

Steps To Find Affordable Housing



It can be difficult to find an affordable home, but knowing your options will increase your chances. Contact the organizations in this brochure or call 211 for guidance and referrals.

Apply to as many affordable housing properties as you can. Be persistent and informed, and advocate for more affordable housing in your community! Best of luck in your housing search.

1 Learn about different kinds of affordable housing

Non-Profit Housing

Non-profit affordable housing developments offer well-designed and professionally-managed homes with restricted rents and varying eligibility requirements. Call the organizations in this brochure and visit their websites.

Section 8

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) closes the gap between rent and your income. Contact your local public housing authority for guidance.

Affordable Homeownership and Other Options

Contact the organizations in this brochure about homebuyer assistance

and education programs. Consider Community Land Trusts and co-housing as options. Struggling with mortgage payments? See the financial and foreclosure counseling resources.

Tenants' Rights and Other Housing Assistance

If you need help with a security deposit, rent, emergency housing or shelter, or tenant/landlord issues, contact the "housing, shelter, and emergency resources" organizations.

2 Get your finances and credit ready

Credit Check

Obtain your credit report early, and be prepared to tell prospective landlords about any problems and the steps you've taken to address them. They may accept a low credit rating with good references, proof of employment, a higher security deposit, or a co-signer. For help, contact a credit counseling agency.

Income and Budgeting

Your housing costs should consume no more than one-third of your income. Contact the agencies in this brochure for help creating a financial and savings plan so you can afford transportation, childcare, health care and other expenses along with rent or mortgage.

3 Check to see if your income qualifies

Find out if you qualify for affordable housing by inquiring with a specific property or non-profit developer. If you have a Section 8 voucher, ask if the

4 Identify your housing needs and preferences

Think about location and amenities, but also be flexible and consider several cities and types of housing to increase your chances. Non-profit housing often targets seniors, special needs, family or transitional/supportive populations. You may have trouble qualifying if you are undocumented or if you have a certain type of criminal record. Most strive to serve undocumented and formerly incarcerated people when possible.

5 Contact non-profit housing organizations and apply

- Check the websites of non-profit developers often or call to get current information and applications. Follow directions to ensure success.
- Search through 211, achousingchoices.org, and OneHomeBayArea.org.
- For properties with openings, visit the website or call to request an application or to be added to the waitlist. Complete and submit applications by the deadline. Be prepared to provide financial and family information and your housing history to determine eligibility.
- For properties under construction, ask to be added to the interest/marketing list.
- Once you've submitted applications or joined waitlists, let each one know if you move or change your phone number. Ask for the best way to keep in contact.



