

HOUSING & SHELTER RESOURCE GUIDE

PUBLIC HOUSING & SECTION 8 VOUCHERS

Section 8 Subsidized Apartments

The Section 8 Subsidized Apartment Rental Assistance is a federal program that helps income-eligible individuals, families, senior citizens, and individuals with disabilities to pay only 30 percent of their income towards their rent so they can afford safe, healthy homes.

Local public housing authorities (PHAs) own and manage developments and administer Section 8 vouchers, which allow households to rent in the private market. Waiting lists exist for subsidized housing. Applicants can apply for units and vouchers in more than one community.

Who Qualifies?

- Elderly (age 65 or older)
- Persons with disabilities
- Families who meet income guidelines

How to Apply

Contact the Public Housing Authority nearest you, or contact Rhode Island HUD, (401) 277-8300

Public Housing Authority – Municipal Contact List

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/states/ri.cfm>

For municipalities that do not have public housing authority: Contact Rhode Island Housing; 44 Washington St, Providence, RI | (401) 457-1197

Community Action Rhode Island (CAP)

CAP Agencies in various communities can also offer housing assistance:

- Foreclosure Counseling
- Housing Counseling & Placement
- Homeless Housing
- Housing Management
- Housing Purchase, Repair, Rehabilitation
- Lead Education & Outreach
- Energy & Heating Cost Assistance
- Weatherization
- Appliance Management

Each CAP Agency offers something different, so check with the agency in your community. To find the location nearest you, visit: <http://www.ricommunityaction.org/agencies.asp>

Housing Network of Rhode Island 1070 Main St, Pawtucket, RI | (401) 521-1461 |

mlodge@housingnetworkri.org <http://www.housingnetworkri.org/>

The Housing Network is the state association of twenty Rhode Island non-profit Community Development Corporations. Their members have created thousands of affordable housing units throughout the state. The Housing Network is not a housing provider.

The complete list of Community Development Corporations in the community:

<http://www.housingnetworkri.org/directory-of-members/>

The POINT

50 Valley St, Providence, RI | (401) 462-4444 Rhode Island's Aging & Disability Resource Center can provide information referrals for assisted living resources for seniors.

<http://www.211ri.org/services/aging-and-disability-services.aspx>

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Rhode Island Housing

44 Washington St, Providence, RI | (401) 457-1234 <http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/>

Rhode Island Housing strives to ensure that all people who live or work in Rhode Island can afford a healthy, attractive home that meets their needs.

- Help Center <http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/sp.cfm?pageid=469>

The Rhode Island Housing (RIH) Help Center provides a safe place for advice and education for foreclosure or coping with the loss of a home. The Help Center's trusted, trained counselors assess the situation and can assist with:

- Avoiding loss of home / • Make sense of an existing mortgage / • Make Safe, informed decisions about finding an affordable rent or mortgage / • Prepare for home ownership Contact: (401) 457-1130 | helpcenter@rhodeislandhousing.org

- **Rental Resource Guide** – Updates Regularly <http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/sp.cfm?pageid=614>

The Rental Resource Guide contains apartment listings and offers key information on what services are available to Rhode Islanders so they can find an apartment that meets all of their needs. It can be downloaded in English and Spanish.

- **Emergency Housing Assistance / Additional Information**

For immediate assistance due to an emergency or temporary crisis

<http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/sp.cfm?pageid=654>

Contact: (401) 457-1197

Property Tax Relief Circuit Breaker Program

One Capitol Hill, Providence RI | Phone: (401) 574-8970 | <http://www.tax.ri.gov/>

State-funded tax credit to senior and disabled homeowners and renters whose property taxes exceed between 3% and 6% of their household income.

Rhode Island Legal Services (RILS)

56 Pine St, 4th Floor, Providence, RI | Phone: (401) 274-2652

50 Washington Sq, Newport, RI | Phone: (401) 846-2264

<http://www.rils.org/housing.cfm>

Our basic priorities are to ensure that low-income people have food, shelter, income, medical care, and freedom from domestic violence. To accomplish this, RILS provides a full range of legal assistance, including advice and brief service, investigation, negotiation, and litigation in all state and federal trial and appellate courts. RILS also provides community legal education services to its client community.

