

Housing, Rent, and Mortgage Assistance Providers in Northern Virginia

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If you are worried about being evicted because you cannot pay your rent, there are resources to help you:

- Virginia Poverty Law Center: Eviction Helpline 833-NOEVICT (833-663-8428) in English and Spanish

<https://vplc.org/>

- Legal Services of Northern Virginia: Call 703-778-6800 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and from 1:30 pm. to 3:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday.

<http://www.lsnv.org/>

Government Assistance:

Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program (RMRP), which is designed to support and ensure housing stability across the Commonwealth during the coronavirus pandemic. In our area, this program is administered by Northern Virginia Family Services. If you are in need of assistance, please contact your County Coordinating Team at:

Fairfax County – 703-222-0880

Loudoun County – 703-777-0420

<https://www.nvfs.org/>

In Fairfax County, any resident in need of emergency housing, rent, or utility assistance should contact Coordinated Services Planning at 703-222-0880.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/neighborhood-community-services/coordinated-services-planning>

Loudoun County government has established a limited rent assistance program for

Loudoun County households economically impacted by COVID-19. For assistance with your application, contact Loudoun County Health and Human Services Information and Referral at 703-777-0420.

<https://www.loudoun.gov/5348/COVID-19-Limited-Rent-Assistance>

Nonprofit Organizations:

Fairfax:

Northern Virginia Family Service is a non-profit organization that offers Fairfax County residents with various resources, grants, and services that can help them make it through a difficult period. Some of the programs offered are below. Contact them to apply, or learn more about these or other programs. Contact them at 703-385-3267.

- Housing, mortgage, and foreclosure counseling services
- The Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) Eviction Prevention Program

<https://www.nvfs.org/>

Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services provides qualified individuals with a grant of up to \$250 to prevent evictions as well as help pay for a renters first month's rent or security deposit.

They also provide utility help, budget counseling, and other aid as indicated below. (703)768-9404.

<https://goodhousing.org/>

McLean, Share, Inc. is an organization that may be able to help people of McLean, Great Falls and Pimmit Virginia. The agency provides emergency financial assistance and cash grants to needy families for payment of rent, utilities, cooling bills, or other emergencies. Money may even be available for medical and dental expenses. Dial (703)284-2179.

<https://www.shareofmclean.org/>

Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. (HRFISH) is an organization that provides emergency financial assistance for residents in Herndon and Reston, Virginia. The assistance is primarily for low income residents who need help with rent, utilities, medications, emergency dental care, storage and car repair. Please call Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning (703) 222-0880 to provide information and be referred to HRFISH for assistance or grants.

<https://www.herndonrestonfish.org/>

Helping Hands Emergency Assistance - Herndon, FAITH helps people regardless of their religion or faith. Assistance may be available and qualified applicants can receive free food, new or discounted clothing and temporary cash grants and financial assistance to qualified families and individuals. The agency can assist individuals with paying their rent, mortgages, medical bills, dental expenses and medicines, and utility and cooling bills. Dial (571)323-2199.

<https://www.faithus.org/>

St. Vincent de Paul Society. Call them at (703)385-4010 and leave a message.

The agency may be able to provide emergency heating fuel, funds for paying mortgage or rent, and/or utility bill assistance and food to those in need of help. Many of the assistance programs in Fairfax Virginia are offered from referrals, however some direct aid, such as food or clothing, may be provided. Continue with Saint Vincent de Paul Arlington.

<https://www.svdpusa.org/>

Alexandria Salvation Army offers qualified individuals a very limited amount of emergency

financial aid, as funding allows. In addition, this Virginia branch also administers the Washington Area Fuel Fund and EnergyShare utility bill assistance program. (703)548-0579.

<https://salvationarmy.org/>

Cornerstones / Reston Interfaith is a community action type agency for northern Virginia and Fairfax County. They offer a wide range of self-sufficiency, emergency financial assistance programs, and referrals. Some of the major resources include the following. In some cases, the non-profit may issue loans as a form of emergency assistance.

- ESSP - Emergency and Self-Sufficiency Services Program can help with housing needs. This may include rent, funds for utility bills, security deposit assistance and other crisis aid.
- Free food is available from a pantry.
- Christmas assistance, such as free gifts for children and meals, is offered along with back to school supplies.
- Child care and vouchers from the Laurel Learning Center.
- Self-sufficiency services from Cornerstone includes ESL classes, credit counseling, and financial literacy, among many others.
- Budgeting and financial literacy is coordinated too. One free class - workshop is on making a passive income for free.

The non-profit can help low income families with a variety of other needs as well.

<https://www.cornerstonesva.org/>

If you have no other options, and have already accessed all available assistance programs, then *The Lorton Community Action Center* may be your last option. This agency provides emergency financial aid when all other resources and services have been exhausted. In addition,

they also supply free clothing and household goods to people in need. Phone (703)339-5161.

<https://lortonaction.org/>

Our Daily Bread Inc. - The non-profit can provide qualified families and individuals with a one-time cash grant of up to \$350. The grants are intended to provide an emergency payment toward paying for housing expenses, utilities and energy bills, prescriptions or medical assistance, and/or auto repairs. Other support includes groceries from the Food Bridge program and free back to school supplies. Fairfax Virginia. (703) 273-8829, or find information on https://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/our_daily_bread_assistance_pro.html

<https://www.mightycause.com/organization/Odbfairfax>

Fairfax Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) - The federal government stimulus program created a service known as the *Homelessness Prevention Fund*.

