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Resources for Rental/Utility Assistance in the Greater Pittsburgh Area

The following information is a general reference for the many resources available in the greater Pittsburgh area. The following programs may offer rental, mortgage, security deposit, utility assistance, food, mental health, and legal assistance. Please note that the guidelines listed here are not comprehensive and may be changed at the discretion of the agency or program's direction. Program funding is also contingent on availability. Also, depending on when you call, the programs may not be accepting new applicants. Due to the great demand for these resources, organizations may not be able to respond in a timely manner. Please get in touch with each program on an individual basis.

Resource Navigation - call for referrals to additional resources

- **Allegheny Link: 1-866-730-2368**
 - Main hotline for housing and homelessness resources in Allegheny County
 - Please call for help if you:
 - Are experiencing homelessness
 - Fear that you will soon face homelessness due to eviction or another crisis
 - Would like to be assessed for a short or long-term housing program

- **United Way PA 211: Dial 2-1-1 (just like you would dial 9-1-1 for emergency help)**
 - Can provide referrals to many resources in your community for a variety of situations, including housing, rental/utility assistance, food, shelter, clothing, financial coaching, tax preparation, medical resources, and more.

- **Rent Help PGH: Call (412) 534-6600 for English, or (412) 530-5244 for Spanish or email: support@renthelppgh.zendesk.com**
 - Assists residents of Allegheny County in obtaining legal and financial assistance in order to avoid eviction and to help residents access resources that will stabilize their household and create an environment in which they can thrive.

Legal Assistance

- **Neighborhood Legal Services Association: 412-255-6700** to receive free legal consultation and/or representation through the eviction process

- **Community Justice Project: 412-434-6002** to receive legal advice related to civil rights cases in housing



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Rental and Financial Assistance - City of Pittsburgh

- **URA - Housing Stabilization Program: 2-1-1**
 - Can provide up to \$3,000 for up to 6 months of rent and utility arrears
 - Eligibility:
 - Household at or below 50% AMI
 - Currently in arrears, landlord current on property taxes
 - This program cannot be combined with other funding for rent assistance
- **Urban League – Housing Assistance Program: 412-227-4802 or 412-727-2640 ext. 2320**
 - Can provide emergency rental assistance
 - Requires eviction notice from landlord or magistrate
- **Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation - Neighbors in Need Crisis Fund: 412-441-6950, ext. 11 or email RickS@bloomfield-garfield.org**
 - Can provide up to \$500 in emergency funding for a variety of needs, including rent, utility, mortgage, and home repairs
 - Must live in the East End of Pittsburgh, focusing on zip codes 15206 and 15224
- **Pittsburgh Financial Empowerment Center: 1-800-298-0237 or fecinfo@advantageccs.org**
 - Work with a professionally-trained financial counselor to manage your finances and plan for the future. Can help: bank safely, build savings, improve credit, reduce debt.

Rental and Financial Assistance - Allegheny County

- **Catholic Charities: 412-456-6999**
 - Can be used for rental and utility assistance, emergency supplies.
- **Union Aid Society - Financial Assistance Program: 412-741-9240**
 - May assist with utilities, childcare, food, housing, medication, school supplies, transportation.
 - Must live in the Quaker Valley school district (Aleppo Township, Bell Acres, Edgeworth, Glenfield, Glen Osborne, Haysville, Leet Township, Leetsdale, Sewickley, Sewickley Heights, Sewickley Hills)
- **Salvation Army: Contact your local Salvation Army or call the national hotline at 773-205-3520**
 - Can provide rental, utility, medicine, food, clothing, and more, depending upon the location.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society: 412-321-1071 (dial 2 for financial assistance)**
 - Provides referrals for food, clothing, furniture, rent, utility, and/or medical assistance
 - Call number above to be referred to a participating parish near you
- **Bethlehem Haven - Safe at Home program: 412-391-1348**
 - Can provide rental, utility, or security deposit assistance to women over 55 years old, or women 55 and under with children.



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- **Allegheny Valley Association of Churches Emergency Assistance:** 724-226-0606 or avac@avaoc.org
 - Can provide rent and utility payment assistance, emergency food, clothing and shoe vouchers, gasoline vouchers, bus passes, prescriptions and referrals.
 - Must live in the Allegheny Valley area (East Deer, Brackenridge, Tarentum, Fawn, Frazier, Harrison, Lower Burrell, Verona, New Kensington, or Arnold).
- **North Hills Community Outreach - Financial Emergencies program:** *Call their main office at 412-487-6316 to be referred to an office near you*
 - Can provide rental, security deposit, or utility assistance in certain emergency situations
- **YWCA Programs:** *Call 412-255-1488 to be screened for eligibility*
- **Hearth:** (412) 366-9801, www.hearthpgh.org
 - Provides housing, childcare, on-site food and clothing pantries and counseling services that empowers homeless families, who are survivors of domestic violence or other trauma to become independent, self-sufficient, and adequately housed.
- **Jewish Family & Community Services - Critical Needs Hotline:** 412-742-4215 or email critical@jfcspgh.org

Utility Assistance

- **Department of Public Welfare - Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP):** *Call your local County Assistance Office, the LIHEAP hotline at 1-866-857-7095, or go to www.compass.state.pa.us to apply online*
 - Can provide crisis grants for utilities that heat your home (typically gas and/or electric). Opens every year during fall/early winter, accepts applications until spring.
 - Must meet income limits
- **Dollar Energy Fund:** *Contact your utility company directly and ask to apply*
 - Can help with crisis grants for many different utility bills.
 - Many providers for different utilities participate (gas, electric, water, etc.) - call your utility provider directly to be assessed.



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Food/Basic Needs

- **Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank**, (412) 460-3663, 1 N Linden St, Duquesne, PA 15110 (multiple food pantry locations in the community).
- **East End Cooperative Ministry Community Nutrition Services**, (412) 345-7149, 6142 Station St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206.
- **Northside Common Ministries Community Food Pantry**, (412) 323-1170, 1602 Brighton Road Pittsburgh, PA 15212.
- **United Way/211**, 1249 Penn Ave, Floor 1, Pittsburgh, PA 15222; call 211 or go online to pa211sw.org; referral to health and human services, assistance, and basic needs.

Discrimination

- **Fair Housing Partnership**, (advocacy and testing), (412) 391-2535, 2840 Liberty ave, Suite 205, Pittsburgh PA 15222
- **Pittsburgh commission on Human Relations**, (investigates complaints in the City.), (412) 255-2600, 414 Grant St., Rm. 908, Pittsburgh PA 15219
- **Allegheny County Human Relations Commission**, (investigates complaints in the County.), (412) 350-6945, 414 Grant st., Rm. 920, Pittsburgh PA 15219
- **United Way/211**, (investigates complaints in PA.), (412) 565-5395, 301 Fifth Avenue, Suite 390, Piatt Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Mental Health

- **Resolve Crisis Services**, 24 hour hotline, 1-888-7-YOU-CAN (796-8226) or walk in to the crisis center at 333 North Braddock Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15208
- **Family Links Mental Health & Substance Abuse**, (412) 471-6162, 403 N. Highland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206.
- **Pittsburgh Mercy Behavioral Health**, 1-877-637-2924, 264 South 9th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203-1263