
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10 CENTRAL HARLEM HOUSING GUIDE



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The goal of this guide is to assist the Harlem community by providing information on programs and services related to Housing.

This document serves to help you find resources for Education, Employment, Housing, Mental Health and Legal Service opportunities.

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HOMELESS SHELTERS

What is a Homeless shelter?

Homeless shelters are a type of service agency for displaced individuals which helps to provide temporary residence for those individuals and families that are homeless. Shelters are here to provide residents with safety and protection from Weather, Domestic Violence and etc.

Conditions that may cause homelessness:

- Your household is at risk of domestic violence or head of household fled domestic violence and has not had access to safe permanent housing.
- Your household is uninhabitable due to flood, fire or natural disaster through no fault of the members of the household.
- Your household has been evicted for reasons such as housing being foreclosed for no fault of the members of the household, or conduct by a guest or member not a part of the household.
- Nonpayment of rent caused by a documented medical condition, a diagnosed disability, a documented loss of income.
- The children in the household are living in a housing situation not fit for human habitation.

List of Homeless Shelters:

Church of the Blessed Sacrament Transitional Residence

Address: 152 W 71st New York, NY 10023

Phone: (212)873-9224

Bethel Gospel Assembly Shelter (c/o Bethel Gospel Assembly)

Address: 2-26 East 120th Street Bronx, NY 10037

Phone: (212)860-1510

Harlem House

Address: 175 W 137th St New York, NY 10030

Phone: (212)283-7775

ALMA RANGEL GARDENS NY FOUNDATIONS (EHP)

Address: 55 W 137th street new York, NY 10030

Phone: (917) 507-1108

WEST SIDE FEDERATION FOR SR. & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (AH)

Address: 109 W. 129th street New York, NY 10027

Phone: (212) 348-8513

Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement

Address: 2854 Frederick Douglass Blvd. New York, NY 10039

Phone: (212) 281-4887

Corner House

Address: 131 Edgecombe avenue New York, NY 10030

Phone: (212) 926-7688

WEST 120 CLUSTERS

Address: 233 W 120th street New York, NY 10027

Phone: (212) 721-6032 Ext. 1070

REVELLA

Address: 307 W. 116th street New York, NY 10026

Phone: (212) 721-6032

WEST 140TH STREET

Address: 140 W. 140 New York, NY 10030

Phone: (212) 694-7240

HALE HOUSE

Address: 315 W. 113th New York, NY 10026

Phone: (212) 663-0700

Pelham Fritz Transitional Apartments

Address: 17-21 W. 118th Street New York, NY 10026

Phone: (212) 348-5356

WEST HARLEM RESIDENCE

Address: 134-138 W. 143rd street New York, NY 10030

Phone: (212)281-5552

Lennox Family Center

Address: 141 W. 144th Street New York, NY 10030

Phone: (212) 939-9450

NAZARETH HOUSE HARLEM

Address: 151 W. 133rd Street New York, NY 10030

Phone: (212)477-7017

Louise Wise Services Maternity Residence

Address: 55 W. 125th street New York, NY 10035

Phone: (646)981-1700

Kelly Transitional Living Community

Address: 312 W. 127th street New York, NY 10027

Phone: (212)665-1678

Westminister House

Address: 71 Lenox Avenue New York, NY 10026

Phone: (212)663-7260

Palladia

Address: 35 W. 126th street New York, NY 10027

Phone: (212)665-2020

CREATE YOUNG ADULT Residences

Address: 133-135 W. 128th Street New York, NY 10027

Phone: (212)662-2000

HARLEM I MEN'S SHELTER

Address: 2960 Frederick Douglas Blvd New York, NY 10039

Phone: (212)690-4555

THE FANE

Address: 205 W. 135th Street New York, NY 100000030

Phone: (212)680-4555

WESTON HOUSE TLC Transitional Living Community

Address: 2262-6 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd. New York, NY 10030

Phone: (212)234-5455

Parkview Hotel

Address: 55 Central park north New York, NY 10026

Phone: (212)369-7496

The Doe Fund - Ready Willing and able

Address: 2960 Frederick Douglass Blvd. New York, NY 10039

Phone: (212)690-6480

FOOD PANTRIES

What is a food pantry?

