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Affordable Housing in Arizona: Information and Resources

What is affordable housing?

Affordable housing is low-cost housing that allows people to afford rent *and* other necessities such as food and healthcare. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) official definition of affordable housing is housing that costs a household no more than 30% of their income. Arizona follows this definition too.

Affordable housing is often offered to people with low-income, people with disabilities, and older adults. The federal government and state government provide funding for affordable housing projects.

Arizona has different types of affordable housing and housing programs, including:

- Public Housing: **Public housing** is affordable housing that is owned and managed by government agencies called local housing authorities. Local housing authorities rent out the housing properties directly to eligible low-income families, older adults, and people with disabilities. There are many different types of public housing properties including single-family homes and apartments. Visit the U.S. HUD'S "Public Housing Program" page to learn more.

- Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8): **The Housing Choice Voucher Program,** also known as Section 8, is a federally-funded housing program. People who meet income requirements are given vouchers that can be used to rent private properties such as an apartment or a single-family home. People with disabilities can use the voucher for assisted living facilities or group homes.

  After using the voucher, tenants will pay about 30% of their monthly household income for rent, while the federal government pays for the rest. It is important to know vouchers can **only** be used at properties where the landlord **chooses** to accept vouchers. To learn more about the Housing Voucher Program, please visit the World Institute on Disability's "Voucher Program Rules" page.

- Project-Based Rental Assistance Program: **The Project-Based Rental Assistance Program** provides affordable housing to eligible families and individuals by providing discounted rates for specific housing units. Through this program, nonprofit groups and private landlords enter an agreement with the HUD to provide affordable units. The HUD pays a portion of the unit rent. This assistance is linked to a particular unit and is not given directly to the housing occupant.

- Permanent Supportive Housing: **Supportive Housing** combines affordable housing with support services such as case management, food, and medical care. Supportive housing is often offered to people facing chronic homelessness, low-income, people with disabilities, and older adults. Supportive housing can include assisted living facilities, group homes, and skilled nursing homes.

- Nonprofit and Private Affordable Housing: Many nonprofit organizations and private landlords across the valley offer affordable housing. Nonprofits and private landlords offer these properties due to partnerships with the government, grants, and tax-credit opportunities.

Many of the following housing units and programs are in high demand and have a waiting list. **Make sure to keep checking on the availability of these housing resources since wait lists may open again in the future.**

General Resources

211 Arizona

The 211 Arizona Information and Referral Services program help individuals and families find resources that are available to them locally, throughout the state, and provide connections to critical services that can improve – and save – lives, including shelter and housing, utilities assistance, and emergency assistance. 211 provides information and referral through phone or their search engine on their website.

- Contact Information
  - Phone: 211
  - Website: https://211arizona.org/
  - Resource Search Engine: https://search.211arizona.org/

Keys to Change (The Human Services Campus)

Keys to Change, owns, operates, and collaborates with partner tenants to provide complementary, holistic services, all located on their 13-acre campus in Phoenix, Arizona. Keys to Change and Key Campus partners provide a variety of services including housing, shelter, and meals.

- Phone: (602) 282-0853
- Website: https://keystochangeaz.org/
- Address: 204 S. 12th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85007

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

The U.S. HUD is a federal agency focused on meeting the housing needs of the country. Visit their website to find information about your housing rights, housing programs, and resources. Their resource locator can help you find affordable housing, public housing, housing for older adults and people with disabilities, your local HUD office, and more.

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

Housing Resources

Affordable Housing Search Engines

Use the following websites to do your own search of affordable housing in Arizona. The majority of these properties will be owned by private landlords or companies.

- **Affordable Housing Search Engine:** https://www.affordablehousing.com/
- **Affordable Housing Online:** https://affordablehousingonline.com/
- **Housing Search AZ:** https://housingsearch.az.gov/
- **My Housing Search:** http://myhousingsearch.com/
- **There's Room:** https://www.theresroom.com/

All Thrive 365 (formerly Foundation for Senior Living)

AllThrive 365 is a nonprofit organization that has been helping Arizonans of all ages thrive since 1974. Their holistic approach prepares and embraces individuals to age independently, safely, and with peace of mind. AllThrive 365 offers:

- Affordable Housing (including older adult housing and housing for individuals with developmental disabilities)

Contact Information:

- Phone: (602) 285-1800
- Email: info@allthrive365.org
- Website: https://allthrive365.org/housing/affordable-housing/

A New Leaf

A New Leaf is a nonprofit organization that helps community members facing challenges of all kinds including housing insecurity. A New Leaf offers:

- Affordable Housing
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

Contact Information:

- Phone: (877) 211-8661
- Website: https://turnanewleaf.org/services/housing-and-shelter/#affordable-housing-solutions

Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS)

