

LOCAL RESOURCES

About the Washington County CDA

As the administrators of state and federal rental assistance programs for Washington County, MN, the CDA helps our neighbors find safe and decent places to call home.

Because community support goes beyond rental housing, our expert staff offer homeowner mortgage and homebuyer counseling, home improvement assistance, first-generation homebuyer grants, and comprehensive business leader and workforce development support.

Additional Resources

If you are looking for Washington County area resources that go beyond the scope of what we directly offer, please use this guide.



Questions?

Contact the CDA for
More Information



651-458-0936



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washingtoncountycda.org



www.washingtoncountycda.org



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Part 1: Affordable Rental and Emergency Housing Information for Washington County

Listed in Alphabetical Order

READ THESE GUIDES TO LEARN ABOUT AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING IN MINNESOTA

- **Housing Link** explains the four major housing programs in Minnesota: Section 8 Vouchers, Project Based Section 8, Public Housing, and Section 42. Go to www.housinglink.org and click on Subsidized Housing on their website.
- **Housing Benefits 101** explains the range of housing options and support services. Visit mn.hb101.org.
- **Local Affordable Rental Properties** also briefly explains subsidized housing programs and lists rental properties in Washington County, MN. Visit www.washingtoncountycda.org and search for "Local Affordable Rentals," or contact the Washington County CDA for a list (651-458-0936 or office@washingtoncountycda.org).

AFFORDABLEHOUSING.COM

Nationwide affordable rental properties.

- www.affordablehousing.com

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF RAMSEY AND WASHINGTON (CAPRW) COUNTIES

CAPRW offers multiple programs, including housing support, for low-income individuals and families.

- www.capr.org
- 651-645-6445

COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM (CES) WASHINGTON COUNTY

Through ten regional offices, CES connects people experiencing homelessness to housing programs. Instead of contacting multiple agencies, your local office assesses your needs and matches you with available options.

- Use HB101's Homeless Services Map to contact CES in your area: mn.hb101.org/i/map/homeless_map.htm
- Adults in Washington County: 651-430-6488
- Youth (13-24) in Washington County: 612-475-4055

HOUSING BENEFITS 101

HB101 is a free online resource that helps people understand housing options and housing-benefit programs.

- mn.hb101.org

LOCAL RESOURCES LIST, UPDATED JULY 2026.

We make every effort to frequently update this list. However, each organization's information is subject to change without notice.

HOUSING LINK

Comprehensive information regarding subsidized housing programs, vacancies, applications, etc. Use the search tool on the main page to locate affordable rental housing throughout Minnesota.

- www.housinglink.org
 - Open waitlists for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers: click on Subsidized Housing then Housing Authority Waiting List
- 612-522-2500
- info@housinglink.org

HousingLink.org maintains a searchable database of publicly funded (subsidized) rental housing in Minnesota called Streams. Streams does not specifically include emergency shelters or transitional housing.

- www.housinglink.org/streams

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MINNESOTA

Housing services for youth, adults, people with disabilities, families, older adults, and veterans. Additional services span physical health, disability, safety, and emotional well-being.

- Main website: www.lssmn.org
- Housing services: www.lssmn.org/services/housing-and-assistance
- Rental assistance: www.lssmn.org/services/housing-assistance/assistance-and-eviction-protection/rental-assistance
- 651-642-5990 or 800-582-5260

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)

See contact information on page 7.

MINNESOTA HOUSING

The resources on the MN Housing website can help if you need assistance to stay in your home or find affordable housing.

- www.mnhousing.gov/housing-help.html
- 651-296-7608 or 800-657-3769
- mn.housing@state.mn.us

WASHINGTON COUNTY HOMELESS RESOURCES AND HOUSING INFORMATION

People who experience homelessness deserve access to services to assist them in becoming stably housed, as well as assist them with accessing other resources to meet their basic needs. For help, contact the Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST).

- www.washingtoncountymn.gov/2957/Homeless-Resources-and-Housing-Info
- 651-430-6488
- askcommunityservices@co.washington.mn.us

YOUTH SERVICES NETWORK

Helping youth find shelter and services.

- www.ysnmn.org

CURRENT STATUS OF SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS

At this time, the Washington County CDA is not taking applications for Section 8 Vouchers. Please visit HousingLink.org for a list of area housing authorities that are taking applications.

MOVING TO WASHINGTON COUNTY?

If you already have a Section 8 Voucher and are transferring:

- Notify your current Section 8 Housing Assistance Specialist that you intend to transfer.
- Find your Washington County-area rental.
- Ask your current Section 8 case worker to email our office: housingassistance@washingtoncountycda.org.

FOR LISTS OF AREA RENTALS

- See "Local Affordable Rental Properties," published by the Washington County CDA.
- Go to www.HousingLink.org.

Part 2: General Information and Assistance

Listed in alphabetical order

Clothing, food, household items, education, support, and general assistance to Washington County and area residents. Refer to the descriptions for the specific services provided. All information is subject to change.

211.ORG

A service of United Way, 211.org offers confidential help paying bills, finding food, and locating other resources.

