

Housing

HUD Office in Connecticut-

(<http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=ct&topic=offices>)

Subsidized Apartment Search –

(<http://www.hud.gov/apps/section8/step2.cfm?state=CT%2CConnecticut>)

Renting – (<http://www.hud.gov/renting/index.cfm>)

Local Renting Information –

(<http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=ct&topic=renting>)

(PHA) Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8)

To apply for either type of help, visit your local Public Housing Agency (PHA).

(<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/states/ct.cfm>)

Some PHAs have long waiting lists, so you may want to apply at more than one PHA. Your PHA can also give you a list of locations at which your voucher can be used.

What are housing Choice & Section 8 Vouchers?

(<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/hcv/index.cfm>)

Senior Citizen Housing Information- (<http://www.hud.gov/groups/seniors.cfm>)

People with Disabilities- Housing Resources-

(<http://www.hud.gov/groups/disabilities.cfm>)

Fair Housing and Equal Opportunities-

(<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/promotingfh/atyourservice.cfm>)

Need Advice? Contact a Housing Counselor-

(<http://www.hud.gov/local/ct/homeownership/hsgcounseling.cfm>)

Other Connecticut Resources

Connecticut Department of Social Services- Find out if you qualify for state-funded rental assistance programs

(<http://www.hud.gov/utilities/intercept.cfm?http://www.dss.state.ct.us/svcs/Housing/RAP.htm>)

Connecticut Housing Finance Authority- Locate rental housing developments by county

(<http://www.hud.gov/utilities/intercept.cfm?http://www.chfa.org/Multifamily/Multifamily%20Units%20by%20County.pdf>)

2-1-1 Infoline- Rental housing search and assistance with housing issues

(<http://www.hud.gov/utilities/intercept.cfm?http://www.infoline.org/Search/HousingSubCategory.asp?cid=Housing%20Issues%20Assistance>)

Find units for rent in rural Connecticut-

(http://rdmfhrentals.sc.egov.usda.gov/RDMFHRentals/select_county.jsp?st=ct&state_name=Connecticut&st_cd=09)

Independent Living Centers-

(<http://www.hud.gov/utilities/intercept.cfm?http://www.ilru.org/html/publications/directory/connecticut.html>)

Search for federal tax credit rental housing- (<http://lihtc.huduser.org/>)

Help with your utility bills-

(<http://www.hud.gov/local/ct/renting/energyprgms.cfm>)

Tenants Rights, laws and protections-

(<http://www.hud.gov/local/ct/renting/tenantrights.cfm>)

Department of Administrative Services- find open Housing Choice Voucher waiting lists throughout Connecticut

(http://www.hud.gov/utilities/intercept.cfm?http://www.das.state.ct.us/Business_Svs/HCVp/HCVp_Home.asp)

Homeless service groups-

(<http://www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=ct&topic=homeless>)

Frequently Asked Questions

Home buying

Question: I want to buy a home, but I don't have much money. Can HUD help me?

Answer: Helping people become homeowners is one of the most important things HUD does. Here are some suggestions:

1. Start by reading our "[homebuyer's kit](http://www.hud.gov/buying/)" (<http://www.hud.gov/buying/>) - particularly the part about the federal mortgage programs that can help people buy homes. HUD's FHA has many mortgage insurance programs that can help first-time homebuyers. Also, be sure to read about [buying a HUD home](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/reo/reobuyfaq.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/reo/reobuyfaq.cfm>) - they can be very good deals!
2. Contact one of the [HUD-approved housing counseling agencies](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm>). They can help you sort through your options.
3. Call your local office of housing and community development or your mayor's office to see if there are any [local homebuying programs](http://www.hud.gov/buying/localbuying.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/buying/localbuying.cfm>) that could help you.

Question 2: I'm interested in an FHA mortgage. Who do I see?

Answer: You'll need to go see a [HUD-approved lender](http://www.hud.gov/ll/code/llplcrit.html)-
(<http://www.hud.gov/ll/code/llplcrit.html>)

Question 3: I'm thinking about buying a home, but I don't really know if it's a good idea for me. Who can I talk to?

Answer: There are HUD-approved [housing counseling agencies](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm)
(<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm>) that can help you decide whether buying a home is right for you. Contact one in your area.

Home owning

Question 1: I'm a senior citizen on a fixed income. How can HUD help me keep my home or find low-cost housing or assisted living?

Answer: We have lots of information about [living choices for senior citizens](http://www.hud.gov/groups/seniors.cfm)
(<http://www.hud.gov/groups/seniors.cfm>). HUD-approved [housing counseling agencies](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm>) can help you think through your options. Contact one near you.

Question 2: I want to make some home improvements. Does HUD have grants or loans that could help me?

Answer: Read our [home improvements](#) section. You'll find out about the federal programs that are available, as well as some tips on making home improvements.

HUD Homes:

Question: I hear that HUD sells homes. How can I buy one?

Answer: Read our section on [how to buy a HUD home](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/reo/reobuyfaq.cfm)
(<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/reo/reobuyfaq.cfm>). Then look at the [listings of HUD homes](http://www.hud.gov/homes/index.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/homes/index.cfm>) available. If you find a home that interests you, you'll need to contact a HUD-approved real estate broker (most brokers are HUD-approved), who can submit a bid for you. Successful bids are posted right on the page for your state.

Question 2: How can I get listings of HUD homes for sale?

Answer: You can see lists of [HUD homes for sale](http://www.hud.gov/homes/index.cfm)
(<http://www.hud.gov/homes/index.cfm>) right on our web page. In addition, we link to listings of [homes being sold by other federal agencies](http://www.hud.gov/homes/homesforsale.cfm)
(<http://www.hud.gov/homes/homesforsale.cfm>) You can even get directions to the properties that interest you, see their locations on a map, and find out what schools are in the area.

