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# Help on Housing: City Resources and Programs

The City & County of Denver is working on many levels to promote housing affordability and to make our community affordable and accessible for all. The city helps fund the construction and preservation of income-restricted homes, while offering programs aimed at stabilizing residents at risk of displacement.

## FOR RENTERS

### Help with rent and utilities, prevent eviction

Through its Temporary Rental and Utility Assistance program (TRUA), Denver can provide emergency rent and utility payments. **Call 3-1-1 and press 6.**

Denver Human Services offers eviction and rental assistance for people who are at risk of losing their housing. **720-944-4DHS (4347) or [denvergov.org/humanservices](http://denvergov.org/humanservices).**

Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS (HOPWA) support is delivered for Denver through the Colorado Health Network, including services for rent, substance abuse, and mental health. **303-837-0166 or [coloradoaidsproject.org](http://coloradoaidsproject.org).**

The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is a federal program offering eligible households with a portion of their winter home heating bills (Nov-Apr). **1-866-HEAT-HELP (432-8435) or [denvergov.org/LEAP](http://denvergov.org/LEAP).**

Summer Energy Assistance can provide a portion of summer utility bills and heating and cooling device repairs (Jul-Sep). **720-944-4DHS (4347) or [denvergov.org/humanservices](http://denvergov.org/humanservices).**

### Tenant-landlord counseling

Denver's free *Residential Landlord-Tenant Guide* is for all renters including youth, adults, seniors, immigrants, refugees, LGBTQ and people with disabilities. **[denvergov.org/housing](http://denvergov.org/housing).**

Denver has two programs offering low-cost legal resources. **303-996-0010 or [coloradoaffordablelegal.com](http://coloradoaffordablelegal.com), and 303-837-1313 or [coloradolegalservices.org](http://coloradolegalservices.org).**

### Affordable rentals

**[ColoradoHousingSearch.com](http://ColoradoHousingSearch.com)** is the most comprehensive portal site that lists affordable rental properties in Denver, the region and the state. The site features listings by Housing Authorities and private landlords.

Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8) are available through the Denver Housing Authority (DHA). **720-932-3000 or [denverhousing.org](http://denverhousing.org).**

### Access modification

Supported by the City and delivered through Denver Urban Renewal Authority, the Renter/Homeowner Access Modification helps those with disabilities make accessibility modifications around their homes. **303-534-3872 or [renewdenver.org](http://renewdenver.org).**

## HOMEOWNERS

### Help with repairs

The city partners with the Denver Urban Renewal Authority on low-interest loans and grants to assist homeowners for emergency home repairs, improvements, and access modifications. **303-534-3872** or [renewdenver.org](https://renewdenver.org).

### Avoid foreclosure

New in 2019, the Temporary Mortgage Assistance Program (TMAP) can help you stay current on your mortgage when your income is disrupted (job loss, medical issues, etc.). Find out more by dialing **2-1-1**.

The Colorado Foreclosure Hotline partners with nonprofit housing counseling agencies. **1-877-601-HOPE**.

Both pre-purchase counseling and mortgage counseling (delinquency and default) are available from the Colorado Housing Assistance Corporation. **303-572-9445** or [chaconline.org](https://chaconline.org).

If you are concerned about predatory lending or high-pressure financial services, Denver's Office of Financial Empowerment can refer you to free financial coaching through mpowered. **720-944-2498**.

### Property tax relief

The Denver Property Tax Relief Program provides a partial refund of property taxes paid, or the equivalent in rent, to qualifying renters and homeowners; each yearly cycle starts May 1. **720-944-4DHS (4347)** or [denvergov.org/propertytaxrelief](https://denvergov.org/propertytaxrelief)

The State of Colorado offers a property tax deferral program for seniors and active military personnel, as well as a tax exemption program for seniors and disabled veterans. **303-866-2441** or [Colorado.gov/pacific/treasury/senior-and-veteran-property-tax-programs](https://colorado.gov/pacific/treasury/senior-and-veteran-property-tax-programs).

### Looking to buy

There is an inventory of approximately 1,500 income-restricted homeownership units in Denver. **720-913-1634** or [denvergov.org/economicdevelopment](https://denvergov.org/economicdevelopment).

Free homebuyer counseling is available from nonprofits in our area. [denvergov.org/oed](https://denvergov.org/oed) or [hud.gov](https://hud.gov).

Down payment assistance, closing costs, and tax credits are available through Denver's metroDPA (down payment assistance) and Mortgage Credit Certificate programs. **720-913-1999** or [denvergov.org/economicdevelopment](https://denvergov.org/economicdevelopment).

Down payment assistance is also available from Colorado Housing Assistance Corp. **303-572-9445** or [chaconline.org](https://chaconline.org).

### Financial empowerment, health, and safety

Free, one-on-one financial coaching is available to reduce debt, develop savings, establish credit, increase credit scores and obtain basic banking services. **720-944-2498** or [denvergov.org/financialemPOWERment](https://denvergov.org/financialemPOWERment).

## EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

**Denver is committed to ensuring that every person experiencing homelessness has alternatives, support and options.** To find shelter and services, call Mile High United Way's helpline at **2-1-1**. This is a free, multilingual service Mon-Fri during regular business hours for referrals to non-emergency health and human services.

**2-1-1** can refer you to benefits, day/domestic violence shelters, supportive services, and specialized programs for seniors, veterans, families and youth at risk of homelessness, offering both emergency and longer-term solutions.

***We work to ensure the success of Denver's economy is shared by our residents, businesses, and neighborhoods. We believe all Denver residents should have the opportunity to make a home, get a job, and build a future.***

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