# DHCD

## Housing Resource Guide



Housing & Community
Development Resources
and Programs in the
City of Philadelphia

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## City of Philadelphia Housing Agencies

#### **Administration/Policy Making**

## Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

DHCD is the City of Philadelphia's housing policy and primary contracting agency. It is responsible for the administration of housing and community development programs that benefit low- and moderate-income residents. DHCD supports a range of activities through contracts with nonprofit organizations and other agencies, including the construction and rehabilitation of affordable rental and homeownership units. It funds a range of housing preservation programs, housing counseling services, opportunities for neighborhood planning and citizen participation, and vacant land management and greening programs. Implementation is carried out through contracts administered and monitored by DHCD.

DHCD administers the City's housing budget, which is funded from a variety of public sources, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

#### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The CDBG is the primary source of revenue from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development used to fund and support housing and community development activities. Each fiscal year DHCD prepares the Consolidated Plan, which delineates how the grant will be used.

1234 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-686-9749

TTY for deaf and hard of hearing: 215-686-9803 www.phila.gov/dhcd

#### **Housing Preservation & Production**

#### **PHDC**

PHDC administers the City's housing preservation programs, including Basic Systems Repair, Weatherization Assistance, Adaptive Modifications and homeownership rehabilitation. The programs support long-term affordable homeownership and prevent homelessness.

PHDC also provides financing to produce affordable rental and homeownership housing. Its responsibilities include project evaluation for feasibility, project underwriting, and loan closing and construction oversight.

1234 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-448-3000 (Main Number) 215-448-2160 (Home Repair Program) www.phdcphila.org

#### **Public Housing**

#### **Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA)**

An independent agency, PHA owns and operates more than 14,000 affordable rental units and serves more than 80,000 Philadelphians. As the nation's fourth-largest public housing authority, PHA builds and manages public housing residences, oversees the Housing Choice Voucher Program (formerly Section 8) and offers homeownership opportunities.

2013 Ridge Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19121 215-684-4040 (Follow prompts) www.pha.phila.gov

## Suburban Pennsylvania Housing Agencies

## Bucks County Department of Housing & Community Development

Neshaminy Manor Center 1260 Almshouse Rd., Doylestown, PA 18901 215-345-3845

Fax: 267-885-1376 buckscounty.org

## Chester County Office of Community Development

601 Westtown Rd., Suite 365 West Chester, PA 19380-0991

610-344-6900 Fax: 610-344-6925 www.chesco.org/ccdcd

## Delaware County Office of Housing & Community Development

2 W. Baltimore Avenue, Suite 202, Media, PA 19063

610-891-5425 Fax: 610-566-0532

Email:OHCD@co.delaware.pa.us

www.delcopa.gov/hcd/

## Montgomery County Housing & Community Development

Human Services Center 1430 DeKalb St., 5th Floor Norristown, PA 19401-0311 610-278-3000

Call Center: 877-646-6306 www.montcopa.org

## **Emergency Assistance**

#### **Disaster Assistance**

#### **American Red Cross**

Provides emergency assistance to victims of fire and other disasters. Services include short-term emergency housing (very limited), clothing, food and medical.

American Red Cross 215-299-4000 www.redcross-philly.org

## Direct Emergency Financial Assistance (DEFA)

The Direct Emergency Financial Assistance (DEFA) Program is administered through the Public Health Management Corporation (PHMC). DEFA is an emergency financial resource for people living with HIV/ AIDS faced with an emergency that demands immediate attention. The fund helps with imminent homelessness, access to medications, and other resources.

PHMC – DEFA Department 267-773-4366 or 215-985-2500 (main number) www.phmc.org (Search: DEFA)

#### **Red Cross House**

Red Cross House is a transitional housing facility and service center for families displaced by disaster in the Greater Philadelphia region. Residents stay an average of 21 days. In these three weeks, families receive the support they need to return to normal and independent living.

Red Cross House 4000 Powelton Ave. Phila, PA 19104 215-299-4889

#### **Salvation Army**

Services include assistance with shelter and emergency food. Services are based on the availability of funds.

Salvation Army 701 N. Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19123 215-787-2800 www.salvationarmypendel.org Walk-Ins Accepted Mon - Thu (Opens at 8 a.m., accepts first 15 persons.)

#### **HopePHL**

HopePHL offers immediate housing and respite to youth facing housing insecurity or are unable to safely live with family. HopePHL provides a safe, supportive environment, on-site medical care, education support, youth centered activities, links to resources and support to continue in school or get reconnected.

1526 Fairmount Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19130 267-777-5880 www.hopePHL.org Intake Hours: 24 Hours

#### Information

## United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey

A web-based, online directory and Geographic Information System of service providers who offer health, family, education, employment, food and shelter services.

United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania 215-665-2500 www.unitedforimpact.org

# Emergency Shelter Housing

The following organizations represent the City's homeless shelter/outreach facilities.

#### **Domestic Violence Survivors**

#### **Women Against Abuse (24 hours)**

The 24-hour emergency shelter provides free services to anyone experiencing or survivors of domestic violence.

Hotline: 1-866-723-3014 (24 hours) www.womenagainstabuse.org

#### **All Persons**

## City of Philadelphia Office of Homeless Services

Provides homeless prevention assistance to individuals and families displaced due to:

- Department of Licenses and Inspections' determination that housing is unfit for human habitation, imminently dangerous or collapsed due to serious structural defects
- Health Department's declaration that property has lead or other chemical contamination
- Home severely damaged or destroyed by fire or other disaster (must have referral from American Red Cross)
- Domestic violence
- Threat of eviction (must have a court eviction notice or notice to vacate)
- Blight removal

No appointment necessary.

Office of Homeless Services Emergency Assistance and Response Unit (EARU) 1430 Cherry St., Phila., PA 19102 215-685-9087

Mon - Thu from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. www.phila.gov/departments/office-of-homeless-services

## Emergency Shelter Allowance Program (ESA)

The Department of Human Services offers an Emergency Shelter Allowance, ESA, to help a homeless or near homeless family/individual to:

- Stop eviction from their home/apartment or foreclosure of their house
- Find a long-term place to live
- Find a short-term place to stay

The purpose of an ESA is to stop a housing crisis rather than slow down the process.

The ESA payment amount, up to \$400, depends on the individual's needs, situation, and emergency.

Philadelphia County Assistance Office Headquarters 801 Market Street Phila., PA 19107 215-560-7226

Office Hours: 8 a.m to 5 p.m

#### **Families**

#### **Apple Tree Family Center**

1430 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-7150, 7152, 7153 Intake Hours: Mon - Fri from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### **Red Shield Family Residence**

715 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19123 215-787-2887

Intake Hours: After 3 p.m., Weekends & Holidays

#### **Single Females**

#### **Apple Tree Family Center**

1430 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-7150, 7152, 7153 Intake Hours: Mon - Fri from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Gaudenzia House of Passage/Kirkbride Center

111 N 49th St, Philadelphia, PA 19139 215-471-2017 215-471-2000

Intake Hours: After 5 p.m., Weekends & Holidays

www.gaudenzia.org

#### **Single Males**

#### The Roosevelt Darby Center

802 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19130 215-685-3700

Intake Hours: Mon - Fri from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### **Station House**

2601 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, PA 19132 215-225-9230

Intake Hours: After 5 p.m., Weekends & Holidays

#### **Single Youths (Ages 18-21)**

#### **Covenant House Crisis Center**

31 E. Armat St., Philadelphia, PA 19144 215-951-5411 or 888-829-1249 Intake Hours: 24 Hours

www.covenanthousepa.org

#### Youths (Ages 12-17)

#### **HopePHL**

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1526 Fairmount Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19130 215-787-0633

Intake Hours: 24 Hours www.hopePHL.org

## **Fair Housing**

It is the policy of the City of Philadelphia to provide services without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, having AIDS or being perceived to have AIDS, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap or age.

#### **Housing Discrimination**

#### Fair Housing Commission City of Philadelphia

Addresses unfair rental practices. A tenant may file a complaint with the Philadelphia Fair Housing Commission if rent is current and the tenant is being threatened with illegal eviction, if a landlord is raising rent while housing code violations exist, if another term of a lease is being violated, or if a landlord is retaliating against a tenant for reporting housing code violations to the Department of Licenses and Inspections (L&I).

601 Walnut St., Suite 300 South, Philadelphia, PA 19106 215-686-4670 www.phila.gov/fairhousing

#### Fair Housing Rights Center In Southeastern Pennsylvania

FHRC works cooperatively and collectively with other fair housing agencies to provide services to the public for the prevention and elimination of housing discrimination throughout the Greater Philadelphia region.

Fair Housing Rights Center In Southeastern Pennsylvania 444 N. 3rd Street, Suite 110, Philadelphia, PA 19123 215-625-0700 1-866-576-1968 www.fairhousingrights.org

#### **Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania**

The Housing Equality Center offers a variety of programs and services to the general public to ensure that consumers have access to housing and understand their rights under fair housing laws. Additional programs and services are available to ensure that housing professionals understand and comply with fair housing laws.

Housing Equality Center of Pennsylvania P.O. Box 558, Fort Washington, PA 19034 267-419-8918 866-540-FAIR www.equalhousing.org

#### **Public Interest Law Center**

The Public Interest Law Center uses legal strategies to advance the civil, social, and economic rights of communities in the Philadelphia region facing discrimination, inequality, and poverty. It uses litigation, community education, advocacy, and organizing to secure access to fundamental resources and services.

Public Interest Law Center United Way Building, 2nd Floor, 1709 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-627-7100 www.pubintlaw.org

## Tenant Union Representative Network (TURN)

The Fair Housing Act, together with state and local housing laws, provides protection against discrimination based on race, color, gender (including sexual harassment), age, national origin, religion, familial status, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, source of income, sexual orientation and/or marital status. TURN will investigate discrimination in rental housing. Workshops to discuss legal issues are held every weekday at 12:30 p.m.

