



Housing Counseling Services, Inc.

TENANT ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

RENTAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS ARE VERY LIMITED: Federal rental assistance resources that were available during the pandemic are now gone. While there is limited financial help available, tenants may benefit from other resources such as housing counseling, case management, legal services and other supports to prevent eviction, avoid homelessness and stabilize housing.

- **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP):** DUE TO BUDGET CONSTRAINTS, THE ERAP APPLICATION PORTAL WAS CLOSED ON 3/10/2023. To check the status of your current ERAP application and to watch for announcements about when the ERAP portal may reopen, check on-line at <https://erap.dhs.dc.gov/>
- **Assistance for Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA):** HCS' MHAP Program provides case management and financial assistance with rent, mortgage, utilities, food, and other necessities in D.C, Prince George's, Montgomery, Charles, Calvert and Frederick Counties. Call 202-900-9471 or email mhap@housingetc.org
- **Assistance for Veterans:** HCS' Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program offers Veterans who are homeless or at risk for homelessness with case management and financial assistance with rent, utilities, housing, and other necessities in D.C., Alexandria and Fairfax, Arlington, Prince George's, and Montgomery Counties. Call 202-667-7366 or email ssvfprogram@housingetc.org.
- **DC residents with minor children who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability** may contact the Virginia Williams Resource Center at 202-526-0017. Single individuals may access Project Reconnect by email at Project.Reconnect@dc.gov.

Legal resources: If you are summoned to Court, it's important that you attend all hearings. You do not need to vacate your home unless there is a court ordered eviction carried out by US Marshalls. The Landlord Tenant Legal Assistance Network (LTLAN) through the DC Bar foundation offers FREE legal support if you face eviction. Contact LTLAN at 202-780-2575 or <https://probono.center/LTLANintake>. For other legal help contact DC's Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA) at 202-719-6560.

- **Tenant Services:** To discuss your tenant rights when your building is being sold, dealing with poor conditions, and organizing a tenant association contact the HCS Tenant Services team at 202-900-9464 or tenants@housingetc.org.
- **Housing Discrimination:** For information about your fair housing rights and for help filing housing discrimination complaints contact the HCS Fair Housing team at 202-681-8386 or ronaldclarkson@housingetc.org.
- **Counseling or Case Management:** For help establishing a budget that prioritizes rent payments, to learn about options to reduce the risk of eviction, and for help negotiating a payment plan with your landlord, meet with a housing counselor or case manager by contacting rise@housingetc.org.
- **Training / Education:** Learn more about how to achieve stable housing: Join the HCS Tenant Rights and Resources Webinar to learn how to protect yourself and sustain your current housing. Participate in a Rental Housing Search Webinar to learn ways to secure housing. Join the Money Matters webinar to learn about budgeting. Join the Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) Webinar to learn how to qualify for affordable IZ rentals. Register for these and other HCS webinars at <https://housingetc.org> or by calling 202-667-7606.

Don't know where to turn? For more information about these and other Housing Counseling Services' programs check our website at <https://housingetc.org> or send an email to info@housingetc.org.