated tenants who are seniors against eviction for the purpose of owner occupancy.

NYC Department for the Aging (DFTA) Alternatives in Senior Housing Guides
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dfta/news-reports/publications.page

DFTA provides borough-specific guides on types of housing available in NYC for seniors.

NYC Adult Protective Services (APS) Case Management
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/adult-protective-services.page

Central Intake Unit: 212-630-1853

APS provides case management services for physically and/or mentally impaired adults to help them live safely in their homes.

Family-Type Homes for Adults (FTHA)
https://access.nyc.gov/programs/family-type-homes-for-adults-ftha/
212-331-3722, 212-331-3351, or 212-331-3347

FTHA provides state-licensed homes to persons with disabilities who are homeless or who need care and supervision.
NY Connects in NYC  
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycnyconnects/index.page

NY Connects offers a phone-based hotline with drop-in offices located in each borough. Older adults and people with disabilities can work with NY Connects staff to learn about ways to remain independent at home and in their community or exploring nursing home or other long-term residential care options.

Department of Finance’s Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption Program (SCRIE)  
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/index.page

NYC program that freezes rents for qualifying tenants 62 and older in rent-regulated and Mitchell-Lama housing.

Department of Housing Preservation and Development’s Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption Program (SCRIE)  
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/SCRIE-drie.page

NYC program that freezes rents for qualifying tenants 62 and older in Mitchell-Lama and Redevelopment Company developments, Article XI co-ops established under the Private Financing Housing Law, and Federally assisted co-ops.

DOROT’s Homelessness Prevention Program  
http://www.dorotusa.org/site/PageServer?pagename=seniors_programs_homelessness_preven_D#.WG7Gjn0uzpt

212-580-0001

Operates a transitional residence in Manhattan that provides housing, meals, counseling, and permanent, affordable housing placement services to seniors who are homeless or facing homelessness.

New York Foundation for Senior Citizens

- Home Sharing Program  
https://www.nyfsc.org/home-sharing
212-962-7559, ext. 244 or 246

The Home Sharing Program pairs adult “hosts” who have extra private spaces in their homes or apartments with appropriate adult “guests.” One of the adults must be 60 years old or older. The program also serves adult “hosts” age 55 or older, who are interested in sharing with developmentally disabled adult “guests” capable of independent living.

- Affordable Housing (Subsidized Buildings)  
https://www.nyfsc.org/housing-services/affordable-housing/

Apartments for well, frail, or handicapped seniors, where staff provides case management, social and recreational activities, and other specialized services.
• George Daly House
  https://www.nyfsc.org/housing-services/transitional-housing-and-services-for-the-homeless/
  Provides transitional housing, social services, financial assistance, and medical and psychiatric attention for homeless men and women ages 45 and older.

West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing, Inc.
https://www.wsfssh.org/buildings/our-buildings/
212-721-6032, x2665
  Operates senior apartments, SRO and studio housing, and supportive congregate buildings.

Encore Community Services
http://encorecommunityservices.org/housing/
212-581-2910
  Operates an SRO housing facility for homeless elderly with special needs and an affordable housing building for very low-income seniors.

Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty
https://www.metcouncil.org/housing/
212-453-9519
  Operates affordable housing buildings for low-income seniors and SRO housing facilities for homeless seniors.

Project Find for the Aged
http://www.projectfind.org/housing
212-874-0300
  Operates SRO units for homeless seniors and senior apartments with support services.

Health Advocates for Older People Senior Housing Resource List
https://www.hafop.org/housing-opportunities
  Resource guide for senior housing opportunities in Manhattan.

Best Practices For Clutter & Hoarding
  Senator Liz Krueger’s Best Practices For Clutter & Hoarding includes resources on how to address clutter and hoarding problems.
RESOURCES FOR VETERANS

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

- VA’s Services for Homeless Veterans
  https://www.va.gov/homeless/
  VA’s website with information on programs and resources available to homeless veterans.

- HUD-VASH Program: Supportive Housing for Homeless Veterans
  https://www.va.gov/homeless/hud-vash.asp
  Section 8 vouchers are available to veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. In addition to the rental assistance vouchers, eligible veterans receive and must participate in case management and supportive services provided by the VA.

- Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
  https://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/index.html
  For very low-income veterans, SSVF provides case management and supportive services to prevent the imminent loss of a veteran’s home or identify a new, suitable housing situation for the individual and his or her family; or to rapidly re-house veterans and their families who are homeless and might remain homeless without this assistance.

- National Call Center for Homeless Veterans
  https://www.va.gov/homeless/nationalcallcenter.asp
  1-877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838)
  24/7 call center for veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

NYC’s Mission Home
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dhs/outreach/veterans.page
212-232-0560

Department of Homeless Services’ Veterans Outreach Program to house homeless veterans and prevent veteran homelessness.

Mitchell-Lama Housing Program

The Mitchell-Lama program provides affordable rental and cooperative housing to moderate- and middle-income families. Both New York City and New York State supervised Mitchell-Lama developments are available. Mitchell-Lama developments with open waiting lists are required to have an admission preference to veterans, or their surviving spouses, who served on active duty during time of war and reside in NYS. (Certain developments are exempt from this requirement.)

- NYC-Supervised Developments:
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/mitchell-lama-program.page
- NYS-Supervised Developments:  
  [https://hcr.ny.gov/mitchell-lama-applicant-information](https://hcr.ny.gov/mitchell-lama-applicant-information)

**Black Veterans for Social Justice**  
[https://bvsj.org/housing-division](https://bvsj.org/housing-division)  
718-852-6004

  Provides apartments for all veterans, female veterans with children, and victims of domestic violence, and other services to assist military personnel, veterans, and their families.

**New York State Attorney General’s Office**  

  Guide to resources, benefits and rights of veterans and active service members.

### Resources for Youth

**NYC Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD)**  
[https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dycd/services/runaway-homeless-youth.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dycd/services/runaway-homeless-youth.page)

  DYCD services for runaway and homeless youth that includes drop-in centers, crisis shelters, transitional independent living programs and street outreach and referral services.

**Coalition for the Homeless Youth**  
[https://www.nychy.org/](https://www.nychy.org/)

  A nonprofit membership organization that partners with agencies that provide a range of services to runaway, homeless and street youth.

**Covenant House New York**  
[https://ny.covenanthouse.org/programs/housing/](https://ny.covenanthouse.org/programs/housing/)  
212-613-0300

  Provides residential services to runaway and homeless youth (16-21 years old).

**The Door**  
[https://door.org/programs-services/runaway-homeless-youth/](https://door.org/programs-services/runaway-homeless-youth/)

  Operates a drop-in center for runaway and homeless youth (16-21 years old) that assists with food, clothing, shelter, and other social services.
NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR)

HCR is the state agency that enforces the rent regulation laws of NYS and protects the rights of tenants. The following are different resources made available by HCR to tenants:

- Office of Rent Administration (ORA)
  [https://hcr.ny.gov/office-rent-administration-ora](https://hcr.ny.gov/office-rent-administration-ora)
  (833) 499-0343
  Tenants in NYS can submit an online inquiry to determine if an apartment or building is rent stabilized and/or request an apartment’s rent history through ORA’s [Ask HCR web portal](https://hcr.ny.gov/office-rent-administration-ora).

- Rent Connect
  [https://rent.hcr.ny.gov/RentConnect/](https://rent.hcr.ny.gov/RentConnect/)
  An online portal for rent regulated tenants to access forms and information, such as rent history, evidence of rent overcharges, and ability to submit complaints, such as defective conditions in the apartment, unlawful increase in rent, non-receipt of a lease, illegal fees and surcharges.

- Tenant Protection Unit
  [https://hcr.ny.gov/tenant-protection-unit](https://hcr.ny.gov/tenant-protection-unit)
  Protects the rights of tenants facing landlord harassment or rent overcharges.

NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) Tenant Resources

- Tenants’ Rights & Responsibilities
  Information and guide on tenants’ (and owners’) rights and responsibilities.