100 S. Broad St., Suite 800, Philadelphia, PA 19110 215-940-3900 www.rturn.net

## U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status, or disability is illegal by federal law. Homebuyers or apartment renters who believe their rights have been violated can file a fair housing complaint.

There are several ways to file a complaint:

- through an online form
- by calling toll-free 800-669-9777
- by mailing a complaint form to the address below

Wanamaker Building
100 Penn Square East, 11th Floor,
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-656-0500
TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 215-656-3450
www.hud.gov (Search for Housing Discrimination)

## Foreclosure Prevention/ Mortgage Assistance

#### **Foreclosure Prevention Program**

# City of Philadelphia Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program SaveYourHomePhilly Hotline 215-334-HOME (4663)

Philadelphia's Residential Mortgage & Tax Foreclosure Prevention Program gives homeowners a way to negotiate with their mortgage lenders, with the support of housing counselors, volunteer attorneys, and the oversight of the court system. The Program is available to Philadelphia homeowners whose properties are in the process of mortgage foreclosure. The property must be occupied and serve as the primary residence of the homeowner. The Program provides free housing counseling and free legal advice and offers a forum where lenders can engage in good faith negotiations with homeowners to develop a plan for saving the home from foreclosure.

All homeowners behind on their mortgage or facing foreclosure are urged to contact the SaveYourHomePhilly Hotline at 215-334-HOME (4663).

Division of Housing and Community Development 215-334-HOME (463)

TTY for deaf and hard of hearing: 215-686-9803 www.phila.gov/dhcd (Search for SaveYourHomePhilly)

#### **Mortgage Assistance**

#### Homeowners' Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program (HEMAP)

This program helps homeowners who, through no fault of their own, have fallen behind on their mortgage payments and are in danger of foreclosure. HEMAP brings qualifying homeowners current on their mortgage and may help with monthly home loan payments while families get back on their feet following a major loss of income. Homeowners apply through housing counseling agencies after they have received an Act 91 notice from their mortgage company. The program is funded by state appropriations and repayment of existing loans. Funds are a loan and must be repaid. Note that FHA Title II mortgages are not eligible under this program.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-342-2397 or 717-780-3940 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for HEMAP)

## Homeownership Programs

#### **Grants to Individuals**

#### **Philly First Home Program**

PHDC's Philly First Home Program provides up to \$10,000 (or 6% of the home's purchase price, whichever is lower) to help first-time homebuyers cover down payment and/or loan closing costs. Homebuyers must be income-eligible and complete pre-purchasing counseling through a City-funded housing counseling agency before signing an Agreement of Sale.

#### **PHDC**

215-686-9749

TTY for deaf and hard of hearing: 215-686-9803 www.phdcphila.org/philly-first-home

#### First Front Door (FFD)

The First Front Door (FFD) homebuyer program of FHLBank Pittsburgh (Bank) is a way for potential first-time homebuyers to become homeowners.

The Bank will match the qualified homebuyer's contribution 3-to-1. For every \$1 of contribution the homebuyer makes, the Bank will provide \$3 in grant assistance, up to a maximum of \$5,000.

Housing counseling and information on this program is available through approved counseling agencies, such as PHFA.

First Front Door Program funding is closed for 2019. The program will reopen in 2020.

First Front Door www.firstfrontdoor.com PHFA

717-780-3907

<sup>\*</sup> The definition of a first-time homebuyer varies by program. In some cases, a first-time homebuyer may have previously owned a home. Contact a housing counseling agency for more information.

#### **Grants to Employers**

## Employer Assisted Housing Program (EAH)

Participating employers offer a monetary home purchase benefit to their staff and partner with PHFA to stretch their employees' home-buying dollars. Although the employers' benefits do not have to be contingent upon a PHFA mortgage, if the employee is approved for a PHFA mortgage through a participating lender, the borrower will receive additional financial advantages at no cost to the employer.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org/hop/employers

#### **HomeBuyNow**

Helps Philadelphia employers start their own housing benefits program for employees who are buying or renovating a house in Philadelphia. Employers participate in two ways:

- A one-time contribution to an employee (minimum of \$500) is matched dollar-for-dollar by the City (up to \$4,000) and can be used for home-buying costs, such as down payment and closing costs
- 2. Home-buying education

Urban Affairs Coalition (UAC) 215-851-0110 www.uac.org/philadelphiahomebuynow

#### **Homes for Sale**

## Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

DHCD maintains a list of city-supported homes for sale on its website.

Division of Housing and Community Development www.phila.gov/dhcd

#### **Sheriff Sales**

Tax-delinquent and foreclosed properties are sold to the highest bidder at public auction. Before each sale properties are listed on the Sheriff's website and are advertised in the Philadelphia Daily News, the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Philadelphia Tribune and neighborhood newspapers.

Property conditions vary widely but most are in poor condition. "Owner's Right of Redemption" allows the original owner to recover an occupied property within nine months from the recording of the deed on condition that the original owner pays all back taxes and reimburses the winning bidder for the amount of the bid plus 10 percent. Any money invested by the winning bidder to improve the property could be lost. There is no Owner's Right of Redemption for a vacant property.

For a mortgage foreclosure, the lowest bid that can be offered is \$600 and each successive bid must be made in \$100 increments. The highest bidder will win the property and must be prepared to make \$600 or 10% deposit (whichever is highest) with a certified check or money order made out to the "Sheriff of Philadelphia." The remaining balance must be paid within 30 days of the sale. An extension of time to pay the balance is rare but may be granted by the Sheriff upon written request.

Sheriff's sales of tax-delinquent properties are managed by three agencies. At the Law Department's tax sales, the opening bid is \$1,500. At LGBS and GRB auctions, the opening bid for the first sale consists of the full amount of the real estate taxes plus estimated Sheriff costs/transfer taxes. If there are no bids at the initial auction, the opening bid is then reduced to a lower amount.

#### All sales are held at:

First District Plaza, 3801 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104 Sheriff Sale, City of Philadelphia 215-686-3530

www.officeofphiladelphiasheriff.com

#### **HUD Homes**

HUD Home Store is the listing site for U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) real estate owned (REO) single-family properties. The site provides a centralized location to search the inventory of HUD properties for sale. In addition, registered real estate brokers can place bids on behalf of their clients to purchase a HUD property. Potential buyers MUST use a HUD-registered selling broker to place a bid on a home. A list of registered brokers is available on the site.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 1-800-CALL-FHA or 1-800-225-5342 www.hudhomestore.com

#### **Information**

#### **PAHousingSearch.com**

This is a free, online rental and homeownership service that links people with appropriate housing. Tenants and homebuyers can search by rent, size, location and more. Listings include market-rate and affordable rentals, affordable for-sale housing, and special-needs housing.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency www.PAHousingSearch.com

#### Tangled Title (HomeSMART)

The Tangled Title is a component of a vacancy prevention program known as HomeSMART. The program is funded by a grant from the City of Philadelphia's Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), and it is administered by Philadelphia VIP. If persons are renting, or living with a friend or relative in a house that they do not own, or if persons live in a house that is thought to be their property, or have a rent-to-own or lease/purchase agreement, a homeownership problem may occur.

Tangled Title also assists with persons living in properties of deceased relatives who did not have a will and other legal documents. This assists with determining title issues, and helping rectify concerns.

Philadelphia VIP 1500 Walnut St., Suite 400 Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-523-9569 www.phila.gov (Search for *Tangled Title*) www.phillyvip.org/tangled-title-fund

#### **Loans to Individuals**

#### **Access Home Modification Program**

This program provides mortgage loans to assist people with disabilities, or who have a family member(s) with disabilities living in the household, who are purchasing a home that needs accessibility modifications. It provides a deferred payment loan, with no interest and no monthly payment. The loan becomes due and payable upon the sale, transfer, or non-owner occupancy of the property. This program is used in conjunction with PHFA's first mortgage programs.

Home modifications should be designed to meet the needs of the person with the physical disability who will be residing in the home. Eligible modification items may include, but are not limited to: bathroom modifications; installation of grab bars and handrails; kitchen modifications; lifting devices; main level bathroom or bedroom addition; ramp addition or repair; sidewalk addition or repair; and widening doorways or hallways.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for *Access Home Modification*)

#### **FHA Streamline Refinance Program**

This program allows homeowners to refinance existing FHA loans to reduce the current monthly mortgage payment. Cash back to the borrower is not permitted. Any and all subordinate loans must be resubordinated or paid off by the borrower; they cannot be paid off with the new loan. A copy of the repayment history verifying timely mortgage payments is required.

www.hud.gov (Search for FHA Streamline)

#### HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™ and HFA Preferred™ Program

These products are for both home purchase and refinance mortgage loans. They offer a fully amortized 30-year, fixed-rate term. The HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™ loan does not require mortgage insurance, which is insurance coverage that is commonly required by lenders when the borrower has a down payment of

less than 20 percent of the purchase price. Typically there is a premium added to the buyer's monthly mortgage payment to cover the cost of this insurance. Since this additional payment is not required with HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™, the total monthly mortgage payment is typically lower than a loan with mortgage insurance included, even though the interest rate may be slightly higher. With the HFA Preferred™ loan, mortgage insurance is provided by one of several private mortgage insurance companies when the borrower puts down less than 20 percent toward the purchase of the home.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for *HFA Preferred*)

## HOMEstead Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Loan

Homebuyers eligible for the HOMEstead program may qualify for up to \$10,000 in down payment and closing-cost assistance in the form of a no-interest, second mortgage loan. HOMEstead funds are forgiven at 20 percent per year over five years. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000. The first mortgage is provided by PHFA at the same rate as the Keystone Home Loan program. A fee of one percent is applicable, but it may be financed by the HOMEstead loan.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for *HOMEstead*)