- www.211.org
- Dial 211 (in the Twin Cities area, you may also dial 651-291-0211)

BASIC NEEDS (COTTAGE GROVE)

- www.basicneedsmn.org
- Thrift Shop: 651-458-9786 / storemgr@basicneedsmn.org
- Food Market: 612-489-6192 / foodmgr@basicneedsmn.org

COMMODITY SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM

CSFP provides food at no cost to eligible individuals ages 60+.

- www.health.state.mn.us/people/csfp/index.html
- 651-201-4404

COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP OF RAMSEY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES

Community Action provides resources to help individuals and families who have low incomes.

- www.caprw.org
- 651-645-6445

COMMUNITY HELPING HAND FOOD SHELF

Assisting residents of the Forest Lake School District with energy bills, rent, prescriptions, food, and more.

- www.communityhelpinghand.org
- 651-464-0061

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER OF ST. ANDREW'S

Rental assistance, food, clothing, basic household items, and more. Located in Mahtomedi, MN.

- www.saintandrews.org/community-resource-center
- 651-762-9124



WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

With offices in Forest Lake, Stillwater, Woodbury, and Cottage Grove, the Community Services department provides core services to families and individuals to meet basic needs. Its specialized staff, known as Navigators, are dedicated to helping Washington County residents with access to services.

You can receive help to find or apply for county and state services.

Contact a Navigator to request assistance for things like:

Crisis/Intervention Resources
Economic Support (including energy assistance, threat of eviction, utility shut-off, food support, and medical assistance)
Employment Assistance
Disabilities
Homelessness

For more info:

www.washingtoncountymn.gov/469/Community-Services
651-430-6455
Interpreter Services:
844-711-1907
askcommunityservices@co.washington.mn.us

More Resource Guides from Washington County

www.washingtoncountymn.gov/105/Community-Resource-Guides

COMMUNITY THREAD

Providing services aimed at older adults, particularly those who desire to age in place, as well as advocating for and supporting volunteers throughout the St. Croix Valley region. Located in Stillwater, MN.

- www.communitythreadmn.org
- 651-439-7434
- contact@communitythreadmn.org

THE CONNECT CENTER (TCC)

TCC supports families and youth in Washington County, MN, as they identify and work toward long-term goals for finances, education, employment, transportation, housing, family and parenting skills and other areas of life. Located in Stillwater, MN.

- www.theconnectcenter.org
- 651-231-7807
- info@theconnectcenter.org

DARTS CONNECT

DARTS provides services for older adults and caregivers in the Twin Cities southeast metro, including the Washington County cities of Cottage Grove, Newport, and St. Paul Park. Services offered include home repairs, house cleaning, outdoor cleanups, and transportation within their service area.

- www.dartsconnects.org
- 651-455-1560

THE DIRECTORY, PUBLISHED BY CARE OPTIONS NETWORK

Listings of services for seniors including housing. Free copies of The Directory can be picked up at your local senior and community center and from the Washington County CDA.

- www.seniorhousinginc.org

DISABILITY HUB

A free statewide resource network that helps people with disabilities solve problems, navigate the system and plan for the future.

- www.disabilityhubmn.org
- 866-333-2466

FAMILY MEANS

Headquartered in Stillwater, Family Means provides affordable mental health support to individuals and families; support for caregivers of older adults and those with functional limitations; and financial counseling including housing counseling .

- FamilyMeans.org
- 651-439-4840 | 800-327-3203
- FamilyMeans@FamilyMeans.org

FAMILY PATHWAYS

Food access, domestic and sexual violence prevention and victim services, and services for older adults for residents of Forest Lake and several counties north and east of the Twin Cities.

- www.familypathways.org
- 651-674-8040

FRIENDS IN NEED FOOD SHELF

Serving Cottage Grove, St. Paul Park, Newport, and Grey Cloud Island.

- 651-458-0730
- www.finfood.org/

GOWASHINGTON

GoWashingtonMN.com provides contact information for transportation providers. They do not schedule nor pay for rides.

- www.gowashingtonmn.com
- 651-430-6651
- ComSvsTransportation@co.washington.mn.us

HELP ME CONNECT

Help Me Connect is an interagency collaboration between Minnesota's Departments of Education, Health, and Human Services. The website is a navigator connecting expectant families, families with young children (birth to eight years old), and those working with families to services in their local communities that support healthy child development and family well-being.

- helpmeconnect.web.health.state.mn.us
- HelpMeConnect@state.mn.us

HOME LINE

HOME Line provides free and low-cost legal, organizing, education, and advocacy services so that tenants throughout Minnesota can solve their own rental housing problems. We work to improve public and private policies relating to rental housing by involving affected tenants in the process.

- homelinemn.org
- 612-728-5767

HUGO GOOD NEIGHBORS FOOD SHELF

Fresh food, shelf-stable food, and other health-related items for residents of zip code 55038 (Hugo, Centerville, portions of Lino Lakes, and portions of White Bear Lake).

- www.hugofoodshelf.org
- 651-528-6224

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MINNESOTA

See contact information on page 3 in Part 1.

