

# Housing Resources

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# Community Resources: Housing

## Housing Assistance/Resources

**Mission Statement:**

To develop and promote quality housing while supporting and encouraging economic opportunities leading to self-sufficiency and independence.

**Vision Statement:**

To be the acknowledged leader in developing quality affordable housing in our community. Adopted by the Housing Authority of the City of Aurora, CO December 1998.

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Aurora, CO 80014  
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E: [info@aurorahousing.org](mailto:info@aurorahousing.org)



### Rental Assistance Program – City of Aurora, CO

Unable to make rental payments because of financial hardships related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

The city of Aurora has heard from residents during the COVID-19 crisis that rental assistance is a key need, and is making funds available through the House Aurora Partnership and CARES Act funding from Arapahoe and Adams counties to help people stay in their homes.

**What's covered?**

- Up to two months of rent payments, not to exceed established fair market rent by HUD
- Payments are made directly to the landlord/property manager
- Mortgage assistance is not available through this program (contact your mortgage company for relief options or go to [AuroraGov.org/Community Development](https://AuroraGov.org/Community%20Development))

## Who's eligible?

- Household income is at or below 100% of Area Median Income (see chart below); financial verification is required
- The reason for requesting assistance is related to COVID-19 (for example, loss of income or employment due to COVID-19, or COVID-19 health-related expenses)
- Applicant does not receive other public housing support vouchers
- Applicant has a current lease in place in the city of Aurora
- Applicant did not receive funding through earlier rounds of the Aurora Rental Assistance Program
- Eligibility for this program is not dependent upon citizenship status

## How do I apply?

Applications must be filled out online at <https://auroraco.seamlessdocs.com/f/2020RentAssist>.

Applications will be accepted until available funding is exhausted.

Please be prepared to have the following documents available at the time of applying (materials must be uploaded as electronic files and be legible; if you don't have access to a scanner, consider using a free phone scanner app such as [Fast Scanner](#)):

- Copy of lease
- Copy of late rent notice OR copy of ledger (that shows rent amounts owed)
- Award letters (or copy of checks) from any other agencies that have provided you financial assistance for housing costs because of COVID-19
- W-9 (for landlord)
- Employment paystub
- Letter of termination or furlough from employer due to COVID-19
- Driver's license or photo ID for all adults in household age 18 or older

## Questions?

[coa-rentassist@auroragov.org](mailto:coa-rentassist@auroragov.org)

## Homelessness Assistance Programs – City of Aurora, CO

[https://www.auroragov.org/residents/community\\_development/homelessness\\_assistance\\_programs](https://www.auroragov.org/residents/community_development/homelessness_assistance_programs)

## NOTICE

The city of Aurora (as an entity) does not provide subsidized housing. There are subsidized housing programs in the community, however programs availability is limited and sometimes unavailable. Subsidized housing availability should always be verified before relocation to the metro Denver area. For information on the city's Rental Assistance Program to provide assistance to residents facing financial hardship because of COVID-19, go to [AuroraGov.org/RentAssist](https://AuroraGov.org/RentAssist).



**ARAPAHOE COUNTY**  
**COLORADO'S FIRST**

Arapahoe County, Colorado is the state's first county and the third largest with a total population of 637,068 and an unincorporated population of 83,764. The County spans 805 square miles and is a land of contrast. The western part of the county is mostly urban with residential, retail, office and industrial areas, while the eastern portion is relatively rural. Arapahoe County has one of the lowest mill levies in the Front Range.

#### **Communities**

Arapahoe County includes the incorporated communities of Aurora, Bennett, Bow Mar, Centennial, Cherry Hills Village, Columbine Valley, Deer Trail, Englewood, Foxfield, Glendale, Greenwood Village, Littleton and Sheridan. There are nine school districts within the county and more than 350 local improvement and special service districts. Arapahoe County offers a variety of attractive residential choices and a moderate cost of living. Residents enjoy excellent parks, greenbelts and trail systems, superior public services and an inviting quality of life.

#### **211 Housing and Shelter Resources**

<https://www.211colorado.org/housing-and-shelter/>

Search for resources in your area that can help with emergency housing and rent or mortgage assistance.

#### **Arapahoe County Housing Services**

Staff is responding to inquiries regarding low-income housing needs. For Emergency Rent Assistance call 303-738-8061 or email [cshropshire@arapahoegov.com](mailto:cshropshire@arapahoegov.com) to determine eligibility.

#### **City of Englewood Rent Assistance Program**

<https://www.englewoodco.gov/coronavirus>

The Rent Assistance Program is available to Englewood residents with a household income of 175% of the Federal Poverty Level or less. This program is being administered by Arapahoe County.