#### **Keystone Home Loan**

This program provides loans to homebuyers who meet income and home purchase price guidelines. It provides financing on loans insured/guaranteed by Federal Housing Administration (FHA), Rural Development (RD) or Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA). Conventional financing is also available on this program with a maximum loan value of 80 percent.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for *Keystone Home Loan*)

## Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program

This program provides a second mortgage loan to help with the costs associated with the purchase of a home. Qualified borrowers can receive up to four percent of the purchase price or market value of an existing home, up to a maximum of \$6,000, whichever is less, or up to \$6,000 with the purchase of a new, never-before-occupied home, with no cap on the percentage of the sales price. The loan is to be repaid monthly, amortized over a 10-year term. Keystone Advantage can be used to cover the down payment or closing costs in conjunction with the HFA Preferred Risk Sharing™, HFA Preferred™, Keystone Home Loan (FHA, VA or RD loan types only), or Keystone Government Loan (K-Gov) programs and carries a

zero percent interest rate. The program may not be combined with any other PHFA assistance program, with the exception of the Access Modification Loan Program; however, it may be used on conventional, FHA, VA or RD loans. All applicable FHA, VA or RD loan underwriting requirements apply, including loan-to-value and down payment requirements.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for *Keystone Advantage Assistance*)

#### **Keystone Government Loan Program**

This program provides first mortgage financing on loans insured by the FHA, guaranteed by RD, or guaranteed by the VA. Loans are underwritten using the guidelines of the respective federal agency providing the insurance/guaranty. PHFA does not impose any additional income or purchase price limits and there is no first-time homebuyer requirement.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for *Keystone Government Loan*)

## VA Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan (IRRRL)

The VA Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan (IRRRL) allows eligible veteran homeowners to refinance their existing VA-guaranteed loan to a lower interest rate and to reduce their current monthly mortgage payment. The new loan can only include the existing VA loan balance, allowable fees and charges, up to two discount points, and the VA funding fee. Cash back to the borrower is not permitted. Any and all subordinate loans must be re-subordinated or paid off by the borrower; they cannot be paid off with the new loan.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for *VA Interest Rate Reduction*)

#### **Public Housing Purchase Assistance**

#### Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) Homeownership

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) offers assistance to residents in PHA housing programs who are interested in making the leap from renting to homeownership. PHA's Homeownership Division sponsors first-time homebuyer workshops where residents can learn more about financial planning, credit review and repair, affordability, getting pre-qualified for a mortgage and identifying real estate agents. PHA offers two homeownership programs:

#### Scattered Sites Homeownership Program

PHA residents of scattered sites are offered the opportunity to purchase the home they currently occupy through the Section 5(h) homeownership program.

#### **Housing Choice Homeownership Program**

Participants in the Housing Choice homeownership program may be eligible to use their vouchers to make monthly mortgage payments on a home they purchase.

Philadelphia Housing Authority
Homeownership Division
2300 W. Master St, Philadelphia, PA 19121
215-684-8018
www.pha.phila.gov (Search for Scattered Sites
Homeownership, Housing Choice Homeownership)

## **Home Repairs**

#### **Free Improvements/Repairs**

#### Adaptive Modifications Program (AMP)

AMP provides free adaptations to the house or apartment of a person with permanent physical disabilities, allowing easier access to and mobility within the home. Income guidelines apply.

Philadelphia Housing Development Corp. 215-448-2160 www.phdcphila.org (Click on Residents/Landlords)

#### **Basic Systems Repair Program (BSRP)**

BSRP provides free repairs to the electrical, plumbing and heating systems of owner-occupied homes. BSRP may also provide free replacement of a house's roof if major interior damage such as a collapsing ceiling is evident. Income guidelines apply.

Philadelphia Housing Development Corp. 215-448-2160 www.phdchousing.org (Click on *Residents/Landlords*)

#### **Emergency Heater Hotline**

Repairs heating systems for low-income homeowners. Both emergency service and preventive maintenance are provided.

Energy Coordinating Agency of Philadelphia 215-568-7190 www.ecasavesenergy.org/pa-energy-services

## Low Income Usage Reduction Program (LIURP)

Can help customers lower the amount of gas and electricity used. Installs free weatherization measures and provides conservation education.

PECO Customer Service Center 800-675-0222 www.peco.com (Search for Low Income Usage Reduction Program)

#### Senior Housing Assistance Repair Program (SHARP)

Home repairs include replacing exterior doors and locks, rebuilding basement steps, making minor plumbing repairs and replacing electrical switches, outlets and fixtures.

Service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis to income-qualified senior citizens.

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging 215-765-9040 www.pcacares.org (Search for SHARP)

#### Weatherization

Provides free weatherization and energy-efficiency improvements to owner-occupied and rental units. Services include: air-sealing measures; window and door repair; wrapping of hot water heaters, heating pipes and ducts; sealing of basement openings, crawlspaces and chaseways; insulating and air sealing of roof area; repair and efficiency modifications to central heating.

Energy Coordinating Agency of Philadelphia 215-609-1076 Email: info@ecasavesenergy.org

www.ecasavesenergy.org/pa-energy-services

#### **Grants to Individuals**

#### **Historic Properties Repair Program**

Provides grants to owner-occupied units in historic districts for exterior repairs to their homes so that the historic character is maintained. Income guidelines apply. For more information, or to learn if your property is eligible, contact:

Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia 1608 Walnut St., Ste. 1702, Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-546-1146

Email: info@preservationalliance.com www.preservationalliance.com/files/ HistoricPropertiesBrochure.pdf

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This program provides mortgage loans to assist people with disabilities, or who have a family member(s) with disabilities living in the household, who are purchasing a home that needs accessibility modifications. It provides a deferred payment loan, with no interest and no monthly payment.

The loan becomes due and payable upon the sale, transfer, or

non-owner occupancy of the property. This program is used in conjunction with a PHFA first mortgage program. Home modifications should be designed to meet the needs of the person with the physical disability who will be residing in the home. Eligible modification items may include, but are not limited to: bathroom modifications; installation of grab bars and handrails; kitchen modifications; lifting devices; main level bathroom or bedroom addition; ramp addition or repair; sidewalk addition or repair; and widening doorways or hallways.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for *Access Home Modification*)

## Homeowner's Emergency Loan Program (HELP)

HELP is an emergency plumbing repair program that can be used only when the Water Department issues a Notice of Defect to the property for a broken water or sewer service line. Loans are zero-interest and payable over a five-year period. Applicant must own and live in the property. Water bill or payment agreement must be current.

Philadelphia Water Department 215-685-4901

www.phila.gov (Search for Homeowners Emergency Loan Program)

## Homeowners Energy Efficiency Loan Program (HEELP)

This program provides loans between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for specific energy efficiency repairs at a fixed rate of one percent for 10 years with no prepayment penalties. HEELP loans payments are \$44 per month for a \$5,000 loan or \$88 per month for a \$10,000 loan.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 855-827-3466

TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for HEELP)

#### **HomeStyle® Renovation Loan**

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency offers the HomeStyle® Renovation program which allows eligible homebuyers purchasing a home or existing homeowners seeking a refinance mortgage to repair, remodel, renovate or complete energy improvements. Qualified borrowers can fund up to 50% of the as completed appraised value of the property. The HomeStyle® Renovation program may be combined with PHFA's Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan, as applicable.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org/programs/homestyle.aspx

## PGW Residential-Sized Equipment Rebates

Residents can earn rebates between \$500 and \$1,500 from PGW when replacing old natural gas furnaces and boiler equipment.

Must be a PGW residential or small business customer and account must be active when the rebate is processed. New construction is eligible. Renters, with the owner's approval, are also eligible. The equipment must be installed by a licensed contractor. Rebates are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and are subject to available funds. Please verify eligibility before purchasing. Eligibility is based on the heater purchase date.

PGW Residential Rebate Processing 877- 719-3766 www.pgwenergysense.com/residential-rebates

#### Restore, Repair, Renew (RRR)

RRR is a new program to help Philadelphia homeowners access low-interest rate loans to invest in their properties. Lenders participating in the program are offering 10-year, 3% fixed Annual Percentage Rate loans that range from \$2,500 to \$24,999 to eligible homeowners. You can call any one of our program partners:

PCCA www.RRRwithPCCA.org 215-567-7803

Clarifi www.clarifi.org/rrr 215-866-5200

PHMC www.restorerepairrenew.org 877-515-0575

## **Housing Counseling**

DHCD funds housing counseling agencies citywide to help homeowners avoid foreclosure, to provide housing counseling for first-time homebuyers and to offer credit repair.

Division of Housing and Community Development 215-686-9749

TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 215-686-9803 www.phila.gov/dhcd (Search for Housing Counseling)

#### **Foreclosure/Mortgage Counseling**

#### SaveYourHomePhilly Hotline

Philadelphia's Residential Mortgage & Tax Foreclosure Prevention Program gives homeowners a way to negotiate with their mortgage lenders, with the support of housing counselors, volunteer attorneys, and the oversight of the court system. The Program is available to Philadelphia homeowners whose properties are in the process of mortgage foreclosure. The property must be occupied and serve as the primary residence of the homeowner. The Program provides free housing counseling and free legal advice and offers a forum where lenders can engage in good faith negotiations with homeowners to develop a plan for saving the home from foreclosure.

All homeowners behind on their mortgage or facing foreclosure are urged to contact the SaveYourHomePhilly Hotline at 215-334-HOME (4663).

Division of Housing and Community Development 215-334-HOME (4663)

TTY for deaf and hard of hearing: 215-686-9803

www.phila.gov/dhcd (Search for Save Your Home Philly)

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# Landlord/Tenant Problems

#### **Assistance**

## **Tenant Union Representative Network** (TURN)

- Handles tenant/landlord problems
- Sponsors classes on evictions and tenants' rights (call for times)
- Organizes tenant councils

Tenant Union Representative Network 215-940-3900 www.rturn.net

#### **Complaints**

#### Fair Housing Commission

Addresses unfair rental practices. A tenant may file a complaint with the Philadelphia Fair Housing Commission if rent is current and the tenant is being threatened with illegal eviction, if a landlord is raising rent while housing code violations exist, if another term of a lease is being violated, or if a landlord is retaliating against a tenant for reporting housing code violations to the Department of Licenses and Inspections (L&I).