- Housing Quality/Safety
  Listing of web links to housing quality information for NYC residents, with topics such as bedbugs, fire safety, lead-based paint, window guards, and utilities.
• Filing a Housing Quality Complaint
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/services-and-information/report-a-maintenance-issue.page

  Information on the process of filing a complaint with HPD when a landlord has failed to resolve a housing quality issue.

**Immigrant Tenants’ Rights**

• NYS Attorney General Guidance on the Rights of Immigrant Tenants

• NYS Homes and Community Renewal’s Fact Sheet for Building Owners: Housing Rights of Foreign-Born Tenants

• NYC Fact Sheet on the Rights of Tenants Based on Actual or Perceived Immigration Status

**Mayor’s Office to Protect Tenants (MOPT)**
https://www1.nyc.gov/content/tenantprotection/pages/

  MOPT provides information on NYS and NYC rent laws and resources for NYC tenants. NYC tenants can reach MOPT by calling 311 and ask for the Tenant Helpline, or by filling out the “Contact Us” email form on their website.

**NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA)**
https://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/tenant/ota.page

  Tenants may contact OTA with comments, questions and complaints concerning construction in occupied multiple dwellings. Tenants may also contact OTA if they have questions or concerns related to Tenant Protection Plan. To contact OTA, email TenantAdvocate@buildings.nyc.gov or call (212) 393-2949.

**NYC’s Office of the Public Advocate**
https://advocate.nyc.gov/services/

  The Office of the Public Advocate operates a Constituent Help Desk where NYC residents can submit housing complaints and other inquiries involving government-related services and regulations.

**New York State Department of Law Bureau of Consumer Frauds and Protection**
https://ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/housing-issues

  Educational materials, including information to assist consumers when filing suit in small claims court to recover rent security deposits or interest.
NYC Rent Guidelines Board  
https://rentguidelinesboard.cityofnewyork.us/resources/  
Links to resources to help tenants understand the laws and regulations that govern rent-regulated housing in New York City.

Finding Legal Services and “Know-Your-Rights” Guides  
https://www.lawhelpny.org/issues/housing  
Find legal services providers and self-help information.

HeatSeek  
https://heatseek.org/  
Provides temperature sensors that gather reliable temperature data to NYC tenants that have home heating issues during the wintertime.

Housing Court Answers  
http://housingcourtanswers.org/resources-links/  
Links to housing court resources for New York City Tenants and Housing Advocates.

JustFix.nyc  
https://www.justfix.nyc/en/  
Nonprofit that builds free tools in support of NYC’s housing movement. Below are their tools:

- **Who Owns What**  
  https://whoownswat.ch/justfix.nyc/en/  
  *Who Owns What* is a research website to gather information linked from NYC agencies about code violations, evictions, rent stabilized apartments, and property ownership of NYC buildings.

- **Request Repairs in Your Apartment**  
  Start My Letter  
  Free tool that notifies your landlord of repair issues via USPS Certified Mail®. This service is free and secure.

- **Request Rent History from NYS**  
  Submit Request or Text “RENT HISTORY” to (855) 610-2450  
  Free tool that allows renters to request document to find out if their apartment is rent regulated and if they are being overcharged. It shows the registered rents in rent stabilized apartments since 1984.
LawHelpNY.org’s NYC Housing Repairs Miniportal
https://www.lawhelpny.org/nyc-housing-repairs

NYC tenants with housing conditions that have not been repaired by their landlords or who believe they are being harassed by their landlords can use the NYC Housing Repairs Miniportal, a step-by-step tool that provides steps tenants should take before starting a Housing Part proceeding (HP case) in housing court. It also provides links and phone numbers to additional resources, including free legal help.

Metropolitan Council on Housing
http://metcouncilonhousing.org/help_and_answers

Links to various resources related to housing, such as information about repairs and services, rent increases, rental leases, rights to have a roommate, roommate’s rights, and more.

Am I Rent Stabilized?
https://amirentstabilized.com/

This information-only site checks a building’s address and confirms if it matches with a list of properties that are likely to have rent-stabilized apartments. However, it is not 100% accurate and it will confirm if an apartment is rent-stabilized, as apartment numbers are not included in the database.

