OFFICE OF HOUSING SERVICES AND PROGRAMS
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Para obtener esta información en español por favor comuníquese con Irma Garcia con Vicente Espinoza al 703-746-3079/3087.

HOMEOWNER RESOURCES
www.alexandriava.gov/74590

Affordable Homeownership Units
Markets affordable resale-restricted units.
Eligibility: Low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers earning up to 100% AMI (see income limits on page 2)
Contact: Vicente Espinoza vicente.espinoza@alexandriava.gov
Brandi Collins brandi.collins@alexandriava.gov

Homebuyer Counseling
Conducts free homebuyer counseling and education in English and Spanish. The classes follow VHDA’s training curriculum and give first-time homebuyers access to VHDA’s below market interest rates and the City’s home purchase assistance loans.
Eligibility: First-time homebuyers
Contact: Vicente Espinoza vicente.espinoza@alexandriava.gov

Homeownership Assistance Loans
Offers no-interest, deferred payment loans for downpayment and/or closing cost assistance toward the purchase of City-assisted properties. The City also provides access to funds that reduce mortgage interest rates for VHDA financing through the VHDA Community Homeownership Revitalization Program.
Eligibility: Low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers earning up to 100% AMI (see income limits on page 2)
Contact: Vicente Espinoza vicente.espinoza@alexandriava.gov

RENTER RESOURCES
www.alexandriava.gov/74591

Affordable Rental Units
Provides information on affordable rental resources.
Eligibility: Low- and moderate-income renters
Contact: Irma Garcia irma.garcia@alexandriava.gov
Melodie Seau melodie.seau@alexandriava.gov

Check out our 2019 Apartment Survey at www.alexandriava.gov/housing (Renter Resources) to compare apartment complexes across the City.
For other options, including accessible rentals, in Virginia, also visit www.virginiahousingsearch.com

Landlord-Tenant and Housing Counseling Services
Assists with housing-related disputes between landlords and tenants and provides housing counseling services.
Eligibility: All city renters
Contact: Gwen Lassiter gwen.lassiter@alexandriava.gov
Goodman Okpara goodman.okpara@alexandriava.gov

Public Housing and Housing Choice (Section 8) Vouchers
The Alexandria Housing Redevelopment Authority (ARHA) owns and manages public housing in the City and administers housing choice vouchers.
Contact: Janell Diaz, (703) 549-7115
401 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
www.arha.us

Relocation Assistance
Provides information to landlords and tenants regarding housing relocation regulations.
Eligibility: All city renters
Contact: Irma Garcia irma.garcia@alexandriava.gov

Rental Accessibility Modification Program
Offers grants up to $50,000 to qualified renters with physical disabilities to make accessibility modifications. “Mini-grants” assist with modifications up to $2,800.
Eligibility: Low-income renters with disabilities earning up to 80% of AMI (see income limits on page 2)
Contact: Brandi Collins brandi.collins@alexandriava.gov

Housing Master Plan
To learn more about the City’s housing for all policies, affordable housing goals, and implementation tools, please visit:
www.alexandriava.gov/HousingPlan

EXPERIENCING A HOUSING CRISIS?
Please call the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) at 703-746-5700.
For walk-in appointments, visit DCHS at 2525 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301.
DO I QUALIFY FOR ASSISTANCE?

Households must meet income requirements to qualify for certain City housing programs. Income limits vary by program and household size and are based on regional median incomes calculated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Please see the table on the right for the 2019 income limits.

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<th>% of Area Median Income (AMI)</th>
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Source: HUD; Office of Housing  *Income limits are also available for 6+ households

HOMEOWNER RESOURCES www.alexandriava.gov/97057

Home Rehabilitation Loan Program (HRLP)
Offers no-interest, deferred payment loans up to $135,000 (up to $75,000 for condos) to address code violations, structural problems, lead remediation, energy improvements, and other repairs.

Eligibility: Low- and moderate-income homeowners earning up to 80% AMI (see income limits)
Contact: Arthur Thomas arthur.thomas@alexandriava.gov

Counseling and Training
Provides free pre-purchase training for first-time homebuyers in English and Spanish. The City also offers resource and referral services, as well as counseling, on a range of issues including financial management, personal budgeting, default and delinquency, foreclosure prevention, and rights and responsibilities related to ownership in a condominium community.

Eligibility: All city residents
Contact: Vicente Espinoza vicente.espinoza@alexandriava.gov

To learn about the City’s Real Estate Tax Relief Programs for Elderly and Disabled Persons and Veterans with 100% Service-Connected Disability, visit www.alexandriava.gov/TaxRelief or call 703.746.3901 (select Option 6).

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION RESOURCES

Office of Human Rights
The City’s Office of Human Rights enforces antidiscrimination laws by investigating alleged discrimination in a range of areas, including:

- the sale or rental of housing
- housing advertising
- disability accommodations or modifications
- loans for the purchase, building, renovation, or repair of housing

Contact: Jean Kelleher, (703) 746-3140 www.alexandriava.gov/humanrights

Fair Housing Testing
Conducts fair housing testing for discrimination in the rental and sales housing markets and in mortgage lending.
Contact: Goodman Okpara goodman.okpara@alexandriava.gov

Training for Realtors and Property Managers
Provides training seminars on fair housing laws to real estate and property management companies.
Contact: Melodie Seau melodie.seau@alexandriava.gov

OTHER HOUSING RESOURCES

Homelessness Prevention and Rent Relief
Department of Community and Human Services
- Homeless Services Assessment Center (HSAC) serves as the point of entry for those seeking emergency shelter.
- Office of Community Services (OCS) provides rental assistance to eligible, low-income persons facing a housing crisis.

To request any HSAC or OCS services, please call (703) 746-5700 or walk in for an eligibility screening at the DCHS offices at 2525 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. For more information, visit: www.alexandriava.gov/DCHS

Eviction Storage
The Department of Community and Human Services provides limited financial assistance toward furniture storage and emergency shelter referrals for eligible low-income households facing immediate eviction.
(703) 746-5700

Home Repair Services
Rebuilding Together Alexandria (RTA) provides free home repairs, safety modifications, and energy efficiency improvements to eligible homeowners. For more information, visit: www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org (703) 836-1021

Fuel Assistance
The Virginia Department of Social Services assists low-income households through the Fuel Assistance Program. Please apply in person at the DCHS offices at 2525 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301 or online at www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/

Shelters
Alexandria Community Shelter 2355-B Mill Road, Alexandria, VA 22314 (703) 746-3660
Carpenter’s Shelter 5701-D Duke Street, Alexandria, VA 22304 (703) 548-7500

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