



OFFICE OF HOUSING

SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

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Para obtener información en español por favor comuníquese con Irma Garcia o con Vicente Espinoza al 703.746.3079/3087.

For COVID-19 housing resources, please visit our website!

HOMEBUYER RESOURCES

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Homeownership Assistance Loans and Affordable Homeownership Units

Offers no-interest, deferred payment loans for downpayment and/or closing cost assistance toward the purchase of City-assisted properties.

Eligibility: Low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers earning up to 100% AMI
(see income limits on page 2)

Contact: **Vicente Espinoza** | 703.746.3087
vicente.espinoza@alexandriava.gov
Sam Gates | 703.746.3076
samuel.gates@alexandriava.gov

Reduced Interest Financing

Provides access to funds that reduce mortgage interest rates for Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) financing through the Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities (SPARC) program.

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Homebuyer Counseling

Free homebuyer counseling and education in English and Spanish provide first-time homebuyers access to VHDA's below-market interest rates and the City's home purchase assistance loans.

Contact: **VHDA**, 888.643.2696
vhda.com (see Homebuyer Tab)

HOUSING MASTER PLAN

To learn more about the City's *housing for all* policies, affordable housing goals, and implementation tools, please visit:

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.

RENTER RESOURCES

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Affordable Rental Units

Provides information on affordable rental resources.

Eligibility: Low- and moderate-income renters

Contact: **Irma Garcia** | 703.746.3079
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Melodie Seau | 703.746.3078
melodie.seau@alexandriava.gov

Check out our 2020 Apartment Survey at 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** | 703.746.3086
gwen.lassiter@alexandriava.gov

Goodman Okpara | 703.746.3080
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 ext. 173
401 Wythe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
arha.us

Relocation Assistance

Provides information to landlords and tenants regarding housing relocation regulations.

Eligibility: All city renters

Contact: **Irma Garcia** | 703.746.3079
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** | 703.746.3084
brandi.collins@alexandriava.gov

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 2020 income limits.

% of Area Median Income (AMI)	2020 Annual Income Limits by Household Size				
	1-person	2-person	3-person	4-person	5-person*
30% of AMI	\$26,500	\$30,250	\$34,050	\$37,800	\$40,850
40% of AMI	\$35,280	\$40,320	\$45,360	\$50,400	\$54,440
50% of AMI	\$44,100	\$50,400	\$56,700	\$63,000	\$68,050
60% of AMI	\$52,920	\$60,480	\$68,040	\$75,600	\$81,660
HUD 80%	\$55,750	\$63,700	\$71,650	\$79,600	\$86,000
80% of AMI	\$70,560	\$80,640	\$90,720	\$100,800	\$108,880
100% of AMI	\$88,200	\$100,800	\$113,400	\$126,000	\$136,100

Source: HUD; Office of Housing **Income limits are also available for 6+ person households*

HOMEOWNER RESOURCES 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 | 703.746.3091
arthur.thomas@alexandriava.gov

Counseling and Training

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 | 703.746.3087
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To learn about the City's Real Estate Tax Relief Programs for Elderly and Disabled Persons and Veterans with 100% Service-Connected Disability, visit 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
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 | 703.746.3080
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 | 703.746.3078
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, 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 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. For more information, call 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, call 703.836.1021 or visit rebuildingtogetherdca.org.

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 visit 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