MAHTOMEDI AREA FOOD SHELF

Serving individuals and families living in the City of Mahtomedi and all surrounding communities including Willernie, Lake Elmo, North St Paul, White Bear Lake, and all families of children attending Mahtomedi Area Schools.

- www.stjudeofthelake.org/mahtomedi-area-food-shelf
- 651-395-5350

METRO MICRO

The Woodbury area Metro Micro service uses ADA-accessible minibuses to operate in parts of Woodbury, Oakdale, and Lake Elmo and serves many schools, Park & Rides, clinics, and retail areas. You can connect from anywhere in the Woodbury service area to the new Metro Gold Line!

- www.metrotransit.org/micro-woodbury
- 651-602-1170

MINNESOTA FOOD HELPLINE

A program of The Food Group for those needing assistance with food resources. We can refer you to food shelves, discounted groceries, senior resources (Meals on Wheels), and other food resources in your area.

- www.hungersolutions.org/programs/mn-food-helpline
- Call or text: 888-711-1151

MINNESOTA AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCES

Operated by the Minnesota Board On Aging, this site lists services for seniors and people with disabilities.

- mn.gov/adresources/

MINNESOTA AGING PATHWAYS

A service of the Minnesota Board on Aging in partnership with Minnesota's area agencies on aging.

- mn.gov/aging-pathways/
- 800-333-2433
- aging.pathways@state.mn.us

MINNESOTA LEGAL SERVICES COALITION (MLSC)

Legal Services State Support is a project of the Minnesota Legal Services Coalition (MLSC), a group of seven legal aid programs that help low-income residents with a variety of legal matters.

- www.lawhelpmn.org

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE (ST. PAUL)

Assistance for refugees, immigrants, and those in transition or crisis throughout St. Paul, MN.

- www.neighborhoodhousemn.org
- 651-789-2500

NORTH ST. PAUL AREA EMERGENCY FOOD SHELF

Serving the communities of North St. Paul and Oakdale.

- www.nspafoodshelf.org
- 651-770-1309
- nspafs@gmail.com

OPEN CUPBOARD / TODAY'S HARVEST

Food distribution and support in Oakdale and Maplewood.

- www.opencupboard.org
- www.todaysharvestmn.org
- Open Cupboard: 651-233-1296
- Today's Harvest Oakdale: 651-409-1005
- Today's Harvest Maplewood: 651-323-1200

RISE

Access to employment, housing, and life-enrichment services for people with disabilities.

- www.rise.org
- Cottage Grove Office: 651-459-2038
- Forest Lake Office: 651-464-5137
- Oakdale Office: 651-379-1896

RUBY'S PANTRY

Visit the website for pop-up pantry locations. \$25 for an abundance of food. No income or residency requirements.

- www.rubyspantry.org
- 651-674-0009

**MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES (DHS)**

The Minnesota Department of Human Services provides services for over a million Minnesotans in 87 counties and 11 tribes.

Working with many other partners, MN DHS helps people meet their basic needs so they can live in dignity and achieve their highest potential. MN DHS helps people meet their basic needs by providing or administering a variety of services such as health care, housing and support services, disability services, and mental health services.

NOTE: Most of Minnesota's human service programs are administered locally, at the county level. Contact your county or regional human services, social services or family services office if you have questions or concerns about an existing human service case.

mn.gov/dhs/

DHS Information Desk: 651-431-2000
(TTY/TDD service: 800-627-3529)

Translation services: 651-431-2000

SCANDIA MARINE FOOD SHELF

Serving the Scandia, Marine on St. Croix, and May Township communities.

- www.elimscandia.org/food-shelf.html
- 651-433-2723

SOLID GROUND (RAMSEY AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES)

Preventing and ending homelessness for families with children in the communities we serve through housing, resources, and opportunity.

- www.solidgroundmn.org/
- 651-773-8401
- info@solidgroundmn.org

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA REGIONAL LEGAL SERVICES, INC. (SMRLS)

SMRLS mission is to provide a full range of high-quality legal services to low-income persons and eligible client groups in civil matters, in a respectful manner which enables clients to enforce their legal rights; obtain effective access to our system of justice; maintain freedom from hunger, homelessness, sickness and abuse; empower persons and assure equal opportunity.

- www.smrls.org/
- 877-696-6529

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

SNAP helps those with low incomes get the food they need for nutritious and well-balanced meals. The program provides support to help stretch your household food budget.

- dcyf.mn.gov/snap
- 888-711-1151

VALLEY OUTREACH

Located in Stillwater, Valley Outreach offers programs for food, clothing, and support.

- valleyoutreachmn.org/
- 651-430-2739
- info@valleyoutreachmn.org

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES

See contact information on page 4.

WIC PROGRAM

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC), is a nutrition and breastfeeding program that helps eligible pregnant women, new mothers, babies and young children. WIC provides nutrition education and counseling, nutritious foods, and referrals to health and other social services.

- www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/index.html
- 651-201-4444 or 800-657-3942 (toll-free)