



# Quick Guide to Finding Affordable Rental Units

- **Call your local Housing Authority**

Contact your local housing authorities to find out about the availability of Section 8 vouchers (now called “Housing Choice Vouchers”) and rental units in public housing projects.

Find the phone number of your local public housing authority (“PHA”) at HUD PHA Contact Information:

[https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/pha/contacts](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts)

- **Find Non-Profit Housing Developers in your area**

Contact the Community Development agency in your city (which may be called the Housing Department, the Community Development Department, the Planning Department or some combination of those words). This agency can give you a list of affordable housing projects they have funded. Also ask them for the names of the non-profit organizations which manage “affordable” housing in your area.

- **Contact the HUD office for your area**

There are U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) offices in eighty locations across the country. Phone numbers and website addresses can be found at: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/field\\_policy\\_mgt/localoffices](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/field_policy_mgt/localoffices). Call that office and ask about affordable housing developers, non-profits, and resources in your area.

- **Search Affordable Housing Databases:**

[www.socialserve.com](http://www.socialserve.com) – This database can be used to find affordable units and it lists specifics about the property, including the number of bedrooms, the cost of the unit, and availability and contact information.

[www.ncsha.org](http://www.ncsha.org) – Most state housing finance authorities (SHFAs) also have similar affordable housing search engines. Use this website to find the SHFA in your area.

[www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org) – To find local management companies, go to the website of the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) and search for your local chapter.