CASS is Arizona's largest and longest serving emergency shelter program serving people experiencing homelessness. Both their adult and family shelters operate at full capacity 24/7, 365 days of the year. CASS has 5 locations located across the valley. To learn more about their locations and services, please call CASS or visit their website. CASS offers:

- Emergency shelter

Contact Information:

- Phone:
  - Families: (602) 595-8700
  - Single-Adults without Children: 602-229-5155 (or visit the campus at 206 S. 12th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85007 from 8am-4pm)
- Website: https://www.cassaz.org/

Chicanos Por La Causa

Chicanos Por La Causa is a nonprofit organization that helps individuals and families across six southwestern states grow by providing services related to health, housing, education, advocacy, and more. CPLC offers:

- Affordable Housing

Contact Information:

- Phone: (602) 252-0482
- Website: https://cplc.org/programs/affordable-housing

Housing for Hope
Housing for Hope is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide safe, beautiful, and affordable housing communities for families. Housing for Hope offers:

- Affordable Housing

Contact Information

- Phone: 1-855-316-2229
- Website: https://housingforhopeaz.org/

East Valley Senior Home Sharing Program
The East Valley Senior Home Sharing Program helps to match older adults as roommates who can share living expenses, making housing more affordable for both. This program offers:

- Supportive Housing for Older Adults

Contact Information:

- Phone: (480) 389-1284
- Email: info@evseniorhomesharing.org
- Website: https://evseniorhomesharing.org/

Family Promise of Greater Phoenix
Family Promise is a nonprofit organization that helps families with children experiencing homelessness. Family Promise offers:

- Homelessness Prevention Services
- Emergency Shelter

Contact Information:

- Phone: (480)-659-5227
- Email: info@FamilyPromiseAZ.org
- Website: https://familypromiseaz.org/
- Address: 7447 E. Earll Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85251

Labor's Community Service Agency
Labor's Community Service Agency (LCSA) was built upon a partnership between the United Way and AFL-CIO to provide outreach and referral services to union members throughout the community. LCSA offers:

- Affordable Housing

Contact Information:

- Phone: (602) 263-5741
- Website: https://www.lcsaphx.org/Programs/

Local Housing Authorities and Housing Departments
Local housing authorities are government agencies that provide housing-related services to individuals with low-income, older adults, and people with disabilities. Local housing authorities are often based in specific cities and counties. Local Housing Authorities and Housing Departments typically offer:

- Public Housing
- Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)
- Project-Based Rental Assistance/Voucher Program
- Supportive Housing Vouchers

Maricopa County Locations

- Chandler Housing and Redevelopment Division
  - Phone: (480) 782-3200
  - Website: https://www.chandleraz.gov/residents/neighborhood-resources/housing-and-redevelopment
- Glendale Housing Authority
  - Phone: (623) 930-2180
  - Email: glendalehousing@glendaleaz.com
  - Website: https://www.glendaleaz.com/live/city_services/citizen_assistance_programs/public_housing_programs
- Housing Authority of Maricopa County
  - Phone: (602) 744-4500
  - Email: info@maricopahousing.org
  - Website: https://maricopahousing.org/
- Mesa Housing Authority
  - Phone: (480) 644-3536
  - Email: housing.info@mesaaz.gov
  - Website: https://www.mesaaz.gov/Resident-Resources/Housing
- Phoenix Housing Department
  - Phone: (602) 262-6794 (please call 602-534-1975 for Housing Choice Voucher questions)
  - Email: housing@phoenix.gov
  - Website: https://www.phoenix.gov/administration/departments/housing.html
- Scottsdale Housing Department
  - Phone: (480) 312-7717
  - Email: scottsdalehousinginfo@scottsdaleaz.gov
  - Website: https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov/housing
- Tempe
  - Phone: (480) 350-8950
  - Website: https://www.tempe.gov/government/community-health-and-human-services/housing-services

Pinal County Housing Authority

- Phone: (520) 866-7203
- Email: marshell.williams@pinal.gov
- Website: https://www.pinal.gov/584/Housing-Authority

Native American Connections

Native American Connections is a nonprofit organization that owns and operates 24 sites throughout Phoenix offering a continuum of affordable housing, health, and community development services. Native American Connections offers:

- Affordable Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Supportive Housing for Older Adults
- Youth Housing

Contact information:

- Phone: (60) 254-3247
- Email: https://www.nativeconnections.org/housing/

UMOM New Day Centers

Founded in 1964, UMOM is located in Phoenix, Arizona and is an innovative provider of shelter, housing and services for people experiencing homelessness. UMOM offers:

- Permanent Affordable Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Subsidized Housing

Contact Information:

- Phone: (602) 275-7852
- Website: https://www.umom.org/our-work

West Valley Health Equity

West Valley Health Equity is a nonprofit organization serving pregnant and parenting women, offering:

- Supportive Housing
- Housing Assistance

Contact Information:

- Phone: (480) 220-3371
- Website: https://wvhealthequity.com/housing/