Fair Housing Commission City of Philadelphia 215-686-4670 www.phila.gov/fairhousing

#### Licenses & Inspections Rental Complaints and Inspection Requests

The City's Department of Licenses and Inspections (L&I) handles rental complaints and inspection requests and outlines the responsibilities of owners, tenants ad landlords for maintaining houses and apartments

in a safe and clean condition. L&I enforces the City of Philadelphia's Housing Code and investigates complaints about code violations. L&I addresses problems such as fire safety, basic equipment and facilities in rental properties, water and sewage systems, heating and repairs.

Licenses & Inspections City of Philadelphia 215-686-2400 www.phila.gov/li

#### **Legal Assistance**

#### **Community Legal Services**

Represents low-income tenants in disputes with landlords. Phone calls are accepted Monday through Friday from

11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Walk-in assistance for renters of privately owned property is available Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Renters living in subsidized housing can receive walk-in assistance Tuesday and Thursday from

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Emergency messages left over the weekend will be returned within 24 hours.

Community Legal Services www.clsphila.org

Center City Office: 1424 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 267-443-2500

Law Center North Central: 1410 W. Erie Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19140 215-227-2400

## **Lead Poisoning**

#### Information

## Lead and Healthy Homes Program (LHHP)

The conditions in your home can have a major impact on your health and the health of your children. The Lead and Healthy Homes Program (LHHP) works to improve the health and safety of housing in Philadelphia by:

- Providing information, referral, and training to promote healthy homes and prevent lead poisoning
- Working with families, homeowners, and landlords to reduce lead hazards in homes
- Providing home inspection and remediation to eligible families
- Enforcing lead laws and regulations in collaboration with the Philadelphia Law Department

Lead and Healthy Homes Program
City of Philadelphia
215-685-2788
www.phila.gov (Search for Lead and Heathy Homes)

### **Legal Assistance**

#### **Homeless**

#### **Homeless Advocacy Project**

Weekly free legal clinics. Call or visit website.

1429 Walnut St., 15th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19102 1-800-837-2672 or 215-523-9595 www.haplegal.org

#### **Senior Citizens**

#### SeniorLAW Center

SeniorLAW Center provides a wide range of services in its mission to protect the legal rights and interests of the elderly.

PA SeniorLAW HelpLine 1-877-PA-SR-LAW (1-877-727-7529) or 215-988-1242 www.seniorlawcenter.org

#### **Tenants**

#### **Community Legal Services**

Represents low-income tenants in disputes with landlords. Phone calls are accepted Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. Walk-in assistance for renters of privately owned property is available Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Renters living in subsidized housing can receive walk-in assistance Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Emergency messages left over the weekend will be returned within 24 hours.

Community Legal Services www.clsphila.org Center City Office: 1424 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 267-443-2500

Law Center North Central: 1410 W. Erie Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19140 215-227-240

## **Property Tax Relief**

#### **Abatement**

#### **Property Tax Abatement Program**

Allows a 10-year exemption from paying taxes on the increased value of a renovated house. No limit to the cost of improvements. Renovations require a building permit (e.g. installing a deck, adding a bathroom). All taxes must be current to the Department of Revenue to take advantage of this program.

Office of Property Assessment City of Philadelphia 601 Walnut St., Suite 300, Philadelphia, PA 19106 215-686-4334 www.phila.gov/opa

#### **Payment**

## Owner-Occupied Real Estate Payment Agreement Program (OOPA)

The Owner-Occupied Real Estate Payment Agreement Program helps homeowners with past due and delinquent real estate taxes. It allows homeowners to make monthly payments based on household income and family size. Applicants must remain current on future real estate taxes. For more information or to apply, visit their website.

Department of Revenue Municipal Services Building 1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Concourse Level Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-6442 www.phila.gov/OOPA

#### **Real Estate Tax Installment Program**

Owner-occupant homeowners can pay their current year real estate tax in monthly installments throughout the year that they are due. Applications are available in real estate tax bills or at:

Department of Revenue Municipal Services Building 1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Concourse Level Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-6442 www.phila.gov/revenue

#### **Rebates**

#### **Property Tax/Rent Rebates**

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program 1-888-222-9190

www.revenue.pa.gov (Search Rebate Program)

#### **Mortgage Credit Certificate Program**

The Mortgage Credit Certificate (MCC) program provides a limited tax credit as an offset against ordinary income, permitting qualified homeowners to reduce—on a dollar-for-dollar basis—their federal income tax liability, if any, for the life of the loan. This program is used in conjunction with a first mortgage under PHFA's Keystone Government (K-Gov) or HFA Preferred<sup>™</sup> or Preferred Risk Sharing<sup>™</sup> Programs. (see pages 17-19)

Qualified homebuyers can apply for the MCC Program through PHFA's network of participating lenders. For more information call the number below or visit their website.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 855-827-3466

TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for *Mortgage Credit*)

#### **Senior Citizens**

## Low Income Senior Citizen Real Estate Freeze Program

The Low Income Senior Citizen Real Estate Freeze Program helps senior citizen homeowners save money on their annual real estate taxes. Under the program, the City will "freeze" your real estate taxes for the current year. For more information or to see if you qualify, call or visit the website.

Department of Revenue Municipal Services Building 1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Concourse Level Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-6442 www.phila.gov (Search for *Real Estate Freeze Program*)

#### **Tax Relief**

## Longtime Owner Occupants Program (LOOP)

The Longtime Owner Occupants Program (LOOP) is a Real Estate Tax relief program for eligible homeowners whose property assessments (after the Homestead Exemption) increased by 50%, or more, from last year. Participants must also fall within income limits, and meet length of home ownership requirements. LOOP works by:

- Limiting your home's assessment increase to 50%, and
- 2. Locking in that assessment for as long as you remain eligible.

Department of Revenue Municipal Services Building 1401 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Concourse Level Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-6442 www.phila.gov (Search for LOOP)

## **Rental Assistance**

#### **Grants to Individuals**

## Emergency Shelter Allowance Program (ESA)

The Department of Human Services offers an Emergency Shelter Allowance, ESA, to help a homeless or near homeless family/individual to:

- Stop eviction from their home/apartment or foreclosure of their house
- · Find a long-term place to live
- Find a short-term place to stay

The purpose of an ESA is to stop a housing crisis rather than slow down the process.

The ESA payment amount, up to \$400, depends on the individual's needs, situation, and emergency.

Philadelphia County Assistance Office Headquarters 801 Market Street Phila., PA 19107 215-560-7226

Office Hours: 8 a.m to 5 p.m

### **UESF Veterans' Program**

Using a housing-first case management model, UESF provides services including housing acquisition and landlord negotiation, VA benefit assistance, mainstream benefits, legal assistance referrals, self-sufficiency education, and temporary financial assistance when needed.

Utility Emergency Services Fund 215-814-6888 www.uesfacts.org

#### Information

### **HUD Rental Assistance Program**

Provides information on affordable HUD-subsidized rentals and special-needs housing.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 215-656-0500

www.hud.gov/topics/rental\_assistance

### **Phillytenant.org**

Phillytenant.org is a collaboration of legal services and advocacy organizations in Philadelphia to provide information to the residents of Philadelphia with tenant/landlord questions and issues.

The helpline number is answered by a live person and will make referrals to the correct legal assistance or resource organization.

267-443-2500 www.phillytenant.org

## **Rental Housing**

Individuals should find rental housing through real estate agents, newspaper advertisements, neighborhood postings, word of mouth, etc.

### **Information**

#### PAHousingSearch.com

This is a free, online rental and homeownership service that links people with appropriate housing. Tenants and homebuyers can search by rent, size, location and more. Listings include market-rate and affordable rentals, affordable for sale housing, and special-needs housing.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency www.PAHousingSearch.com

### **Public Housing**

## Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) Accessible Housing

PHA's public housing inventory includes accessible units and units with various features designed to meet the needs of persons with mobility, hearing and vision impairments. To apply, complete a Pre-Application and the Accommodation Request and Release Form. Applicants can apply online through the PHA website, in-person at the PHA Admissions Office or at any PHA development.

Philadelphia Housing Authority Accessibility Coordinator 2013 Ridge Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19121 215-684-4379 www.pha.phila.gov

## Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) Public Housing

PHA provides a variety of different public housing rental opportunities for low-income residents, including multifamily, housing developments and scattered site properties located throughout the city. Due to long average wait times, PHA closed its Public Housing Program wait lists on April 15, 2013. The wait lists will reopen at PHA's discretion and the public will be notified through advertising and on its website.

All senior housing (see page 39) waiting lists, the wheelchair accessible unit (see page 45) waiting list, Philadelphia Asset & Property Management Corporation (PAPMC) (see page 37) waiting lists, and special programs (see page 47) remain open. Online applications for these programs are accepted through the PHA website. Applicants can also apply inperson at the Admissions Office or at any PHA development.

Philadelphia Housing Authority
Admissions Office
Mon - Fri from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
712 N. 16th St., Philadelphia, PA 19130
215-684-4040 (follow prompts)
TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 800-654-5984
www.pha.phila.gov

## Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) Housing Choice Voucher Program (formerly Section 8)

The Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) provides rental assistance to low-income families in the private rental market through the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV). The HCV waitlist was last open in March 2010. As of December 2013, the waitlist is closed. The public will be notified through TV, radio, print advertising, and on the PHA website when the HCV waitlist will be reopened.

The HCV Program is organized into the following departments:

- Eligibility, Transfers and Special Programs determines

eligibility for applicants, issues vouchers, processes transfers, coordinates lease signings, and oversees portability, Project-Based vouchers, and special programs such as Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) and Homeownership.