EAST BAY HOUSING ORGANIZATIONS



East Bay Housing Organizations

538 9th Street, Suite 200, Oakland, CA 94607
510-663-3830

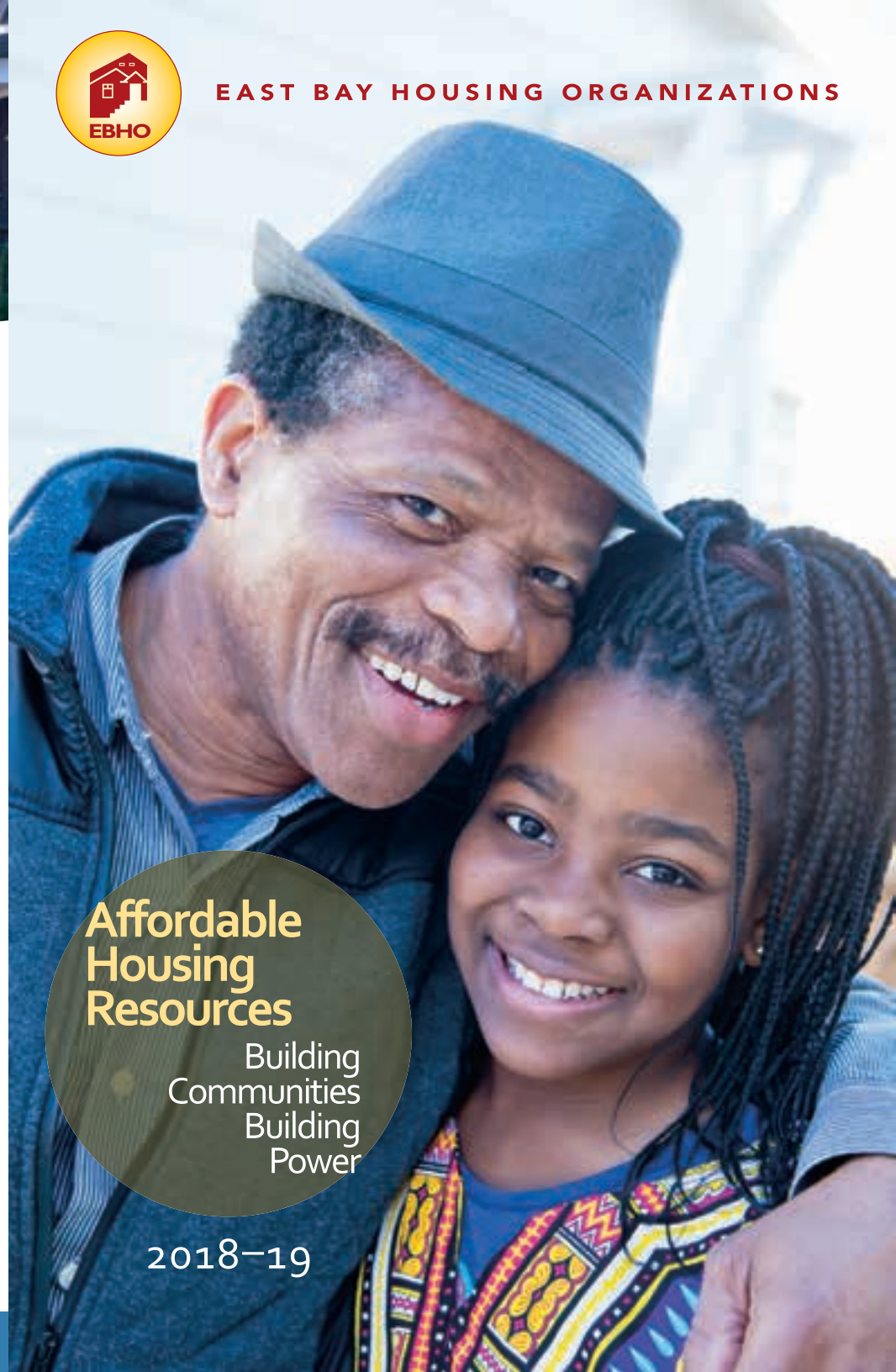
EBHO's Mission

East Bay Housing Organizations (EBHO) is a membership non-profit organization, founded in 1984, dedicated to working with communities in Alameda and Contra Costa counties to preserve, protect and expand affordable housing opportunities through education, advocacy, organizing, and coalition building.

EBHO appreciates its funding partners



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Affordable Housing Resources

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Non-Profit Developers & Service Providers

Non-Profit Housing Developers

Non-profit organizations that develop, own and manage affordable housing in the East Bay.