A food Pantry is a non-profit organization that either receives, buys and/or stores food. These facilities give away food directly to those in need. Once the food pantry receives its supply of food it is turned into nutritious, balanced meals that is then served and given out to families and individuals at no cost at all.

Food Pantries and Shelters:

Harlem Dowling West Side Center Specialized Service

Address: 2139 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd, New York 10027

Phone Number: (212)-749-3656

Harlem Community Nutritional

Address: 132 West 125th Street, NEW YORK 10027

Phone Number: (212) 666-7538

Department of Probation Manhattan Office

Address: 127 West 127th St, NEW YORK 10027

Phone Number: (212) 851-1403

Antioch Outreach Ministries

Address: 41 West 124 St, NEW YORK 10027

Phone Number: (212) 534-5715

Community Kitchen-West Harlem

Address- 252 W 116th St, New York, NY 10026

Phone: 212-665-9082

Food Bank

Address: 252 W 116th St, New York, NY 10026

Phone: (212) 566-7855

SNAP BENEFITS

What is SNAP Benefits?

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) is the program also known as food stamps. It is a federal nutritional program that helps you make your food budget last and helps buy healthy foods. This benefit can be used at grocery stores, convenience stores and some farmers markets. SNAP Benefits are issued each month on a plastic card that looks similar to a credit or debit card, which is called EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) card. Eligibility and benefit levels are based on household income, size and other factors.

How to Apply:

You can call the info line at (718)-557-1399 to have an application mailed to your address. You could also call the info line and find a SNAP center in your area near you. You can also use the link below to apply online.

SNAP: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/snap-benefits-food-program.page>

MENTAL ILLNESS:

What is Mental illness?

Mental illnesses are a health condition involving changes in thinking, emotion or behavior. In some cases it can be a combination of all three. Mental illnesses are also associated with distress and/or problems functioning at work, social or family activities. Mental illness is nothing to be ashamed of.

Mental illness programs:

Manhattan Psychiatric Center

Manhattan Psychiatric Center offers a range of comprehensive, evidence based inpatient and outpatient treatments for adults with mental illness. Families/Significant other(s) are involved as appropriate and with the permission of the consumer. MPC's overall aim is to assess all patients with a multi-disciplinary approach, to develop personalized treatment plans with the aim of active rehabilitation and rapid return to or to optimal functioning in the community.

Address: Ward's Island, New York, 100035

Phone: (646) 672-6767

Website: <https://www.omh.ny.gov/omhweb/facilities/mapc/>

BRC CECIL IVORY HOUSE

Address: 149 W. 132nd street New York, NY 10027

Phone: (212)533-5151

WESTON UNITED - BISHOP HOUSE

Address: 39 W. 128th Street New York, NY 10027

Phone: (646)492-5070

GODDARD

Address: 140 W. 140th Street New York, NY 10030

Phone: (212)694-7240

HARLEM HOSPITAL CENTER - MARTIN LUTHER KING PAVILION

Address: 506 Lenox Avenue New York, NY 10037

Phone: (212)939-3343

Harlem United

Address: 3006 Lenox Avenue New York, NY 10027

Phone: (212)803-2850

Goodard Riverside Community Center - Corner House

Address: 131 Edgecombe Avenue New York, NY 10030

Phone: (212)926-7688

Weston House

Address: 203 W. 113th street New York, NY 10026

Phone: (212)932-0023

LINCOLN MENTAL HEALTH UNIT

Address: 31-33 W. 110th street New York, NY 10026

Phone: (212)860-9400

GRAHAM-WINDHAM MANHATTAN CENTER

Address: 274 W. 145th street New York, NY 10039

Phone: (212)939-8270

Jewish Board of Family/Children Services CHILD DEVELOPMENT & Learning CENTER CLINIC