Question 3: I've heard of the Officer Next Door and Teacher Next Door programs. How can I find out more?

Answer: We have information about [Teacher Next Door](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/reo/goodn/tnd.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/reo/goodn/tnd.cfm>) and [Officer Next Door](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/reo/goodn/ond.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/reo/goodn/ond.cfm>) right on our website.

Renting

Question 1: How can I get into HUD housing?

Answer: HUD doesn't actually own rental housing. We do provide funding to support several rental assistance programs. Read all about them in our "[Renter's Kit](http://www.hud.gov/renting/index.cfm#assistance)" (<http://www.hud.gov/renting/index.cfm#assistance>).

Question 2: I'm a senior citizen on a fixed income, how can HUD help me keep my home, find low-cost housing, or assisted living?

[Income limits for housing assistance programs](http://www.huduser.org/datasets/il.html) are updated each year. The [HOME program income limits](http://www.huduser.org/datasets/il.html) (<http://www.huduser.org/datasets/il.html>) are different from the limits for the other rental assistance programs.

Question 3: How can I apply for Section 8?

Answer: To apply for public housing or Housing Choice (Section 8) vouchers, you will need to visit your local [public housing authority](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/index.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/index.cfm>). Many have long waiting lists, so you may want to apply at more than one public housing authority.

Question 4: I have a Section 8 voucher, and I'm moving to another city. Can I take my voucher with me?

Answer: Yes, that is possible. But you'll need to contact both your current and your future [public housing authority](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/index.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/index.cfm>) to work out the details.

Question 5: Where can I find someone who will let me use my voucher to rent a place to live?

Answer: Your [public housing authority](http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/index.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/index.cfm>) should have a list of landlords who are willing to take Housing Choice vouchers.

Question 8: I'm a senior citizen on a fixed income, how can HUD help me keep my home, find low-cost housing, or assisted living?

Answer: We have lots of information about [living choices for senior citizens](http://www.hud.gov/groups/seniors.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/groups/seniors.cfm>). HUD-approved housing Counseling [housing counseling agencies](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm>) can help you think through your options. Contact one near you.

Question 9: I have a physical disability. What kind of housing help does HUD offer?

Answer: Read about housing choices for [people with disabilities](http://www.hud.gov/groups/disabilities.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/groups/disabilities.cfm>), including information on subsidized apartments and independent living centers. You also may want to contact one of the HUD-approved [housing counseling agencies](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm>) in your area.

Relocation, Eviction and Foreclosure

Question 1: The government is talking about buying my home/business, forcing me to relocate. What can I do?

Answer: You do have rights when a public agency acquires, rehabilitates, or demolishes your property, whether it's a private home, business, farm, or nonprofit organization. We have information about the process, how the amount of the offer to you will be determined, and what you can do if you don't want to accept the offer. [Read about relocation assistance](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/library/relocation/index.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/library/relocation/index.cfm>).

Question 2: I haven't been able to make my mortgage payments, and I'm about to lose my home. Can HUD help me?

Answer: Contact one of the HUD-approved [housing counseling agencies](http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hccprof14.cfm>) near you. Or you can call the Housing Counseling Hotline at (800) 569-4287. Also, read our [tips on avoiding foreclosure](http://www.hud.gov/foreclosure/) (<http://www.hud.gov/foreclosure/>).

Question 3: I've received an eviction notice. What can I do?

Answer: You should contact a local legal assistance provider for advice. You should be able to find legal resources in your local phone directory. Also, you may want to check our links to [local tenant rights, laws, and protections](http://www.hud.gov/consumer/local.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/consumer/local.cfm>) in your state.

More information about the [foreclosure](http://www.hud.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/foreclosure/index.cfm>).

Homeless

Question: I am homeless, and I need help. What can I do?

Answer: We have [information for people who are homeless](http://www.hud.gov/homeless/index.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/homeless/index.cfm>) about shelter, food, health care, jobs, and other benefits.

Question 2: I know someone who is homeless. How can I help?

Answer: You can tell your friend about the [resources for people who are homeless](http://www.hud.gov/homeless/index.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/homeless/index.cfm>) listed on HUD's website. And while you're there, you may want to explore some of the other [ways you can help the homeless](http://www.hud.gov/homeless/index.cfm#2) (<http://www.hud.gov/homeless/index.cfm#2>).

Fair Housing

Question 1: I believe that I may have experienced discrimination when I was looking for housing. How can I file a complaint?

Answer: You can [file a complaint](http://www.hud.gov/complaints/housediscrim.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/complaints/housediscrim.cfm>) right online! Or you can call the Housing Discrimination Hotline: 1-800-669-9777.

More information about [fair housing](http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/FHLaws/index.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/fheo/FHLaws/index.cfm>).

Consumer Information

Question 1: I believe that I may have experienced discrimination when I was looking for housing. How can I file a complaint?

Answer: You can [file a complaint](http://www.hud.gov/complaints/housediscrim.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/complaints/housediscrim.cfm>) right online! Or you can call the Housing Discrimination Hotline: (800) 669-9777.

Question 2: I am concerned about environmental issues that might have impact on my home and community. Where can I get information?

Answer: We offer information about topics like [air pollution, flood insurance and aquifers](http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/energyenviron/environment/compliance/qa/index.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/energyenviron/environment/compliance/qa/index.cfm>), [lead paint hazards](http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/outreach/communityoutreach.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/outreach/communityoutreach.cfm>), and ways to make your home a "[healthy home](http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/helpyourself/index.cfm)" (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead/helpyourself/index.cfm>)

[More consumer information](http://www.hud.gov/consumer/index.cfm) (<http://www.hud.gov/consumer/index.cfm>).