#### **Colorado Department of Local Affairs (Housing)**

<https://cdola.colorado.gov/housing-covid19>

Offers guidance on programs that can help with eviction and foreclosure prevention and homelessness services.

#### **Statewide Guides for Tenant's during COVID-19**

[A Colorado Tenant's Guide to COVID-19](#)

[Una Guía del Inquilino de Colorado para COVID-19](#)

[Colorado Judicial District Eviction Protocols by District](#)

#### **OnwardCO**

<https://onwardco.org/>

One-stop resource for the people of Colorado impacted by job loss during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

This site connects people with services (food, money, shelter, childcare, funds and jobs) during the crisis.

## **Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance**

Please note, as of March, 2020, this program is being managed remotely, no walk-in services available at the Littleton office.

The goal of this program is to keep families in their homes with the heat and lights on. This assistance program helps to alleviate short-term financial stress on housing needs, so that families can focus resources on other basic and critical needs. Funding for this program is limited and submitting an application is not a guarantee of assistance.

### **How to Apply**

For assistance with rent, mortgage or utility payments please call 303-738-7891 or email [housingassistance@arapahoegov.com](mailto:housingassistance@arapahoegov.com). One of our team members will assist in pre-screening for eligibility and application.

### ***Eligibility Requirements:***

- Arapahoe County resident
- Legally present in the United States
- Meet income qualifications for the grant that will be providing assistance
- Provide proof of all who live in your household (for children: listed on the lease, school enrollment forms, etc.)
- Provide proof of income for all adults in your households and any minors who may be receiving income such as SSI (pay stubs, social security award letters, proof of child support and any other income)
- A current signed lease
- An eviction notice (if being evicted for non-payment)
- ID's for adults in the household
- Landlord contact information
- COVID-19-related loss of income? See below.

Once you speak with a program coordinator, and meet eligibility requirements, you will receive an application. All supporting documentation and application will be sent electronically. [Fast Scanner](#) is a free app to assist in sending documents

### **COVID-19**

If you are applying due to a [COVID-19-related loss of income](#), you must provide proof of job loss and that you have applied for unemployment including the UC decision, if you have received it.

Learn more about additional COVID-19 resources and information at [www.arapahoegov.com/covid19](http://www.arapahoegov.com/covid19).

### **Additional Resources**

The Housing and Community Development team also can assist with referrals to other rental assistance programs, eviction resources, homeless prevention services and other general housing resources.

To search for the closest food banks, shelters, transportation options, medical facilities and more, visit [ArapaSOURCE](#)

For general Information about Housing and Community Development, call 303-738-8061.



ArapaSOURCE is the County's web application for quickly finding the resources you need closest to you quickly. Numerous resources are available at your fingertips:

- Aging Services
- Child Care and Parent Resources
- Clothing
- Dental Assistance
- Disability Services
- Domestic Violence
- Employment and Job Training
- Family Services and Support
- Food Assistance
- General and Financial Assistance
- Legal Services
- Medical Assistance
- Mental Health Services
- Shelters and Housing Assistance
- Substance Abuse
- Transportation Services
- Veterans Services
- Vision Assistance

When you access ArapaSOURCE on your phone, tablet, or personal computer it will automatically locate you via GPS or you may enter your address. You may then select from the above list of resource types. Selecting a resource category will quickly display the resources closest to you on a map and provide you with important information for each one.

Information on each resource such as its address, phone, and website is provided, as are driving directions and other pertinent information.

Instructions for ArapaSOURCE are provided within the app.



The Department of Housing and Urban Development is the Federal agency responsible for national policy and programs that address America's housing needs, that improve and develop the Nation's communities, and enforce fair housing laws.

#### **Housing Assistance:**

Avoiding Foreclosure, Buying a Home, Home Improvements, Homes for Sale, HUD Homes, Senior Citizens, Homelessness, Veterans

**Fairness:**

Fair Lending, Housing Discrimination, Disabled Persons

**Rental Assistance:**

Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), Search for an Apartment, Contact a Housing Counseling Agency

***Department of Housing and Urban Development***

1670 Broadway  
Denver, Colorado 80202-4801

Phone: (303) 672-5440

Fax: (303) 672-5004

[TTY](#): (303) 672-5022 or dial 7-1-1 (Not available in all areas.)

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Monday through Friday



Mile High  
Behavioral  
Healthcare

The Comitis Crisis Center serves to provide shelter for those experiencing homelessness-whether they be families, veterans, or individuals. Your donation to Comitis helps provide transitional housing and emergency shelter, and programs for mental health, recovery from addiction, and trauma.