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SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless – *(They do NOT offer housing or case management services)* 225 Dyer St, 2nd floor, Providence RI | Phone: (401) 721-5685 | Email: info@rihomeless.org | www.rihomeless.org

The RI Coalition for the Homeless strives to highlight the issue of homelessness, increase public awareness, and heighten public involvement in order to solve homelessness in Rhode Island.

- **Rhode Island Shelter Guide** – a comprehensive listing of homeless shelters in RI.
<http://www.rihomeless.org/Resources/RhodeIslandShelterGuide/tabid/261/Default.aspx>
- **Street Sheet Survival Guides** – information about food, shelter, and other emergency services to those who are homeless and to community agencies in Providence, Blackstone Valley, and Newport.
<http://www.rihomeless.org/Resources/StreetSheets/tabid/172/Default.aspx>
- **Homeless Legal Clinic** – legal support to all individuals who are currently homeless or at risk of homelessness. Clinics are offered once a week in various locations.
<http://www.rihomeless.org/Resources/HomelessLegalClinic/tabid/204/Default.aspx>

Operation Stand Down – Veteran’s Services

101 Hartford Ave, Johnston RI | Phone: (401) 383-4730 | www.osdri.org

Operation Stand Down’s mission is to help homeless and at-risk veterans secure stable housing as well as other assistance, such as: case management, basic human needs, referrals, and education services.

Crossroads RI

160 Broad St, Providence RI | (401) 521-2255 | www.crossroadsri.org

Crossroads offers essential life services to homeless families, women, and men in Rhode Island. They provide crisis intervention & case management, shelter & housing, health & dental care, and educational services.

Housing First – Riverwood Mental Health Services

383 West Fountain St, Providence RI | (401) 272-3018

<http://www.riverwoodmhs.dreamhosters.com/housingFirstRI.php>

Housing First provides rapid access to permanent housing and voluntary access to a variety of services.

RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence

A 24-hour helpline is available: 1(800) 494-8100 | <http://www.ricadv.org/>

The Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence links many services together through organizations spread throughout Rhode Island. Each agency provides emergency support to victims and their families.

Additional Services for the Homeless

Bristol Good Neighbors – Day Shelter

378 Hope St, Bristol RI | Phone: (401)254-0726 | contact@bristolgoodneighbors.org

Open Doors

485 Plainfield St, Providence RI | Phone: (401) 781-5808 ext. 100 | <http://opendoorsri.org/housing>

Open Doors provides assistance to formerly confined individuals to find and maintain stable housing.

St. Mark’s Episcopal Church

111 West Shore Rd, Warwick RI | Phone: (401) 737-3127 | <http://www.stmarkswarwick.org/>

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HEALTHY & ENERGY EFFICIENT HOMES

Community Action Rhode Island (CAP)

CAP Agencies in various communities offer these assistance services or referrals: Lead Education & Outreach, Energy & Heating Cost Assistance, Weatherization, and Appliance Management. Each CAP Agency offers different programs. To find one near you visit: <http://www.ricommunityaction.org/>

Childhood Lead Action Project

1192 Westminster St, Providence RI | Phone: (401) 785-1310 | <http://www.lead safekids.org/>

The Childhood Lead Action Project works to eliminate childhood lead poisoning through education and parent support.

Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention

Program Rhode Island Department of Health | Phone: (401) 222-5960 | leadprogram@health.ri.gov

<http://health.ri.gov/healthrisks/poisoning/lead/>

Healthy Homes RI protects the health and safety of children, workers, and the general public by identifying and decreasing environmental hazards.

Green & Healthy Homes Initiative

460 Harris Ave, Suite 202, Providence RI | <http://www.greenandhealthyhomes.org/home-health-hazards>

The Green & Healthy Homes Initiative is committed to ensuring that all families and children live in homes that are healthy, safe, energy efficient, and sustainable.

RISE Engineering – Home efficiency audits

1341 Elmwood Ave, Cranston RI | Phone: 1(800) 422-5365 | <http://www.riseengineering.com/>

As the designated contractor for EnergyWise Services from National Grid, RISE can put you in touch with generous incentives that greatly reduce the cost of home efficiency improvements.

Rhode Island Housing Home Improvement & Lead Abatement Program

<http://www.rhodeislandhousing.org/sp.cfm?pageid=652> | Phone: (401) 450-1350

Assist qualified residents in obtaining low-interest home repair and improvement loans. Some grants or loans for home repair may be available through local communities.