Phone: 215-684-4300 (follow prompts) Email: clientservices@pha.phila.gov

 Continued Occupancy manages regular and interim recertifications and verifies family and income information.

Phone: 215-684-4300 (follow prompts) Email: clientservices@pha.phila.gov

 Inspections conducts Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspections, enforces standards, and takes action for HQS violations.

Phone: 215-684-3860

Email: hcvinspections@pha.phila.gov

 Owner Services serves as liaison between PHA and landlords, conducts reasonable rent determinations and processes housing assistance payments.

Phone: 215-684-5596

Email: hcvlandlords@pha.phila.gov

Philadelphia Housing Authority Housing Choice Voucher Office 2850 Germantown Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19133 www.pha.phila.gov

## Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) Senior Housing

PHA has designated several senior-only developments for residents age 55 and older and has family properties that include senior-only buildings. Information about PHA senior housing can be obtained by calling PHA or visiting the website.

Philadelphia Housing Authority Senior Programs 215-684-4040 www.pha.phila.gov

## Philadelphia Asset & Property Management Corporation (PAPMC)

The Philadelphia Asset & Property Management Corporation, or PAPMC, is a private service affiliate that manages Limited Partnership Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties. It is a nonprofit management entity that is separate from PHA. Each site maintains its own waiting list. You can apply to both PHA and PAPMC properties through PHA's website.

Philadelphia Asset & Property Management Corporation (PAPMC)
1100 Poplar St., Philadelphia, PA 19123
215-684-4040 (follow prompts)
TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 800-654-5984
www.pha.phila.gov.housing/admissions

## **Returning Citizens**

(Formerly Referred to as "Ex-Offenders")

### **Assistance**

### Office of Re-Integration Services (R.I.S.E.)

Assists returning citizens to be constructive individuals who contribute positively to their communities. R.I.S.E. partners with businesses, faith and community organizations and job-training providers to offer job placement services, life skills training, literacy education and housing referral.

Office of Re-Integration Services 1425 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA 19123 215-683-3370 www.phila.gov/rise Walk-in hours M-F 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

# Senior Citizen Programs

#### **Assistance**

#### **BenePhilly**

Helps low-income elderly Philadelphians eligible for, but not currently receiving, federal and state benefits to apply for these benefits. Programs include PACE (prescription drugs), food stamps, state property tax and rent rebates and enrollment in the Medicare Extra Help program. This initiative is sponsored by the City of Philadelphia, the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare.

BenePhilly 800-236-2194 Mon - Fri from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. www.phila.gov/programs/benephilly

### **Mayor's Commission on Aging**

The goal of the Mayor's Commission on Aging is to improve the quality of life for older adults (ages 55+) in Philadelphia. Services are free to residents and employers and include assistance applying for the Property Tax/Rent Rebate, energy assistance and other information and referral assistance.

Mayor's Commission on Aging 100 S. Broad St., 4th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19110 215-686-8450 www.phila.gov/aging

## **Free Improvements/Repairs**

## **Adaptive Modifications Program**

Provides free adaptations to the house or apartment of a person with permanent physical disabilities, allowing easier access to and mobility within the home. Income guidelines apply.

PHDC 215-448-2160 www.phdcphila.org (Click on *Residents/Landlords*)

#### **CAPABLE**

CAPABLE is a program to provide aging-in-place repairs for elderly homeowners so that they can remain safe and health in their homes for as long as possible and live with the best health possible. This program combines the efforts of the nurse and occupational therapists from Jefferson and Drexel with Habitat's Home Repair Program in order to "prescribe" changes to the built environment that patients inhabit. Contact family@habitatphiladelphia.org for more information.

Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia 1829 N. 19th St. Philadelphia, PA 19121 215-765-6000

## Senior Housing Assistance Repair Program (SHARP) 60+years

Home repairs include replacing exterior doors and locks, rebuilding basement steps, making minor plumbing repairs and replacing electrical switches, outlets and fixtures. Service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis. For seniors 60 years and older.

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging 215-765-9040

www.pcacares.org/service\_provider/pca-sharp-program/

### **Grants to Individuals**

### **PCA Emergency Fund**

Provides assistance to low-income applicants aged 60 and over who have a utility shut-off or whose utilities will be shut off in five working days or less. Also delivers heating oil to eligible clients whose supply is depleted or near exhaustion. Applicant must have first applied to LIHEAP and/or UESF (see page 49). Referrals are accepted only from recognized social agencies and the clergy.

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging 215-765-9040

www.pcacares.org/service-provider/pca-emergency-fund

### **Information**

### **PCA Helpline**

Provides listings of senior housing.

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging 215-765-9040 www.pcacares.org (Search for *PCA Helpline*)

## **Legal Services**

#### SeniorLAW Center

SeniorLAW Center provides a wide range of services in its mission to protect the legal rights and interests of the elderly.

PA SeniorLAW HelpLine 1-877-PA-SR-LAW (1-877-727-7529) 215-988-1244 www.seniorlawcenter.org

### **Programs and Activities**

## Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) Senior Centers

PHA operates Senior Centers at Wilson Park, Cassie L. Holley Court and Emlen Arms. The centers offer fitness and health, counseling and education, recreation and dining, and transportation. PHA's senior residents and community members are eligible to join the centers and enjoy food, classes and a variety of activities. The program aims to be a community focal point where older adults can come together for services and activities that enrich the lives of participants while supporting their independence and encouraging their active involvement.

Philadelphia Housing Authority Senior Programs 215-684-4040 www.pha.phila.gov (Search for *Senior Centers*)

## Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) Ridge Avenue Eldercare Services

PHA's Elderly & Disabled Services is dedicated to providing support and assistance to people age 60 and above. The Adult Day Center program aims to enrich the lives of participants while assisting with the activities of daily life. It works to enhance the dignity and to support the independence of older adults through an engaging and stimulating daytime program. The Adult Day Center is designed to offer aging consumers a daily program of therapeutic services and recreational activities in a comfortable and professional setting.

Philadelphia Housing Authority
Ridge Avenue Eldercare Services
215-684-2464
www.pha.phila.gov (Search for Adult Day Centers)

## **Property Tax Freeze**

## Low Income Senior Citizen Real Estate Freeze Program

The Low Income Senior Citizen Real Estate Freeze Program helps senior citizen homeowners save money on their annual real estate taxes. Under the program, the City will "freeze" your real estate taxes for the current year. For more information or to see if you qualify, call or visit the website.

Department of Revenue Municipal Services Building 1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Concourse Level Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-6442

www.phila.gov (Search for Real Estate Freeze Program)

### **Rebates**

## **Property Tax/Rent Rebates**

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program 1-888-222-9190 revenue.pa.gov (Look for Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program)

Department of Revenue **Municipal Services Building** 1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Concourse Level Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-6442 www.phila.gov/revenue

### **Reverse Mortgages**

## **Reverse Mortgages and Reverse Mortgage Counseling**

Senior homeowners (aged 62 and older) can use the equity they have built up in their home as collateral for a low-interest loan called a reverse mortgage. The home must be owned free and clear or have a mortgage balance that is no more than approximately 65 percent of the home's value. The loan does not have to be repaid until the last surviving homeowner permanently moves out of the home or passes away. There are no income or credit requirements for a reverse mortgage. Counseling is required. HUD certifies housing counselors to give homeowners impartial education about reverse mortgages. There is a \$125 fee for counseling.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 866-698-6322

www.hud.gov (Search for reverse mortgage)

## **Senior Rental Housing**

### **HUD Rental Assistance Program**

Provides information on affordable HUD-subsidized rentals and special-needs housing.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 215-656-0500 www.hud.gov/renting

### Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) Senior Housing

PHA has designated several senior-only developments for residents age 55 and older and has family properties that include senior-only buildings. Information about PHA senior housing can be obtained by calling PHA or visiting the website.

Philadelphia Housing Authority Admissions Office 2013 Ridge Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19121 215-684-4040 (Follow prompts) TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 800-654-5984 Mon - Fri from 9 am - 2 pm www.pha.phila.gov

## **Special-Needs Housing**

#### **Domestic Violence Survivors**

#### **Women Against Abuse**

Operates the only shelter in Philadelphia exclusively for survivors of domestic violence and their children; offers legal assistance; provides housing counseling and transitional housing.

Also offers educational and training programs to community groups in order to increase awareness about domestic violence issues.

Operates Sojourner House, a transitional housing program that provides longer-term housing and supportive services to domestic violence survivors. The program provides family apartments for women and their children for up to 24 months.

**Women Against Abuse** 

Hotline: 1-866-723-3014 (24 hours)

215-386-1280

www.womenagainstabuse.org

### **Free Improvements/Repairs**

## **Adaptive Modifications Program**

Provides free adaptations to the house or apartment of a person with permanent physical disabilities, allowing easier access to and mobility within the home. Income guidelines apply.

Philadelphia Housing Development Corp. 215-448-2160 www.phdcphila.org (Click on *Residents/Landlords*)

## Housing

## Philadelphia Housing Authority (PHA) Accessible Housing

PHA's public housing inventory includes accessible units and units with various features designed to meet the needs of persons with mobility, hearing and vision impairments. To apply, complete a Pre-Application and the Accommodation Request and Release Form. Applicants can apply online through the PHA website, in-person at the PHA Admissions Office or at any PHA development.

Philadelphia Housing Authority
Accessibility Coordinator
712 N. 16th St., Philadelphia, PA 19130
215-684-4379
www.pha.phila.gov (Search for Accessible Housing)

#### Information

#### **Action Wellness**

Works to provide services that include case management, HIV testing, prevention education, HIV treatment as prevention, volunteer services, and access to safe, stable, and affordable housing.

Action Wellness 215-981-0088 www.actionwellness.org

## Liberty Resources, Inc.

Advocates and promotes independent living for persons with disabilities.

