

# Housing Resources for Refugees and Newcomers



Refugee Housing  
SOLUTIONS

## Housing Solutions

- **Switchboard**
  - Switchboard is a one-stop resource hub for refugee service providers in the United States ([Switchboard- Connecting Resettlement Experts](#))
- **Mercy Corps Housing**
  - [Mercy Housing](#) is on a mission to increase the supply of affordable housing solutions for those in need.
- **AirBnB Open Homes**
  - [AirBnB](#) partners with local non-profits to support refugees and Afghan newcomers resettled to the United States. Through Airbnb.org, Hosts give people a temporary place to stay during emergencies, like a natural disaster, refugee crisis, or global pandemic.
- **HUD Resources**

Type of assistance	HUD program information
Emergency shelter, rental assistance, low-rent housing, housing-related services, security deposits, utility assistance	<b>HOME-ARP Program</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To learn about this program, visit <a href="http://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home-arp">www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home-arp</a></li> <li>• To ask about assistance in your area, please contact the HOME Program administrator for your state or local government using your internet search engine, or <a href="https://www.hud.gov/states">https://www.hud.gov/states</a></li> </ul>

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Emergency shelter, short- and medium-term rental assistance, housing-related services, security deposits, utility assistance	<p><b>Emergency Solutions Grants Program xxiv</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To learn about this program, visit <a href="http://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/esg">www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/esg</a></li> <li>To ask about assistance in your area, please contact your local Continuum of Care or the ESG Program administrator for your state or local government using your internet search engine, or visit <a href="http://www.hud.gov/findshelter">www.hud.gov/findshelter</a> or <a href="http://www.hud.gov/states">www.hud.gov/states</a></li> </ul>
Rental assistance, transitional housing, low-rent housing, housing-related services, security deposits	<p><b>Continuum of Care Program xxv</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To learn about this program, visit <a href="http://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc">www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc</a></li> <li>To ask about assistance in your area, please contact your local Continuum of Care (see <a href="#">Homelessness Assistance Programs - HUD Exchange</a>)</li> </ul>
Housing-related services, emergency shelter, security deposits, utility assistance, homebuyer assistance	<p><b>Community Development Block Grant Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To learn about this program, visit <a href="http://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/cdbg">www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/cdbg</a></li> <li>Available assistance varies by grantee. Contact your local or state CDBG grant administrator to find out what housing, homebuyer, and public services may be provided with CDBG funds in your community. Points of contact for local and state CDBG grant administrators are typically available through an internet search or by searching the local or state government website.</li> </ul>

## Housing Programs Administered Through Resettlement Agencies

Please reach out to your local resettlement agencies to determine if they administer the following programs:

- **Housing on Demand**
  - The Housing on Demand (HOD) initiative provides local offices with the opportunity to request the federal government arrange and pay for temporary housing for your Afghan client(s). This option should be used when all other housing possibilities have been exhausted as funds are limited.
- **USDA Rural Housing Program**
  - The USDA Rural Housing Program initiative provides local offices with the opportunity to connect with properties through the Rural Housing Program. As indicated in the title, these are rural housing options, so are not available near every office.