Address: 34 W. 139th Street New York, NY 10037

Phone: (212)690-7234

MANHATTAN PC 125TH STREET CLINIC

Address: 163 W. 125th Street New York, NY 10027

Phone: (212)870-8700

NEW YORK FOUNDLING MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

Address: 2090 7th Avenue New York, NY 10027

Phone: (718)772-0280

MANHATTAN PC - ADULT ICM

Address: 163 W. 125th Street New York, NY 10027

Phone: (212)870-8700

UNIVERSITY SETTLEMENT

Address: 127 W. 127th Street New York, NY 10027

Phone: (212)864-2007

ASSISTED COMPETITIVE EMPLOYMENT

Address: 2090 Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd.

Phone: (212)865-0775

Graham-Windham: Manhattan Mental Health Center

Address: 274 W. 145th Street New York, NY 10039

Phone: (212)368-4100

The Children's Aid Society: Dunlevy Milbank Center

Address: 14-32 W. 118th Street New York, NY 10026

Phone: (212)996-1716

Citicare's New Harlem Health Initiative for Youth (HHIFY)

Address: 154 W. 127th Street New York, NY 10027

Phone: (347)514-0650

NAMI Harlem

Address: 2280 7th Avenue New York, NY 10030

Phone: (212)694-6235

HOUSING PROGRAMS

What are housing programs?

Public housing and voucher programs provide safe and decent affordable housing for qualified low-income families, the elderly, and/or people with disabilities.

How to Apply For Housing Programs:

FIND AND APPLY FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT nyc.gov/housingconnect

HPD's website: nyc.gov/hpd/rentalopportunities

HDC's website: nychdc.com/pages/Now-Renting.html

GET HELP FINDING AND APPLYING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING nyc.gov/hpd/findhousing

These are community organizations. Find one at: nyc.gov/hpd/findhousingresources

Visit nyc.gov/consumers for more information, or call 311 and ask to make an appointment at an NYC Financial Empowerment Center.

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/renters/find-housing.page>.

TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS:

Women's Prison association

WPA works with women at all stages of criminal justice involvement. We promote alternatives to incarceration and help women living in the community to avoid arrest or incarceration by making positive changes in their lives. Inside prison and jail, we are a source of support to women and a resource to them as they plan for release. After incarceration, women come to WPA for help to build the lives they want for themselves and their families in the community. WPA helps women achieve what is most important to them. Women come to us to Find safe and affordable housing, Prepare for job interviews and obtain employment, Reunify with their children, Comply with criminal justice mandates and live safe and law-abiding lives, Access addiction, health, and mental health services, Gain peer support from other women and to Learn household budgeting and skills for daily life.

Phone: (646) 292-7740

Website: <http://www.wpaonline.org/>

Project Renewal

Since 1967, we have pioneered programs that provide health, homes, and jobs which empower adults and children to renew their lives. Each year we provide services to 16,000 individuals. The programs they have to offer are with Health, Homes and Employment.

Phone: 212-620-0340

Website: <http://www.projectrenewal.org/>

Henry Street Settlement

Henry Street Settlement delivers a wide range of social service, arts and health care programs to more than 60,000 New Yorkers each year. They have programs to help with finding Employment, Education, Health and Wellness, Transitional housing and more.

Phone: 212-766-9200

Website: <https://www.henrystreet.org/programs/housing/>

Project Hospitality

Project Hospitality has a 30 year history of serving the needs of the poor, hungry and homeless residents of Staten Island, New York. It is the mission of Project Hospitality to reach out to

community members who are hungry, homeless or otherwise in need, in order to work with them to achieve their self-sufficiency.

Phone: 718-448-1544

Website: <https://www.projecthospitality.org/>

CORE Services

CORE is a minority-governed and community-based, non-profit human services and community development organization, headquartered in Brooklyn, NY. CORE's mission is to empower individuals, families and communities to access and maintain employment, gain independence, and live stable and satisfying lives in communities in which they become contributing and productive citizens.

Phone: 718-801-8051

Website: <http://www.coresvcs.org/>

HOUSING LOTTERIES:

How does housing lotteries work?