Allied Housing/Abode Services
(510) 657-7409
abodeservices.org

Bay Area Community Land Trust
(510) 545-3258 • bayareact.org

BRIDGE Housing
(415) 989-1111
bridgehousing.com

Christian Church Homes (CCH)
(510) 632-6712 • cchnc.org

Community Housing Development Corp. (CHDC)
(510) 412-9290 • chdcnr.org

EAH Housing
(415) 258-1800 • eahhousing.org

East Bay Asian Local Development Corp. (EBALDC)
(510) 287-5353 • ebaldc.org

Eden Housing
(510) 582-1460
edenhousing.org

Episcopal Senior Communities
(925) 956-7400 • covia.org

Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley
(510) 251-6304 • habitatebsv.org

Housing Consortium of the East Bay
(510) 832-1382 • hceb.org

Human Good
(925) 924-7100 • humangood.org

Mercy Housing California
(415) 355-7100
mercyhousing.org

MidPen Housing
(650) 356-2900
midpen-housing.org

Northern California Land Trust
(510) 548-7878 • nclt.org

Resources for Community Development (RCD)
(510) 841-4410
RCDhousing.org

Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services Inc.
(510) 237-6459
RichmondNHS.org

Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA)
(510) 647-0700 • sahomes.org

Housing & Support Services

Community-based organizations providing transitional and supportive housing, mental and physical health services, and other support services.

Abode Services

Office: (510) 657-7409
Sunrise Village Emergency Shelter:
(510) 252-0910 • abodeservices.org

Alameda Point Collaborative

677 West Ranger Ave.
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 898-7800 • apcollaborative.org

Anka Behavioral Health, Inc.

1850 Gateway Blvd., Ste. 900
Concord, California 94520
(925) 825-4700 • ankabhi.org

Bay Area Community Services (BACS)

629 Oakland Ave.
Oakland, CA 94611
(510) 613-0330 • bayareacs.org

Bonita House, Inc.

1410 Bonita Ave.
Berkeley, CA 94709
Office: (510) 923-1099
Homeless Outreach and Stabilization
Team: (510) 809-1780
bonitahouse.org

Building Futures

1395 Bancroft Ave.
San Leandro, CA 94577
(510) 357-0205
Crisis Line: 1-866-292-9688
bfwc.org

Building Opportunities for Self Sufficiency (BOSS)

Multi-Agency Service Center
1930 Center St., Berkeley, CA 94704
(510) 843-3700
South County Homeless Project
(510) 732-5956
Admin. Office: (510) 649-1930
self-sufficiency.org

Center for Independent Living

3075 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA 94703
(510) 841-4776 • thecil.org

Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL)

(510) 881-5743 • crilhayward.org

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

399 Taylor Blvd., Ste. 115
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
(925) 944-2244 • ccinterfaithhousing.org

Davis Street Family Resource Center

3081 Teagarden St.
San Leandro, CA 94577
(510) 347-4620 • davisstreet.org

East Bay Community Recovery Project

2577 San Pablo Ave, Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 446-7100 • ebcrcp.org

East Oakland Community Project

7515 International Blvd.
Oakland, CA 94621
(510) 532-3211 • eoep.net

First Place for Youth

426 17th St., Ste. 100
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 272-0979 • firstplaceforyouth.org

Housing Consortium of the East Bay

410 7th St., Ste. 203, Oakland, CA 94607
(510) 832-1382 • hceb.org

Lutheran Social Services

(925) 825-1060 • lssnorcal.org

Rubicon Programs

101 Broadway St., Richmond, CA 94804
(510) 412-1725 • rubiconprograms.org

St. Mary's Center

925 Brockhurst Ave.
Oakland, CA 94608
(510) 923-9600 • stmaryscenter.org

One Home provides up-to-date affordable housing listings in the Bay Area. Learn more about affordable housing opportunities at onehomebayarea.org.



Affordable Housing Resources

Housing, Shelter, Emergency Resources & Referrals

Temporary and emergency housing assistance. For general referrals, services and assistance, call 211.

