



Mon Valley Housing Resource Guide



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Action Housing

actionhousing.org

412-281-2102

ACTION-Housing improves lives. Whether it's through the provision of affordable and supportive housing, or supportive services programs, Action Housing invests in the people and communities in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Services include weatherization, youth programming, mortgage assistance, affordable home repair, housing resource connector, homebuyer assistance, and more.

Allegheny County Health Department

alleghenycounty.us/Services/Health-Department

412-281-2102

For children under 6 years of age with a confirmed blood lead level of 5 µg/dl and above, ACHD offers a free home inspection to identify sources of lead exposure in the home. ACHD tests painted surfaces for the presence of lead and takes water, dust, and soil samples for laboratory analysis. They provide a full report that includes test and sample results, advice, and recommendations. As part of the inspection, ACHD offers families information about:

- Sources of lead in the home and how they can be avoided
- How routine wet dusting/mopping and cleaning can help limit lead exposure
- The importance of good handwashing practices to avoid ingesting lead dust
- The role a healthy diet plays in reducing a child's blood lead level

ACHD encourages anyone with questions or concerns about lead in the home to call ACHD's Housing and Community Environment program at 412-350-4046. They can provide educational literature and advice over the phone about how to reduce the risk of lead exposure.

Allegheny Link

alleghenycounty.us/Services/Housing/Allegheny-Link

1-866-730-2368

The Allegheny Link provides Coordinated Entry as the single access point for the Allegheny County Continuum of Care. The Allegheny Link strives to simplify and streamline access to homeless and housing services through a fair and equitable lens.

The Allegheny Link assists

- Households experiencing homelessness and/or their advocates to access services such as emergency shelter, rental assistance, and screen for longer term homeless housing programs using the Allegheny Housing Assessment tool
- Households experiencing housing instability or eviction with assessment and referrals to prevention programs and services
- With navigation of affordable housing resources
- With resource connection to supports and services leading to housing stability

Auberle

auberle.org/housing

412-673-5856

Auberle approaches housing instability holistically. While emergency housing through their Family Emergency Shelter is undoubtedly vital, their Housing team empowers families to lay the foundation for long-term housing stability. Auberle ensures each participant is connected with affordable health insurance, has access to all of their vital documents, and has been set up with a personal budget that will help them manage their income and expenses - in addition to complete access to Auberle's broader resource network to ensure overarching success in all areas of life.

Catholic Charities

ccphg.org

412-456-6999

Catholic Charities welcomes all who come to them with respect and unconditional love. They're here to help neighbors across the region connect to resources, heal their bodies and minds, and empower themselves toward self-sufficiency.

Catholic Charities offers practical assistance to those who are without shelter or at-risk of losing their homes. In Allegheny County, private furnished rooms are available to men 50 years or older with limited income who are without shelter or at risk of losing their homes. Additional services include comprehensive case management, three daily meals, linen services, access to free clothing room, support groups, and recreational activities.

Dollar Energy Fund

dollarenergy.org

1-888-282-6816

Dollar Energy Fund helps support households facing a utility crisis by providing assistance and other services that lead to self-sufficiency. They partner with utility companies across the United States to provide assistance grants and other programs to help utility customers maintain basic gas, water, wastewater, and electric services.

Home Repair Program by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh

habitatpittsburgh.org/home-repair

412-450-8520

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Pittsburgh offers several affordable home repair programs designed to help low-income homeowners. Repairs are completed primarily through the efforts of their volunteers, with green and sustainable building practices used whenever possible.

Typical Repairs Include:

- Painting
- Window repair
- Siding and trim repair
- Roof and soffit repair
- Porch, stair, or ramp repair
- Landscaping
- Door replacement
- Accessibility modifications
- Energy-efficient windows, doors, or heating and cooling systems
- Air sealing, insulation, and duct work

Eligibility:

- Must own and occupy a home in the greater Pittsburgh area and possess homeowner's insurance
- Must be able to make a minimal monthly payment to help cover the cost of repairs
- Must be willing to partner with Habitat Pittsburgh by working alongside volunteers on the project
- Must meet Habitat Pittsburgh's income guidelines

Hosanna Industries

hosannaindustries.org

724-770-0262

Hosanna Industries is dedicated to providing needed services to the community with no cost to homeowners. They believe that everyone should have a safe and secure place to live and they're committed to making that a reality for as many people as possible. Hosanna Industries' field staff and team of volunteers is skilled and compassionate, providing critical home repairs and new home construction to people in need. They also organize community outreach programs and events to engage their local community, and to raise funds to support their continued efforts.

Just Mediation Pittsburgh

justmediationpgh.org

412-228-0730

Just Mediation Pittsburgh is a nonprofit dedicated to helping landlords and tenants find solutions to housing disputes. Mediation is a free, confidential, and voluntary process in which a neutral mediator helps people find solutions to their housing dispute. It provides an alternative to court and allows you to solve your problems rather than a judge. Mediation allows for your voice to be heard and gives you an equal share in shaping the outcome.

Lazarus Fund

pghpresbytery.org/justice-ministries/lazarus_fund/

412-323-1400

The Lazarus Fund Ministry Team provides financial assistance to families and individuals of Allegheny County for rent, mortgage payments, security deposits, and utilities, enabling them to overcome economic difficulties. This program is supported through the giving of individuals and congregations of the Pittsburgh Presbytery.