**Aurora Day Resource Center**

From Comitis Crisis Center \ Mile High Behavioral Healthcare \ City of Aurora

- Housing assistance, employment services, financial literacy and other resources
- Computer lab and clothing
- Hygiene items, showers, laundry and sleeping bays
- Breakfast and lunch
- Mail, document retention and medication storage
- Dental, medical and behavioral health services
- Job readiness training program

13387 E. 19th Pl., Aurora, CO | 303.343.7808

**Cold Weather Activation**

- Aurora Day Resource Center becomes a 24/7 shelter during certain times of the winter season.

- During cold weather activation, the shelter becomes a first-come, first-serve situation. No one will be turned away.



Aurora Interfaith Community Services (AICS) is a non-profit agency whose sole aim is to express Christian concern for our community by providing substantive emergency assistance to the residents of Aurora. AICS does not charge a fee for any goods or services.



The Coalition is a national leader in providing integrated housing, health care, vocational and supportive services, creating lasting solutions to homelessness.



Shelters those experiencing homelessness in the winter when temperatures reach 20 degrees or colder.





It is the mission of Colfax Community Network (CCN) to advocate for and work on behalf of families and children residing in low-income transient housing (primarily residential motels) along Colfax Avenue. By providing information, services, and programs, we strengthen and improve family and community life.



Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver builds and sells homes to hard-working people in need of decent and affordable housing. Habitat for Humanity of Metro Denver is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope.



CHFA strengthens Colorado by investing in affordable housing and community development. We offer financial resources to strengthen homeownership, affordable rental housing, and businesses.



Aunt Bertha's network connects people seeking help and verified social care providers that serve them.



THRIVE Center exists to provide parents with information and training about disabilities; parent and children's rights under the IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) and other relevant laws; and resources in the Denver Metro area.

### **Access Housing**

<https://www.acchouse.org/>

The mission is to help homeless families in the Denver Metro area, regain independence, self-sufficiency and permanent housing through a comprehensive continuum of care and collaboration with community partners.

- 6978 Colorado Blvd, Commerce City, CO 80022
  - P: 303.289.7078

### **Denver's Road Home**

<https://citycountydenver-dev.adobecqms.net/content/denvergov/en/denver-human-services/be-supported/shelter/denvers-road-home.html>

Together we have the ability to move people off the streets for good. To change people's lives for the better. By coming together as a community, we can make these goals a reality.

- 1200 Federal Blvd, Denver, CO 80204
  - P: 720.944.2508

### **Hope Communities**

<https://hopecommunities.org/>

We offer low-income individuals and families in greater Denver a bridge to cross as they work towards a better future. We believe that affordable housing is vital, but not the sole solution, to breaking the cycle of poverty. That is why Home Communities is more than affordable housing; our holistic approach helps these hardworking individuals work towards achieving all of their dreams.

- 2543 California St., Denver, CO 80205
  - P: 303.860.7747

### **Rocky Mountain Housing Development Corporation**

<https://affordablehousingonline.com/housing-search/Colorado/Denver/Rocky-Mountain-Housing-Development-Corp/10046055>

Rocky Mountain Housing Development Corporation (Rocky Mountain HDC) is a faith-based, nonprofit that provides quality affordable housing for low-to-moderate income families. While our buildings provide a roof over their heads of more than 250 families in Metro Denver, our Family Services provide supportive services to help families change their lives.

- 142 West 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, Denver, CO 80204
  - P: 303.561.0226

### **Mercy Housing**

<https://www.mercyhousing.org/>

Mercy Housing is working to create a more humane world where poverty is alleviated, communities are healthy and all people can develop their full potential. We believe that affordable housing and supportive programs improve the economic status of residents, transform neighborhoods and stabilize lives.

- 1999 Broadway St #1000, Denver, CO 80202
  - P: 303.830.3300

### **Providence Network**

<https://providencenetwork.org/>

Providence Network is a 501(c)3 Denver faith-based, urban transformational housing organization that helps men, women and families heal from addictions, abuse and homelessness to become self-sufficient, productive members of the community.

- 801 Logan St, Denver, CO 80203
  - P: 303.860.8404

### **South Metro Housing Options**

<https://smho.co/>

It is the policy of South Metro Housing Options to comply fully with all federal, state and local nondiscrimination laws, the American with Disabilities Act and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity. Various resident programs, including awarding college and vocational scholarships, the Sneaker Fund, Perfect Attendance celebrations, and Pack the Backpacks are housing authority annual events.