Bay Area Community Services (BACS)
(510) 613-0330 • bayareacs.org

Bay Area Rescue Mission
(510) 215-4555 • bayarearescue.org

Berkeley Food and Housing Project
(510) 649-4965 • bfhp.org
Shelter reservation phone line:
(866) 960-2132

Building Futures
Crisis Line: (866) 292-9688 • bfwc.org

Catholic Charities of the East Bay
(510) 768-3100 • cceb.org

Center for Independent Living
(510) 841-4776 • thecil.org

**Contra Costa Crisis Center/
Contra Costa 211**
211 or (800) 833-2900
crisis-center.org • 211database.org

East Oakland Community Project
(510) 532-3211 • eoep.net

**Eden Information & Referral/
211 Alameda County**
211 or (888) 886-9660 for non-local calls
edenir.org

Greater Richmond Interfaith Program
(510) 233-2141 • gripcommunity.org

A Safe Place Domestic Violence Services
(510) 536-7233 • asafepplacedvs.org

SAVE (domestic violence)
24-hour Crisis Hotline: (510) 794-6055
Empowerment Center: (510) 574-2250
save-dv.org

SHELTER, Inc.
(925) 338-1038 • shelterinc.org

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
of Alameda County**
(510) 638-7600 • svdp-alameda.org

STAND! For Families Free of Violence
Crisis Hotline: (888) 215-5555
Main Line: (925) 676-2845
standffov.org

Public Housing Authorities

Management of affordable housing and administration of Section 8 programs.

City of Alameda
(510) 747-4300
alamedahsg.org

Berkeley
(510) 981-5470
ci.berkeley.ca.us/BHA

Livermore
(925) 447-3600
livermoreHA.org

Oakland
(510) 874-1500
oakha.org

Richmond
(510) 621-1300
ci.richmond.ca.us/rha

Pittsburg
(925) 252-4830
ci.pittsburg.ca.us/index.aspx?page=150

Alameda County
(510) 538-8876
haca.net

Contra Costa County
(925) 957-8000
contracostahousing.org

Legal, Financial, Foreclosure & Tenants Services

Information and support on eviction, discrimination and other legal and financial issues.

Asian, Inc.
(415) 928-5910 • asianinc.org

Bay Area Legal Aid
Alameda Co: (510) 663-4744
Contra Costa: (510) 233-9954
Legal Advice: (800) 551-5554
baylegal.org

Causa Justa :: Just Cause
(510) 763-5877
Tenants Rights Clinic:
(510) 836-2687 • cijc.org

Centro de Servicios
(510) 489-4100
centrodeservicios.org

Centro Legal de la Raza
(510) 437-1554
centrolegal.org

**Community Housing
Development Corp. (CHDC)**
(510) 412-9290 • chdcnr.com

East Bay Community Law Ctr.
(510) 548-4040 • ebclc.org

ECHO Housing Assistance Ctr.
(855) ASK-ECHO
echofairhousing.org

Eviction Defense Center
350 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Ste. 703
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 452-4541

Family Violence Law Center
Office: (510) 208-0220
Hotline: (800) 947-8301
fvlc.org

**Housing and Economic Rights
Advocates (HERA)**
(510) 271-8443 ext. 300
heraca.org

**Lao Family Community
Development, Inc.**
(510) 533-8850 • lfcid.org

Oakland Housing Support Ctr.
250 Frank Ogawa Pl., Ste. 6301
Oakland, CA 94612
(510) 238-6182
www2.oaklandnet.com/
Government/o/hcd/index.htm

Operation HOPE
(510) 535-6700
operationhope.org/oakland

Pacific Community Services
329 Railroad Ave.
Pittsburg, CA 94565
(925) 439-1056

Project Sentinel
39155 Liberty St., Ste. D440
Fremont, CA 94528
English: (800) 855-7100
Español: (800) 855-7200
Housing.org

Tenants Together
Foreclosure Hotline:
(888) 495-8020
General: (415) 495-8100
tenantstogether.org

The Unity Council
(510) 535-6900
unitycouncil.org

Foreclosure Prevention Hotlines

Homeownership Preservation Foundation
(888) 995-HOPE (4673) • 995hope.org

Keep Your Home California
(888) 954-KEEP (5337) • keepyourhomecalifornia.org

Dial 211 for information about housing and human services 24/7.