

## Homeless and Emergency Assistance

Are you homeless or at risk of becoming homeless?

[Pictures: Man who is homeless in wheelchair, temporary homemade shelter]  
If so, there are Community Action Agencies and other human service delivery organizations that can help.

They provide a variety of services such as:

emergency shelter for homeless or displaced persons;

basic necessities such as food and clothing for low-income households and homeless individuals;

plus financial and in-kind assistance if you qualify by income.

[Pictures: Beds in homeless shelter facility, people cooking in homeless shelter facility]

The renovation and rehabilitation of homeless shelters is a priority here in Texas, and the state offers support to organizations that serve homeless persons and those who are at risk of homelessness.

[Pictures: Shelter waiting room, house with tarp on roof, people getting supplies after a disaster]

If you need housing counseling, and help finding a place to live or keeping your home-services may be available.

Anyone affected by a natural or man-made disaster can benefit from disaster relief services.

Local agencies that coordinate services for disaster survivors can receive support as well.

For more information go to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs "Help for Texans" website: <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/texans.htm>.

1. Select 'Emergency and Homeless Services'
2. Enter your city or county
3. Select 'Find Help.'

[Pictures: Man with case worker, apartment kitchen, property in Houston, TX]  
In Texas, cities and counties, providers of local services, and other human service delivery organizations are here to help low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

These organizations work to find affordable and stable housing and they can keep people living with HIV/AIDS in their homes by reducing the risks of homelessness.

In addition to rental and mortgage assistance, health care and supportive services may also be available.

For more information call 2-1-1 or search HIV/AIDS on the 2-1-1 Texas website:  
[www.211texas.org/211/](http://www.211texas.org/211/).

[Picture: Woman applicant at desk across from case worker]

Help is also available for survivors of domestic violence.

Organizations provide emergency shelter and support services to survivors and their children.

Call the 24-hour National Domestic Violence Hotline 1-800-7999-SAFE (7233).

The State of Texas Office of Attorney General provides one-time assistance with rental and moving expenses for survivors of domestic violence.

For more information call 1-800-983-9933.

Survivors of family violence may be eligible to have their electric and telephone deposits waived.

Go to the website of the Texas Council on Family Violence for more information:  
[www.tcfv.org/resources/forms-information](http://www.tcfv.org/resources/forms-information).

The Continuum of Care program promotes community planning and organization with the goal of ending homelessness.

[Picture: New site under construction]

Money may be available for new construction, rehabilitation or rental assistance.

For more information go to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development One CPD Resource Exchange website: <https://www.onecpd.info/coc/>.

Or the Texas Homeless Network website: <http://www.thn.org/>.

[Pictures: Veteran in apartment, veteran sitting on sofa smiling]

The Fund for Veterans' Assistance provides grants for local organizations to help veterans and their families with housing and homelessness. For more information visit their website: [Fund for Veterans' Assistance](#)

For more information visit the Texas Veterans Commission website: [www.tvc.texas.gov](http://www.tvc.texas.gov) or call 1-512-463-1157.

For other local emergency or homeless resources call 2-1-1 or visit the 2-1-1 Help in Texas website: [www.211texas.org/211](http://www.211texas.org/211).