215-634-2000 www.libertyresources.org

### **Loans to Individuals**

## Access Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to people with disabilities, or who have a family member(s) with disabilities living in the household, who are purchasing homes and are using the Access Home Modification Program down payment and closing cost assistance with their PHFA first mortgage. It provides a deferred payment loan with no interest. The loan

becomes due and payable upon the sale, transfer, or nonowner occupancy of the property.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for *Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program*)

#### **Access Home Modification Program**

This program provides mortgage loans to assist people with disabilities, or who have a family member(s) with disabilities living in the household, who are purchasing a home that needs accessibility modifications. It provides a deferred payment loan, with no interest and no monthly payment. The loan becomes due and payable upon the sale, transfer, or non-owner occupancy of the property. This program is used in conjunction with a PHFA's first mortgage programs.

Home modifications should be designed to meet the needs of the person with the physical disability who will be residing in the home. Eligible modification items may include, but are not limited to, bathroom modifications; installation of grab bars and handrails; kitchen modifications; lifting devices; main level bathroom or bedroom addition; ramp addition or repair; sidewalk addition or repair; and widening doorways or hallways.

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for Access Home Modification)

### **Rebates**

## **Property Tax/Rent Rebates**

The rebate program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with disabilities age 18 and older. The income limit is \$35,000 a year for homeowners and \$15,000 annually for renters, and half of Social Security income is excluded.

Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program 1-888-222-9190 revenue.pa.gov (Look for property tax/rent rebates program)

Department of Revenue Municipal Services Building 1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Concourse Level Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-6442 www.phila.gov/revenue

## **Utilities Assistance**

Additional programs in the section on Home Repairs include emergency heater repair and repair or replacement of utility systems.

### **Financial Assistance**

#### **CAP Rate**

Offers four discounted residential rates for low-income customers. Percentage of discount is based on gross household income of customer.

PECO
Customer Service Center
800-774-7040
www.peco.com (Search Customer Assistance Program)

### **Customer Responsibility Program (CRP)**

Helps low-income customers better afford their gas bills and maintain their gas service by paying discounted bills or a monthly budgeted amount based on household income.

Philadelphia Gas Works 215-235-1000 www.pgworks.com (Click on Customer Care)

### Emergency Resources for Older Philadelphians

Provides assistance to low-income applicants aged 60 and over who have a utility shut-off or whose utilities will be shut off in five working days or less. Also delivers heating oil to eligible clients whose supply is depleted or near exhaustion. Applicant must have first applied to LIHEAP and/or UESF. Referrals are accepted only from recognized social agencies and the clergy.

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging 215-765-9040 www.pcacares.org

#### **LIHEAP Grant**

Helps low-income homeowners and renters pay their heating bills. Applications are available seasonally and are sent automatically to the previous year's clients. Please check website or call hotline for deadlines. New applicants should call the hotline or apply at a Neighborhood Energy Center (see page 50). Applications will open November 2019.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program 866-857-7095

TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 800-451-5886 www.dhs.pa.gov (Search for LIHEAP)

## Matching Energy Assistance Fund (MEAF)

Assists low-income residential customers with bill payment. Is funded by customer contributions that PECO matches.

**PECO** 

Customer Service Center 800-774-7040

www.peco.com (Search for Assistance Programs MEAF)

### Oil Assistance Program

UESF provides direct oil assistance for low-income Philadelphia residents who are unable to afford the cost of an oil delivery.

To be eligible for the oil assistance program, the total household income must be at or below 175 percent of the current federal poverty guidelines. Eligibility will be determined at the time of application.

To be eligible, individuals and families must also:

- Have not received a fuel oil grant in the last 12 months
- Be a Philadelphia resident
- Have applied for LIHEAP when available
- Be at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Level (to be determined at the time of application)

The maximum assistance available for this program is 200 gallons of oil; families are eligible for assistance once every 12 months.

Utility Emergency Services Fund 215-972-5170 www.uesfacts.org (Search for *Oil Assistance*)

### **Tiered Assistance Program (TAP)**

The Tiered Assistance Program (TAP) provides customers with significant savings by offering a consistent bill based on their income. Customers do not have to be behind on their bill and will receive an income-based, consistent monthly bill. Past due amounts are suspended and not enforced upon while enrolled in the program.

TAP is for residents whose income falls below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which is equivalent to \$3,075 in monthly income for a four-person household. However, higher household incomes with a Special Hardship, may still qualify. All customers who are struggling to pay their water bill should apply.

The Water Department and the Water Revenue Bureau are working with several partners who have been trained and are willing to provide assistance to customers who need help filling out an application:

Community Legal Services 1424 Chestnut St., 215-981-3700 www.clsphila.org

Energy Coordinating Agency 106 W. Clearfield St., 215-609-1000 www.ecasavesenergy.org

Utility Emergency Services Fund 1608 Walnut Street, Ste. 600, 215-972-5170 www.uesfacts.org

Neighborhood Energy Centers (https://www.ecasavesenergy.org/resources/ neighborhood-energy-centers for locations)

## **UESF Emergency Grant**

Helps pay heat-related bills. Applicant must have a shutoff notice or no service. Applicant must have applied for and exhausted all governmental energy assistance programs available (LIHEAP). Must meet income guidelines.

Utility Emergency Services Fund 215-972-5170 www.uesfacts.org (Search for Utility Grant Program)

### Water Conservation Housing Stabilization Program

Low-income residents with high water usage and high bills at risk of water shut-off can apply. UESF's Water Conservation Housing Stabilization Program helps water customers facing these challenges by providing:

- Financial assistance to pay off past due bills
- Plumbing repairs and modifications to help decrease water usage
- In-home water conservation education to help promote good habits, lower usage and decrease water bills for the long term

Eligible residents must be a water customer with high usage, high arrearages, and high water bills and must meet income criteria of 175 percent of the Federal Poverty level (to be determined at time of application).

Utility Emergency Services Fund 215-972-5170

www.uesfacts.org (Search for Water Conservation)

## **Information**

## Customer Assistance Referral and Evaluation Services (CARES)

Provides support and direction to help customers who have temporary personal or financial hardships to pay their utility bills.

#### **PECO**

Customer Service Center 800-774-7040 www.peco.com (Search for *CARES*)

Philadelphia Gas Works 215-235-1000 www.pgworks.com (Search for *CARES*)

### **Neighborhood Energy Centers**

Serve as "one-stop shops" for all low-income energy customers. Staff provides budget counseling and intake for conservation and home-repair programs that offer more permanent solutions to the problem of energy affordability.

#### Energy services include:

- budget counseling
- energy conservation education
- PECO and PGW Customer Assistance Programs
- water conservation program

Call ECA or visit the website for a list of centers.

## Energy Coordinating Agency of Philadelphia 215-988-0929

www.ecasavesenergy.org (Click on *Neighborhood Energy Centers*)

# Vacant Properties/ Vacant Lots

## **Administration/Policy Making**

#### **PHDC**

PHDC seeks to return vacant property—including privately owned tax delinquent property—in Philadelphia to productive use. It manages the process of selling publicly owned land to new private owners. Through the Philadelphia Land Bank, it also has the power to acquire privately owned tax delinquent vacant property, making it easier to assemble parcels for development.

PHDC identifies opportunities to turn vacant property into affordable housing, equitable community development, economic development opportunities, and open spaces, including community gardens and side yards.

Publicly owned property is available for sale through the PHDC website. Properties are available through competitive sales, requests for proposals and in limited instances, direct sales.

#### **PHDC**

1234 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-448-3000 (Main Number) 215-448-2160 (Home Repair Program) www.phdcphila.org

## Philadelphia Industrial Development Corp. (PIDC)

On behalf of the City of Philadelphia, PIDC manages the acquisition, development and disposition of industrial and commercial land in strategic locations throughout the city. PIDC's inventory includes seven industrial parks located in Northeast, West and Southwest Philadelphia.

Philadelphia Industrial Development Corp. 215-496-8020 www.pidcphila.com

## U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Provides a listing of available HUD houses as well as index information for deeds and other documents. Fees apply.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 215-656-0500 www.hud.gov www.espanol.hud.gov

## **Veterans**

#### **Assistance**

## Philadelphia Veterans Advisory Commission

The ongoing goal of the City Council Veteran's Advisory Commission (VAC) is to proactively serve Philadelphia veterans by providing them with the information they need to ensure that they receive all the benefits they rightfully deserve.

Philadelphia Veterans Advisory Commission Room 127 City Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19107 (215) 686-3256 www.phlveterans.com

#### **PHFA Loan Products**

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency has a variety of loan products that complement VA loans, including Keystone Home Loan, Keystone Advantage Assistance Loan Program, Keystone Government Loan Program and VA Interest Rate Reduction Refinancing Loan (IRRRL).

Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) 800-822-1174 or 717-780-3800 TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 717-780-1869 www.phfa.org (Search for *Loan Products*)

## **UESF Veterans' Program**

Using a housing-first case management model, UESF provides services including housing acquisition and landlord negotiation, VA benefit assistance, mainstream benefits, legal assistance referrals, self-sufficiency education, and temporary financial assistance when needed.

Utility Emergency Services Fund 215-814-6888 www.uesfacts.org

## **Housing Q & A**

#### **Homeowners**

## How do I determine the appraised value of a house?

You will need to hire an appraiser to conduct an appraisal. Companies are listed in the phone book and on the Web.

## How do I find out about back taxes on a property?

Obtain this information by visiting the Revenue Department's website at www.phila.gov/revenue and click on the link Real Estate Tax Balances. If you do not have access to a computer, they are available at the Free Library of Philadelphia.

# How can I have the name changed on a deed if the person is deceased? How do I transfer a deed?

In order to change or transfer the deed to a property owned by a deceased person, the estate must first be probated. You must go to the Register of Wills, Room 180 City Hall. Fees are assessed based on the value of the estate. For more information, call 215-686-6250 or visit www.phila.gov/wills

## How can I get a copy of my deed?

You can obtain a copy of your deed from the Department of Records, Room 154 City Hall. There is a \$2 per page fee.