LIHEAP

dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/pages/liheap.aspx

1-866-857-7095

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program - Income-eligible households can apply for energy assistance grants. Eligibility is based on income and number of individuals in the household. LIHEAP provides cash assistance to help utility customers pay residential energy bills. The program normally opens around November each year.

Mon Valley Initiative

monvalleyinitiative.com

412-646-4000

Mon Valley Initiative, founded in 1988, works to improve the lives of people in the Mon Valley area by helping to rebuild community infrastructure and connecting employers to people seeking new jobs and careers.

MVI does this by delivering quality services to the people of the Mon Valley, including housing counseling, real estate and community development, and workforce development and financial coaching.

NeighborWorks Western PA

neighborworkswpa.org

412-281-9773

As a non-profit housing counseling agency, NeighborWorks helps their neighbors across the entire spectrum of homeownership, from preparing homebuyers to preserving homeownership and preventing foreclosures. Their experienced team will walk you through the entire process from discussing your finances to closing on your new home. NeighborWorks teaches you what you need to know to plan ahead as a homeowner. They want to help you be sure your payments are affordable now and that you're prepared for financial challenges that life can throw at you. Their counselors can help you with basic home maintenance, budgeting, and equity questions to make sure you are maximizing the benefits of homeownership.

PA Housing Finance Agency (PHFA)

www.phfa.org

1-855-827-3466

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency works to provide affordable homeownership and rental apartment options for older adults, low- and moderate-income families, and people with special housing needs. Through its carefully managed mortgage programs and investments in multifamily housing developments, as well as funding provided for community development projects, PHFA also promotes economic development across the state.

PA Public Utility Commission (PUC)

puc.pa.gov/

1-800-692-7380

PUC regulates the many essential utility services that residents and business rely on every day. PUC works to ensure safe and reliable utilities at reasonable rates. For most concerns with a PUC-regulated utility, you must contact the utility before you file a complaint through PUC. If you have a problem with a utility and have already contacted the utility, filing a complaint is the next step. Two types of complaints can be filed with PUC - informal or formal. Common informal complaints include residential billing issues, service quality, and payment arrangement requests. Common formal complaints include rate protests.

Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP)

pautilitylawproject.org

1-844-645-2500

PULP provides information, assistance, and advice about residential utility and energy matters affecting low-income consumers. PULP's mission is to assist PA's low-income residential utility and energy consumers connect to and maintain affordable utility and energy services within their homes.

Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh

rtpittsburgh.org

412-247-2700

Rebuilding Together Pittsburgh rebuilds homes for low-income individuals with an emphasis on seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities. The lasting impact of their work is homeowners living safe and healthy lives in stabilized, revitalized neighborhoods. Through their home repair work, case management, and partnerships with service agencies throughout Allegheny County, they improve the daily quality of life for their neighbors in need.

RTP's construction professionals provide qualifying individuals with home rehabilitations, energy efficiency upgrades, and safe and healthy housing improvements at no cost to the homeowner. In the short-term, their work allows homeowners to live safely, without tripping or fall hazards, without environmental hazards, and without pests and contaminants. Safe and healthy homes are also clean, well-maintained, and free from fire or mold hazards. In the long-term, they strengthen the living conditions and well-being of at-risk homeowners, empowering them to thrive with greater health, safety, and peace of mind.

Salvation Army

412-461-2460 - Homestead

412-673-6627 - McKeesport

412-362-0891 - Family Caring Center

The Salvation Army can provide assistance with food, clothing, shelter, rent, household utility expenses, and miscellaneous needs. The Family Caring Center is a 36-bed shelter for homeless families, including couples, who may have been evicted, victims of fire or domestic violence, or stranded in the city.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

412-385-3753 - Mary, Mother of God Parish

Helps with utility, food, rent assistance, and furniture. Serves McKeesport, White Oak, East McKeesport, and North Versailles areas only.

412-321-1071 - Diocese Branch

First month rent and security deposit assistance.

The Blessing Board

theblessingboard.org

412-607-0202

The Blessing Board is a Christian furniture bank that collects donated household items, furniture, and durable medical equipment and then gives it to those in need at no cost to them.

United Way 211

Dial 2-1-1 (or 1-888-553-5778 for landline callers)

PA 211 Southwest is part of the national 211 Call Centers initiative that seeks to provide an easy-to-remember telephone number and web resource for finding health and human services – for everyday needs and in crisis situations.

Veterans Leadership Program

veteransleadershipprogram.org/

844-VLP-VETS

VLP's comprehensive housing programs assist Veterans and their families in securing affordable housing in safe neighborhoods, close to community amenities, transportation, and Veteran supports.

Women for a Healthy Environment

womenforahealthyenvironment.org

412-404-2872

The spaces we live in impact our ability to live, learn, and grow. Housing can be a contributing factor to health issues like asthma, allergies, lead exposure, and other chronic illnesses. Poor housing conditions like chipping or peeling paint, pest infestations, and holes in walls can be detrimental to health – which is why WHE created the Healthy Homes Program, offering Healthy Home Assessments, community resources and Workshops, and professional advice from Community Health Workers. In 2022, WHE received a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to expand the Healthy Homes Program to include the Healthy Homes Asthma Program, a home repair program for low-income families with children who suffer from asthma. Families living in Allegheny County may be eligible for repairs related to moisture and ventilation issues, safety concerns, and environmental hazards.