

AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOURCES



What?	What is it?	Link(s) and how to
Subsidized public housing units	Subsidized public housing programs offer housing units for low rental costs. These units are typically managed by government entities such as housing authorities or by non-profit organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search https://wa211.org for “low income/subsidized private rental housing” by zip code or city. • https://www.usda.gov/topics/rural/housing-assistance • https://www.seattlehousing.org/housing
Deposit and move-in assistance programs	<p>These are programs that provide a grant or a loan to help residents pay for their move-in security deposit; in addition, some of these programs also provide eviction prevention and/or move in assistance services.</p> <p>Some local housing programs have additional listings not found in the 211 database.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Search https://wa211.org for “rent payment assistance programs” by zip code or city. • Search for your city/location and the term “housing authority”.
Resources through congressional office	According to National Low-Income Housing Coalition’s (NLIHC) website, congressional representatives have staff members in charge of constituent’s services that should be knowledgeable about affordable housing resources in the area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On your web browser search for your zip code and the term “congressional representative” to find the contact information for your congressional office. Then contact them and ask them to help you find affordable housing resources.
Landlord rent reduction letter	Use our letter template to request your landlord to reduce your rent during your service term. This typically only works if you are renting a property directly from the owner, but it is worth a try	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlord Rent Reduction Letter
Energy assistance programs and options	These are programs that assist low-income households in meeting their immediate energy needs and provide education about options that help customers to control their energy costs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://www.commerce.wa.gov/growing-the-economy/energy/low-income-home-energy-assistance • https://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/energy/Pages/energyAssistance.aspx
Transportation assistance programs	These programs seek to assist residents with the transportation needs by offering free or reduced public transportation fares or gas vouchers. These programs are typically only available in metropolitan areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://kingcounty.gov/depts/transportation/metro/fares-orca/orca-cards/lift.aspx#qualify • Search https://wa211.org for “transportation expense assistance” and your zip code or area.
Affordable housing search engines	These are internet search engines that facilitate the search for low-income housing rentals and/or roommates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • https://affordablehousingonline.com/housing-search/Washington • https://www.homestay.com • https://www.roomster.com • https://www.spareroom.com/roommates • http://aptfinder.org

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