- 5745 S Bannock St, Denver CO 80120
  - P: 303.794.9608

### **Warren Village**

<https://warrenvillage.org/>

Warren Villiage exists to help low-income single-parent families achieve personal and economic self-sufficiency – and to sustain it. Single parents living at Warren Villiage are dedicated to improving their lives and creating a better future for their children and themselves. Residence at Warren Village is not an entitlement, but rather a privilege, earned by progress toward a specific personal and economic self-sufficiency goals.

- 1323 Gilpin St, Denver, CO 80218
  - P: 303.321.2345

### **Autism Housing Network**

<http://www.autismhousingnetwork.org/>

Despite the ever-increasing waitlists, inadequate housing options, and lack of lifelong opportunities, there is a movement of sustainable, high quality, residential choices emerging. Hundreds of everyday people across the country are taking the future into their own hands and creating amazing futures for adults with autism and others with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD). They have the largest database of user-generated resources and residential opportunities while fostering a supportive and encouraging online community.

- P: 240.246.7140

### **OneHome**

<https://www.onehomeco.org/>

A collaboration of regional agencies, the OneHome team works hard with homeless services, housing and community providers to manage and coordinate entry system to cover Metro

Denver which include Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas, and Jefferson counties.

- <https://www.onehomeco.org>
- [contact@onehomeco.org](mailto:contact@onehomeco.org)

### **NEWSED**

<https://newsed.org/>

NEWSED's counseling and educational services are provided to first-time homebuyers through one-on-one counseling and workshops. The goal is to help individuals develop a plan to become eligible for ownership. All of NEWSED's client based services are free with the exception of a small copy fee. NEWSED counselors will work with a client for as long as counseling is needed so that they are eligible to receive a home loan. At the completion of the program clients are fully aware and educated in areas of credit stability, home maintenance budgeting, equity building, emergency repair programs, the lending process, mortgage options dos and don'ts, refinancing, home energy efficiency, how to work with a real estate agent and they are offered post counseling services.

- P: 303.534.8342

### **Home Ownership:**

#### **The Hero Alliance**

<https://biacolorado.org/directory/entry/hero-alliance/>

A non-profit organization that provides home ownership assistance and resources for persons with disabilities in Colorado.

- 11177 W 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Lakewood, CO 80215
  - P: 720.941.8901

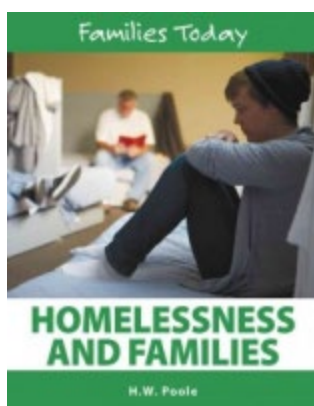
#### **Home Ownership Opportunity Alliance**

<https://homeownersopportunity.org/page.asp?content=startpage&g=HOA>

The Home Ownership Opportunity Alliance is leading a bipartisan effort at the Capitol to ensure that attainable housing is once again built in Colorado.

- 309 Inverness Way S., Englewood, CO 80112

## **Recommended Books from Aurora Public Library**



Homelessness and Families

Call #: YA 362.5 Poo

ISBN: 9781422236161

Publication Date: 2017



Coping with Homelessness

Call #: Hoopla Digital

ISBN: 9781508176923

Publication Date: 2018

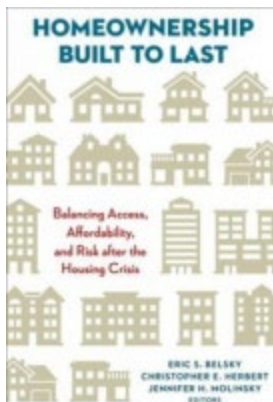


Housing Finance 2020

Call #: Hoopla Digital

ISBN: 9781543974386

Publication Date: 2019

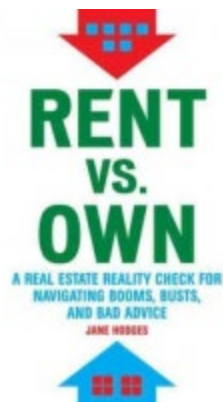


Homeownership Built to Last

Call #: Hoopla Digital

ISBN: 9780815725657

Publication Date: 2014



Rent Vs. Own: A Real Estate Reality Check for Navigating Booms, Busts, and Bad Advice

Call #: 643.12 Hod

ISBN: 9781452102535

Publication Date: 2012