# How can I receive help if a demolished property has made my house structurally weak?

Licenses and Inspections (L&I) operates a Complaint Hotline handling issues such as dangerous buildings. L&I will send an inspector to the property to determine the damage and may issue a citation to the responsible party.

Licenses & Inspections, City of Philadelphia 215-686-2463

## **Information for Developers**

# How do I get my company certified as a minority-, woman- or disabled-owned business?

The Office of Economic Opportunity provides a list of certifying agencies on its website.

Office of Economic Opportunity, City of Philadelphia www.phila.gov/oeo

# How do I find a minority-, woman- or disabled-owned business to serve as a subcontractor?

The Office of Economic Opportunity maintains a database of certified minority-, woman- and disabled-owned businesses.

Office of Economic Opportunity, City of Philadelphia www.phila.gov/oeo

## How do I get information to do home repair work for PHDC?

Contractors interested in participating in a PHDC program can request to be notified of future Request for Proposals (RFPs) and/or Request for Qualifications by visiting PHDC's website or its offices.

Philadelphia Housing Development Corp. (PHDC) 1234 Market St., 17th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-448-3000 www.phdcphila.org

### How do I respond to a housing RFP?

Each Request For Proposals (RFP) has its own set of requirements. In general, respondents must be incorporated entities with a track record in providing the service for which funding is sought and must have sound financial management systems. The RFP will require information about the organization's experience and background, what it is proposing to do, budgets, etc. RFPs are advertised on the websites below and in select area newspapers.

www.phila.gov/dhcd www.phdchousing.org www.phila.gov/pra

## How do I get placed on the RFP mailing list for DHCD, PHDC and PRA?

Individuals and organizations interested in being added to the RFP mailing lists of DHCD and PHDC should visit the agency websites and use the "Sign up" function.

www.phila.gov/dhcd www.phdcphila.org

## How do I start a nonprofit group?

Regional Housing Legal Services (RHLS) provides legal and technical assistance to nonprofit organizations, community-based groups and resident groups developing housing for lower-income persons and engaging in innovative community-driven economic development opportunities to revitalize their neighborhoods. RHLS also provides free legal assistance in obtaining tax-exempt status, filing incorporation papers and drafting organizational documents. Requests must be in writing.

Regional Housing Legal Services 2 S. Easton Rd., Glenside, PA 19038 215-572-7300 www.rhls.org

# How can a nonprofit group receive funding from the Division of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)?

From time to time DHCD issues RFPs for products and services such as affordable housing production, housing counseling, neighborhood planning, community outreach, and others. DHCD does not provide direct operating support (funding) but rather provides funding for staff and overhead costs directly related to contracted activities.

## How do I start a Community Development Corporation (CDC)?

For advice on starting a CDC, contact:

Philadelphia Association of CDCs (PACDC) 1315 Walnut St., Suite 1600, Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-732-5829

www.pacdc.org

## **Information on a Property**

## How do I find out who owns a property in Philadelphia?

Ownership of a property is provided on the Office of Property Assessment website.

Office of Property Assessment, City of Philadelphia 601 Walnut St., Suite 300 West, Philadelphia, PA 19106 215-686-4334

www.phila.gov/opa

Visit the Department of Records. Information is not given out over the phone. You must visit the Department of Records or mail a request. Research is free but fees are charged for copies.

Department of Records, City of Philadelphia

Room 154 City Hall (Reading Room)

Philadelphia, PA 19107 Mon - Fri from 8 am - 4 pm 215-686-2292 www.phila.gov/records

## How do I find out what a house last sold for?

If you have a specific address, you can get its last recorded selling price from the Office of Property Assessment.

Office of Property Assessment, City of Philadelphia 601 Walnut St., Suite 300 West, Philadelphia, PA 19106 215-686-4334 www.phila.gov/opa

## How do I find out the zoning for a property or lot?

Access parcel data including maps, measurements and history through the Department of Records. A daily or monthly subscription fee is charged.

Department of Records, City of Philadelphia Room 156 City Hall, Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-686-2260 property.phila.gov

View property zoning, measurements and overlay maps as well as access a link to the Philadelphia Zoning Code through the Department of Licenses & Inspections.

Licenses & Inspections, City of Philadelphia Municipal Services Building 1401 JFK Blvd., Concourse Level, Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-2400

www.phila.gov/map

## How do I find out the plan for my neighborhood?

Philadelphia2035 provides a blueprint to guide public and private investment in the physical development of our city. Residents, business owners, builders, and public employees can use the Citywide Vision and District Plans to guide and understand growth.

Residents and business owners can verify whether a proposed development is in line with the plan, participate in meetings for District Plans, and more.

Philadelphia City Planning Commission 1515 Arch St., 13th Floor Phila., PA 19102 215-683-4615 www.phila2035.org

## How do I find out about community groups in my area?

Community organizations that are concerned with the physical development of the community can become a "Registered Community Organization" (RCO) in order to receive early notification of zoning cases occurring within their stated boundaries. RCOs are recipients of early notification of zoning appeals and are not given any special privileges before the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Philadelphia City Planning Commission 1515 Arch St., 13th Floor Phila., PA 19102 215-683-4615 www.phila.gov (Search for *RCO*)

## **Agency Directory**

#### **Action Wellness**

215-981-0088 www.actionwellness.org

#### **American Red Cross**

2221 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-299-4000 www.redcross.org/philly

#### **Apple Tree Family Central Intake Center**

1430 Cherry St.
Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-686-7150, 7152
www.philadelphiaofficeofgomelessservices.org

#### Center for Advocacy for the Rights & Interests of the Elderly

1650 Arch St., Ste 1825 Philadelphia, PA 19103 1-800-356-3606 www.carie.org

#### **Lead and Healthy Homes Program**

215-685-2788 www.phila.gov (Search for *Lead and Heathy Homes*)

#### **Community Legal Services: Center City Office**

1424 Chestnut St., 5th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-981-3700 www.clsphila.org

#### **Community Legal Services: Law Center North Central**

1410 W. Erie Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19140 215-227-2400 www.clsphila.org

#### **Covenant House Crisis Center**

31 E. Armat St. Philadelphia, PA 19144 215-951-5411 www.covenanthousepa.org

### Department of Revenue City of Philadelphia

Municipal Services Building 1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Concourse Level Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-6442 www.phila.gov/revenue

## **Division of Housing and Community Development City of Philadelphia**

1234 Market St., 17th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-686-9749 TTY for deaf and hard of hearing: 215-686-9803 www.phila.gov/dhcd

#### **Energy Coordinating Agency of Philadelphia**

106 W. Clearfield St. Philadelphia, PA 19133 215-609-1000 www.ecasavesenergy.org

#### Fair Housing Commission, City of Philadelphia

601 Walnut St., Suite 300 South Philadelphia, PA 19106 215-686-4670 www.phila.gov/fairhousingcommission

#### **Gaudenzia House of Passage**

1306 Spring Garden St. Philadelphia, PA 19123 215-238-2150 www.gaudenzia.org

#### Housing and Urban Development, U. S. Department of

Wanamaker Building 100 Penn Square East, 11th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-656-0500 www.hud.gov www.espanol.hud.gov

## Landlord & Tenant Court/Municipal Court City of Philadelphia

1339 Chestnut St., Room 1020 Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-683-7200

#### Liberty Resources, Inc.

112 N. 8th St., Suite 600 Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-634-2000 www.libertyresources.org

## Licenses & Inspections, Department of City of Philadelphia

Municipal Services Building 1401 JFK Blvd., Concourse Level Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-2463 www.phila.gov/li

#### Mayor's Commission on Aging

100 S. Broad St., 4th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19110 215-686-8450 (Office) www.phila.gov/aging

#### New Kensington CDC (NKCDC)

2771 Ruth St., Ste. 1 Philadelphia, PA 19134 215-427-0350 www.nkcdc.org

#### Office of Economic Opportunity, City of Philadelphia

1515 Arch St., 12th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-683-2000 www.phila.gov/oeo

#### Office of Property Assessment City of Philadelphia

601 Walnut St., Suite 300 West Philadelphia, PA 19106 215-686-4334 www.phila.gov/opa

## Office of Re-Integration Services City of Philadelphia

1425 Arch St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-683-3370 www.phila.gov/rise

## Office of Homeless Services City of Philadelphia

1401 JFK Blvd., 10th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-7175 www.phila.gov/homelessservices

Emergency/Assistance & Response Unit 1430 N. Cherry St. Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-685-9087

#### **PECO**

Customer Service Center 2301 Market St. Philadelphia, PA 19103 800-494-4000 www.peco.com

#### Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency

211 N. Front St. Harrisburg, PA 17101 800-822-1174 www.phfa.org

### Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations

1315 Walnut St., Suite 1600 Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-732-5829 www.pacdc.org

#### **Philadelphia Corporation for Aging**

642 N. Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19130-3409 PCA Helpline - 215-765-9040 215-765-9000

#### Philadelphia Gas Works

1137 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-235-2050 www.pgworks.com

#### **Philadelphia Housing Authority**

12 S. 23rd St. Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-684-4040 (follow prompts) www.pha.phila.gov

PHA Admissions Office 712 N. 16th St. Philadelphia, PA 19130 215-684-4040 (follow prompts) TDD for deaf and hard of hearing: 800-654-5984 Mon - Fri from 9 am - 2 pm www.pha.phila.gov

PHA Accessibility Coordinator 712 N. 16th St. Philadelphia, PA 19130 215-684-4379 www.pha.phila.gov

PHA Homeownership Division 712 N. 16th St. Philadelphia, PA 19130 215-684-8926 www.pha.phila.gov

PHA Housing Choice Voucher Office 2850 Germantown Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19133 215-684-4300 (follow prompts) www.pha.phila.gov