This can provide renters with emergency short-term or long-term rent assistance, eviction prevention, and funds for paying security deposits. Call 703-246-5100.

https://www.rentassistance.us/li/2832_department-of-housing-and-community-development-dhcd-fairfax-county

VOA Chesapeake operates several short term and low income housing programs in northern Virginia, including the Fairfax County region. The homeless, or residents facing an eviction, may qualify for help. Most housing units have a waiting list. Other financial aid may be offered for veterans (such as grants to pay rent from SSVF), seniors, and those most at risk.

<https://www.voachesapeake.org/>

Lamb Center - Over 50 local churches participate in this charity organization. The churches

coordinate to provide limited financial aid for paying utilities, rent, transportation, food vouchers and prescription medicine. Also provides mental health and other medical outreach. Maybe most importantly the churches can provide referrals to other agencies, non-profits, and government programs. Serves homeless and needy persons in Fairfax County. They can also help with job searches. 3220 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030. Phone (703)691-3178

<https://www.thelambcenter.org/>

American Red Cross National Capital Region may have assistance in very limited circumstances for members of the armed forces. It is offered in places where Red Cross workers are deployed with America's military. Information and referral, financial aid, and resources for veterans are available. 8550 Arlington Boulevard, Fairfax, Virginia 22031, call (877)272-7337.

https://www.redcross.org/local/dc-va-md-de/about-us/locations/national-capital-area-chapter.html?CID=organic_gmb_listings

Reston Interfaith assists families facing eviction and the homeless. Temporary financial assistance for rent, housing relocation and stabilization services and other support is available. Apply for security deposit assistance, money for utility bills, motel or hotel vouchers or moving costs. Legal advocacy, housing search and placement and credit repair is available too. (571)323-9575.

<https://www.cornerstonesva.org/>

James Mott Community Assistance Program (JMCAP) may have limited funds to help Fairfax County families with paying their rent or utilities. 11215 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22030. Telephone - (703)591-1600.

<https://www.novahss.org/housing-resources/food-assistance/item/james-mott-community-assistance-program>

AHC Inc. offers home buyer assistance. Resources are available for low- and moderate-income residents. Low interest loans can assist with down payment and closing costs as well. Phone (703)486-0626.

<https://www.ahcinc.org/>

Koinonia Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit that provides Emergency Financial Assistance and grants with partial payment of utilities (electric, gas, water), rent/mortgage, and even prescription medications. 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22310. Phone (703)971-1991.

<http://www.koinoniacares.org/>

Loudoun County:

Trinity Episcopal Church

Address: 9108 John Mosby Highway

Upperville, Virginia 20185

Dial (540)592-3343

The church will only support residents that live in Loudoun County but close to the Fauquier line. There is financial help for housing needs, including rent or electric bills. They focus on preventing homelessness and can also provide referrals to other rent programs in the region.

<https://trinityuppperville.org/>

Loudoun County Legal Aid

Phone - (571) 482-2694

Eviction prevention, housing discrimination, and referrals to rent programs are available.

Immigrants, the working poor, and seniors can get free legal advice.

Loudoun County Coordinated Entry System

1 Harrison St. SE

Leesburg, VA 20175

Phone: 703-777-0420

A referral service for housing issues. Qualified clients can get mortgage or rent help. There is also relocation assistance, including grants to pay for lease application fees, security deposits, foreclosure help and moving costs in Loudoun County.

<https://www.loudoun.gov/4040/Coordinated-Entry-System>

Middleburg FISH Ministries

PO Box 507

Middleburg, Virginia 20118

Dial the charity at (540)687-8771

Financial help for rent or energy costs is available in Western Loudoun County. People can apply only every 6 months.

<https://www.emmanuelmiddleburg.org/fish>

Loudoun County Department of Family Services

Main address: 102 Heritage Way NE

Leesburg, VA 20177

Primary phone - (703)777-0353

They administer the state of Virginia HPP Homeless Prevention Program. Many services are run.

They include funds to resolve crisis situations around rent or a mortgage payment. There may also be money to pay first month's rent for a new, low income apartment. Other aid including eviction prevention, utility help, medications, and more for income qualified families.

Section 8 vouchers are also offered by the Department of Family Services (DFS). This is for the elderly, single moms, and very low income. HCV offers rental assistance to subsidize housing payments so people can live in decent, safe, and sanitary housing.

<https://www.loudoun.gov/107/Family-Services-Department>

Loudon County Interfaith Relief

The faith-based charity administers various housing programs, they sell low cost furniture, provide homeless shelters and other aid. One option will be limited amounts of emergency rent help when all other options fail.

<https://www.loudounhunger.org/>

Shelter and temporary housing

Good Shepherd Alliance - Women and Children Shelter

20684 Ashburn Road,

Ashburn, VA 20147

(703)724-1555

Up to 20 women, children, and single can use the emergency shelter. They also benefit from job assistance programs, credit counseling, meals, and other support.

<https://www.womenshelters.org/det/good-shepherd-alliance-inc>

Loudoun Homeless Services Center at the Volunteers of America

Location: 19520 Meadowview Court

Leesburg, Virginia 20175

(571)258-3033

It is a cold weather shelter and housing with a focus on veterans.

<https://www.voachesapeake.org/lhsc>

Transitional Housing Barn

Address: 9541 Linton Hall Road

Bristow, Virginia 20136

Main phone - (703) 369-1325

Get assistance in locating permanent housing, including information on loan and financial aid programs to pay first month's rent.

https://www.transitionalhousing.org/li/transitional_housing_barn_inc_20136