**NOTE**
For best accuracy in determining if an apartment or building is rent-stabilized, tenants should contact NYS Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), the state agency that administers rent regulation laws in NYS. HCR’s Office of Rent Administration (ORA) has a “Ask HCR web portal” where tenants in NYS can ask if an apartment or building is rent stabilized and/or request an apartment’s rent history. Alternatively, tenants can use the HCR’s Rent Connect portal to request a rent history.

**HOUSING DISCRIMINATION**

US. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal OPP

- Submit a housing discrimination complaint to HUD
  https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal OPP/online-complaint

NYS Division of Human Rights (DHR)

NYS Human Rights Law protects against housing discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, disability, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, military
status, age, sex, marital status, familial status, and lawful sources of income. For more information, visit:

- DHR’s Fair Housing Guide

- Source of Income Discrimination in Housing Pamphlet

- Filing a housing discrimination complaint with DHR
  https://dhr.ny.gov/complaint

Fair Housing NYC

  Website jointly operated by New York City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) and Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) with information on fair housing rights and laws.

NYC Commission on Human Rights (CCHR)

- Q&A on housing protections under NYC’s Human Rights Law
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/help/residents.page

- Information about the protected classes (including housing protections) under the NYC Human Rights Law
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/law/the-law.page

- Report discrimination to CCHR online
  https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/about/contact-us.page

NYC’s Lawful Source of Income Discrimination Campaign

It is illegal in New York City for landlords who own buildings with six or more units or real estate brokers to refuse to rent to current or prospective tenants with rental assistance vouchers. Under NYC Human Rights Law, lawful source of income includes any federal, state, or local public or housing assistance towards the payment of rent, including housing subsidies like Section 8, HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA), FHEPS, and CITYFHEPS, among others. It is also unlawful for landlords and housing agents to publish any type of advertisements, including online or print, that indicate a refusal to accept these programs.

- NYC’s Human Resources Administration’s (HRA) Source of Income Unit
HRA’s Source of Income Unit may assist individuals who believe landlords or brokers have refused to show or rent an apartment because s/he is paying with government assistance. To submit a complaint, call **929-221-6576** or email **soi@hra.nyc.gov**.

- NYC Commission on Human Rights (CCHR)  
  [https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/media/source-of-income.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/media/source-of-income.page)  
  CCHR enforces the City’s source of income discrimination protections and investigates and prosecutes landlords and brokers of various sizes who refuse to rent to tenants who pay rent with housing vouchers and other types of public assistance. To submit a complaint, call 311 and ask for 'Human Rights', call **212-416-0197** to reach CCHR directly, or submit a form online at [https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/about/report-discrimination.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/about/report-discrimination.page).

Fair Housing Justice Center  
Assists individuals and organizations with allegations of illegal housing discrimination. Services are provided free of charge and there are no income requirements.

Unlock NYC  
[https://weunlock.nyc/](https://weunlock.nyc/)  
Offers a housing discrimination reporting tool for NYC housing voucher holders who suspect they have been discriminated against by landlords and/or brokers due to their voucher.

**GOVERNMENT DATA ON HOUSING**

ACRIS  
[https://a836-acris.nyc.gov/CP/](https://a836-acris.nyc.gov/CP/)  
Online access to City property records, including deeds, regulatory agreements, mortgages; also useful for tenants needing to research information on building owners.

NYC Housing Preservation & Development Violation Data  
[https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/about/hpd-online.page](https://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/about/hpd-online.page)  
Official NYC database of housing code violations and multiple dwelling registrations.

Rent Guidelines Increases for Rent-Stabilized Apartments, Lofts, and Hotels  
[https://rentguidelinesboard.cityofnewyork.us/rent-guidelines/](https://rentguidelinesboard.cityofnewyork.us/rent-guidelines/)  
Find current and past annual Rent Guidelines Increases for rent-stabilized apartments, lofts, and hotels.

NYS Homes and Community Renewal’s (HCR) Office of Rent Administration (ORA)  
[https://hcr.ny.gov/office-rent-administration-ora](https://hcr.ny.gov/office-rent-administration-ora)  
HCR’s ORA’s website with information and resources about rent registration, rent increases, and more.