PHA Senior Programs 215-684-2464

#### **PHDC**

1234 Market St., 17th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-448-3000 www.phdcphila.org

#### Philadelphia Industrial Development Corp.

1500 Market St., Suite 2600 West Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-496-8020 www.pidcphila.com

#### Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority

1234 Market St., 16th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-854-6500 www.phila.gov/pra

#### **Philadelphia Veterans Advisory Commission**

Room 127 City Hall Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-686-3256 www.phila.gov/veterans

#### Philadelphia VIP

1500 Walnut St., Suite 1850 Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-523-9550 www.phillyvip.org

#### **Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia**

1608 Walnut St., Suite 1702 Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-546-1146 www.preservationalliance.com

#### **Philadelphia County Assistance Office**

801 Market St., 5th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-560-7226 www.dhs.pa.gov

#### **Records Department, City of Philadelphia**

Room 154 City Hall (Reading Room) Recorded Documents, Room 156 General Info Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-686-2262 Deed/Mortgage Recording 215-686-1483 www.phila.gov/records

#### **Red Shield Family Residence**

715 N. Broad St.
Philadelphia, PA 19123
215-787-2887
pa.salvationarmy.org/greater-philadelphia

#### **Regional Housing Legal Services**

2 S. Easton Road Glenside, PA 19038 215-572-7300 www.rhls.org

#### **Roosevelt Darby Center**

802 N. Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19130 215-685-3700 www.philadelphiaofficeofhomlessservices.org

#### **Salvation Army**

701 N. Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19123 215-787-2800 www.salvationarmypendel.org

#### SeniorLAW Center

Two Penn Center 1500 JFK Blvd., #1501 Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-988-1242 www.seniorlawcenter.org

#### Sheriff Sale, City of Philadelphia

100 S. Broad St., 5th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19110 215-686-3565 www.officeofphiladelphiasheriff.com

#### **Station House**

2601 N. Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19132 215-225-9230

#### **Tenant Union Representative Network**

100 S. Broad St., Suite 800 Philadelphia, PA 19110 215-940-3900 www.rturn.net

# United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey

1709 Benjamin Franklin Parkway Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-665-2500 www.unitedforimpact.org

#### **Urban Affairs Coalition**

1650 Arch St., Ste. 2701r Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-851-0110 www.uac.org

#### **Utility Emergency Services Fund**

1608 Walnut St., Suite 600 Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-972-5170 www.uesfacts.org

#### Water Department, City of Philadelphia

1101 Market St., 3rd Floor Philadelphia, PA 19107 215-685-4901 www.phila.gov/water

#### Water Revenue Bureau, City of Philadelphia

Municipal Services Building 1401 JFK Blvd., Concourse Level Philadelphia, PA 19102 215-686-6880 www.phila.gov/waterrev

# **Women Against Abuse**

100 S. Broad St., Suite 1341 Philadelphia, PA 19110 215-386-1280

Hotline: 1-866-723-3014 (24 hours) www.womenagainstabuse.org

# **HopePHL**

1526 Fairmount Ave. Philadelphia, PA 19130 215-787-0633 www.hopephl.org

# Housing Counseling Agencies

The Division of Housing and Community Development funds housing counseling agencies citywide to assist in prepurchase and postpurchase counseling. These agencies also provide counseling to help homeowners avoid predatory loans and mortgage foreclosure.

### Action Wellness, Inc.\*\*

1216 Arch St., 6th Fl. Phila., PA 19107 215-981-0088 www.actionwellness.org HIV/AIDS-related housing counseling only

# **Affordable Housing Centers of Pennsylvania**

846 N. Broad St., 1st floor Phila., PA 19130 215-765-1221 www.ahcopa.org

# Affordable Housing Centers of Pennsylvania - NE Location

6325 Frankford Avenue, Unit D Phila., PA 19135 215-624-0221 www.ahcopa.org

### Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha (APM)

1900 N, 9th St. Phila., PA 19122 267-296-7200 www.apmphila.org

# Center in the Park (Senior Center)\*

5818 Germantown Ave. Phila., PA 19144 215-848-7722 www.centerinthepark.org

#### Clarifi

1635 Market St., Suite 510 Phila., PA 19103 215-563-5665 www.clarifi.org

# Congreso de Latinos Unidos

216 W. Somerset St. Phila., PA 19133 215-763-8870 www.congreso.net

### Esperanza

4261 N. 5th St. Phila., PA 19140 215-324-0746 www.esperanza.us

# **Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Service Center (GPASS)**

4943 N. 5th St. Phila., PA 19120 215-456-1662 www.gpasspa.org

# **Greater Philadelphia Community Alliance**

1920 S. 20th St. Phila., PA 19145 215-336-3511 www.gpca-phila.org

#### **HACE: Central Office**

167 W. Allegheny Ave., Ste. 200 Phila., PA 19140 215-426-8025 www.hacecdc.org

#### **HACE: Frankford Office**

4907 Frankford Ave. Phila., PA 19124 215-437-7867 www.hacecdc.org

# Intercommunity Action (Senior Center)\*

403 Rector St. Phila., PA 19128 215-487-1750 www.intercommunityaction.org

#### **Intercultural Family Services**

4225 Chestnut St. Phila., PA 19104 215-386-1298 www.ifsinc.org

#### **Liberty Resources**

112 N. 8th St., Ste. 600 Phila., PA 19107 215-634-2000 www.libertyresources.org

#### Mt. Airy CDC

6703 Germantown Ave., Ste. 200 Phila., PA 19119 215-844-6021 www.mtairycdc.org

#### **New Kensington CDC**

2771 Ruth St., Suite 1 Phila., PA 19134 215-427-0350 www.nkcdc.org

# Northwest Counseling Service<sup>†</sup>

6521 N. Broad St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Phila., PA 19126 215-324-7500 (dial 0) www.nwcsinc.org

# Philadelphia Council for Community Advancement (PCCA)

5218 Master St., 2nd floor Phila., PA 19131 215-567-7803 pccahousing.org

#### Philadelphia Senior Center\*

509 S. Broad St. Phila., PA 19147 215-546-5879 www.newcourtland.org/senior-centers

#### **Southwest CDC**

6328 Paschall Ave. Phila., PA 19142 215-729-0800 www.southwestcdc.org

### **Tenant Union Representative Network\***

100 S. Broad St., Suite 800 Phila., PA 19110 215-940-3900 www.rturn.net Tenant-related counseling only

#### **Unemployment Information Center\***

112 N. Broad St., 11th Fl. Phila., PA 19102 215-557-0822 www.philaup.org

# United Communities Southeast Philadelphia<sup>†</sup>

2029 S. 8th St. Phila., PA 19148 215-468-1645 x7200 www.ucsep.org

#### **Urban League of Philadelphia**

121 S. Broad St., Ste. 1910 Phila., PA 19107 215-985-3220 www.urbanleaguephila.org

# Housing Counseling Agencies

### **West Oak Lane CDC**

1624 Wadsworth Ave. Phila., PA 19150 215-224-8339 www.westoaklanecdc.org

### Xiente

174 Diamond St. Phila., PA 19122 215-426-8734 www.xiente.org

# Neighborhood Advisory Committees

The Division of Housing and Community Development funds Neighborhood Advisory Committees (NACs) citywide to provide information and referral services and to promote citizen participation and neighborhood planning. NACs are funded on an area-benefit basis. Eligible service areas must contain at least 51 percent low- or moderate-income residents, based on census data provided to the City of Philadelphia by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

#### **ACHIEVEability**

35 N. 60th St., Phila., PA 19139 215-748-8800 www.achieveability.org

#### Allegheny West Foundation

2330 W. Allegheny Ave., Phila., PA 19132 215-226-0130 www.awest.org/housing

### Asociacion Puertorriquenos en Marcha (APM)

600 W. Diamond St., Phila., PA 19140 267-296-7200 www.apmphila.org

### **Brewerytown-Sharswood**

3000 N. Master St.., Phila., PA 19121 267-858-4246/4266 www.brewerytownsharswood.org

# **Diversified Community Services (Dixon House)**

1920 S. 20th St., Phila., PA 19145 215-336-3511 www.dcsphila.org

#### **Enterprise Center, The**

4548 Market St., Phila., PA 19139 215-895-4000 www.theenterprisecenter.com

#### Frankford CDC

4900 Griscom St., Phila., PA 19124 215-743-6580 www.frankfordcdc.org

# **Greater Philadelphia Asian Social Service Center** (GPASS)

4943 N. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Phila., PA 19120 215-456-1662 www.gpasspa.org

# Neighborhood Advisory Committees

#### HACE

167 W. Allegheny Ave., Phila., PA 19140 215-426-8025 www.hacecdc.org

#### **HopePHL**

325 N. 39<sup>th</sup> St., Phila., PA 19104 215-777-5868 hopephl.org

# **Hunting Park NAC**

3760 N. Delhi St., Phila., PA 19140 215-225-5560 www.huntingparknac.org

#### Mt. Vernon Manor, Inc.

3311 Wallace St., Phila., PA 19104 215-475-9492 www.mvmcdc.org

# **New Kensington CDC**

2771 Ruth St., Suite 1, Phila., PA 19134 215-427-0350 www.nkcdc.org

#### Nicetown CDC

4300 Germantown Ave., Phila., PA 19140 215-329-1827 www.nicetowncdc.org

# **Parkside Community Association**

1719 N. 52nd St., Phila., PA 19131 215-877-1198 www.parksideassociation.org

#### South Kensington Community Partners

1525 N. American St., Studio #107, Phila., PA 19122 215-427-3463 www.southkensingtoncommunity.org

#### Southwest CDC

6328 Paschall Ave., Phila., PA 19142 215-729-0800 www.southwestcdc.org

# **Strawberry Mansion Neighborhood Action Center**

2829 W. Diamond St., Phila., PA 19121 215-235-7505 www.strawberrymansioncdc.org

### **Universal Companies**

800 S. 15th St., Phila., PA 19146 215-732-6518 www.universalcompanies.org

#### Whitman Council, Inc.

2455 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Phila., PA 19148 215-468-4056

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