

Affordable Housing

Resource Guide

Housing Programs Division: Engages the community to promote affordable housing and community development programs, policies and investments within the City of Columbia.

Resource Guide Summary: This resource guide is intended to provide community leaders, neighborhood representatives and the general public a list of affordable housing resources and programs that serve *homeless* population needs, *rental* needs and support *homeownership* in our community.

Homelessness

Homeless Prevention Funds

Funds used to prevent an individual or family from becoming homeless such as funds for paying rent/mortgage arrears, utility arrears etc....

Local Sources

- Voluntary Action Center (General), 573-874-2273
- Phoenix Programs (Substance Abuse/Mental Health), 573-875-8880
- Welcome Home Supportive Services for Veteran Families, 573-443-8001
- Central Missouri Community Action (utility assistance), 573-443-8706
- Columbia/Boone County Health Department Cash/Help, 573-874-7355

Drop In Center

Safe place for people experiencing homelessness to get respite, take a shower, do laundry, use the phone/computer, receive mail, eat and connect with social services.

Local Sources:

- Turning Point Program, Wilkes Blvd United Methodist Church, 573-449-4363

Emergency Shelter

Any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide a temporary shelter for the homeless population and provide basic necessities such as a place to sleep, shower, laundry and meals.

Local Sources:

- Salvation Army Harbor House (General population), 573-442-1984
- Room at the Inn (General population), facebook.com/columbiaRATI/
- Welcome Home (Veterans), 573-443-8001
- Phoenix Programs (Substance Abuse/Mental Health), 573-875-8880
- True North (Victims of Domestic Violence), 573-875-0503

Supportive Housing & Youth

Long-term rental assistance and supportive services targeted to individuals and families with chronic illnesses, disabilities, mental health issues, or substance abuse disorders.

Local Sources:

- Columbia Public Housing Authority (CHA) Shelter Plus Care, 573-443-2556
- Veterans Affairs Supported Housing (VA HUD VASH), 573-443-2556
- Love Inc. (Transitional Family Homes), 573-256-7662
- Rainbow House, (Homeless Youth), 573-874-6600
- Great Circle, (Homeless Youth), 844-424-3577

Rental

Public Housing, Vouchers, & Other Supportive Rental Housing

Public housing and voucher programs provide decent and safe affordable housing for low-income people through publicly funded units and vouchers for use in the private market

Local Sources:

- Columbia Public Housing Authority, 573-443-2556
- RAIN Central Missouri, (Persons w/HIV AIDS), 573-875-8687
- Woodhaven (Persons w/development disability), 573-875-6181
- Boone County Family Resources (Special Needs), 573-874-1995

Non-CHA Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Properties

Below market rental housing units for income eligible households. Housing units are funded through the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) programs.

Local Sources:

- Bethel Ridge I & II (Seniors), 573-443-0158
- Gentry Estates (Seniors), 573-443-0437
- Hanover Estates/Place/Village (Seniors), 573-474-0550
- North Hampton Village (General), 573-886-7808
- Columbia Square (General), 573-568-7220
- Columbia Oaks (General), 573-682-1372
- Edenton Ridge (Special Needs), 573-207-4115
- Kensington Tiger Apartments (General), 573-446-6767
- Lakewood Apartments (General), 573-310-2117
- Hallsville Senior Apartments (Seniors), 573-446-6767
- Claudell Lane Homes/Phase II (Seniors), 904-394-2889

Homeownership

Homebuyer Assistance

Down payment assistance for first-time homebuyers including funds to cover approved closing cost items.

Local Sources:

- City of Columbia Housing Programs Division, 573-874-7288
- Show-Me Central Habitat for Humanity, 573-499-1202
- Columbia Community Land Trust, 573-874-6321

Homebuyer Education & Credit Counseling

Homebuyer education and credit counseling and education for first-time homebuyers.

Local Sources:

- City of Columbia Housing Programs Division, 573-874-7288
- Veterans United Lighthouse Program, 800-814-1103 ext. 3256

Energy Efficiency, Rehabilitation & Accessibility

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Energy efficiency upgrades, rehabilitation, indoor air quality improvements and accessibility upgrades for approved owners and rental properties.

- Columbia Water and Light Utility Services Division, 573-874-2489
- Boone Electric Cooperative, 573-449-4181
- City of Columbia Housing Programs Division-Rehab, 573-874-7288
- Central Missouri Community Action-Weatherization, 573-443-8706
- Services for Independent Living (SIL)-Ramp Program, 573-874-1646