Once applications are gathered, those that qualify are put in random order and given a log number. From there, the developer begins the review process starting with the lowest log number as well as any preferential applicants.

NYC Housing & Preservation Dept. (HPD):

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/hpd/html/apartment/lotteries.shtml>

NYC Housing Development Corp :(HDC):

<http://www.nychdc.com/ApartmentSeekers/Applications.html>

NYC Affordable Housing Resource Center:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/housinginfo/html>

NYCHA: <http://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycha/eligibility/eligibility.page>

EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS:

STRIVE (a.k.a East Harlem Employment Services)

Strive has an unparalleled record of preparing New Yorkers for living wage jobs while also building a skilled workforce for growing companies. Over the past decade, STRIVE New York has grown, adding targeted programming to serve the most disconnected populations.

Address: 240 East 123rd Street, New York, NY 10035 Office 302

Phone: 212-360-1100

Website: <https://www.striveinternational.org/strive-new-york/>

West Harlem Development Corporation

The mission of WHDC is to promote increased economic opportunities and quality of life to sustain a vibrant community in West Harlem. They have programs to help in areas such as affordable housing, education, youth development, and economic and workforce development.

Address: 423 West 127th Street, Suite A · New York, NY 10027

Phone: (646) 476-3394

Website: <http://westharlemdc.org/>

Workforce- NYC Business Solutions Upper Manhattan Center

Workforce1 is a service provided by the NYC Department of Small Business Services that prepares and connects qualified candidates to job opportunities in New York City. We make strong matches for both candidates and employers by using a unique combination of recruitment expertise, industry knowledge, and skill-building workshops to strengthen candidates' employment prospects.

Address: 215 West 125th Street, 6th Floor New York, NY 10027

Phone: Call 311 For A Location Near You.

Website: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/sbs/wf1/html/about/about.shtml>

JOBPATH

Job Path has helped people find jobs and excel in the workforce. Our employment programs are designed to help anyone who wants to work, no matter the amount of support needed. We use a Customized Employment approach which entails getting to know the job seeker first and then using this knowledge to target employers based on the person's interests, needs and skills. The aim is not to fit an individual into an already existing job description or opening. Instead, we work with employers to identify their needs and create a job that works for both the business and the job seeker.

Address: 256 West 38th Street, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10018

Phone: 212-944-0564

Website: <http://www.jobpathnyc.org/our-programs/>

LEGAL SERVICES:

How to file a Complaint-

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/renters/find-housing.page>

Tenant harassment-

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/renters/harassment.page>

Housing court-

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/renters/housing-court.page>

Tenants' rights-

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/fairhousing/rights-responsibilities/what-do-owners-and-renters-need-to-know.page>

Safety conditions-

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/renters/renters-important-safety-issues.page>

Other housing issues-

<http://www1.nyc.gov/site/hpd/renters/other-housing-issues.page>

FAQS:

1. How do I apply for public housing with NYCHA?

Apply online at (<http://apply.nycha.info>) from any device with Internet access; or you may file online from any of our Walk-in centers.

2. Do I need to submit documents with the NYCHA public housing application?

No, you do not need to submit documents with the NYCHA public housing application. The information you provide on your application will be verified if and when we are able to reach your application for an eligibility interview. If you are applying for NYCHA public housing as a Victim of Domestic Violence, you must apply online first then call or contact any of our Customer Contact Centers to obtain the VDV Document Review and VAWA: Victim Certification Form.

3. How will I know that my public housing application has been received by NYCHA?

Applicants will receive a letter from NYCHA within 30 days acknowledging the date your application was received and the housing priority that you have been assigned based on the information provided in your application. If you do not receive such a letter from NYCHA, please contact the Customer Contact Center at (718)-707-7771 from 8 AM – 5PM, Monday through Friday.

4. How can I check the status of my application?

Applicants can check the status of their application online. You must register with the Self-Service Portal to access your application status. Note: registrants must be the head of household listed in the application.

5. Can I update my application from the Self-Service Portal?

Yes, you can update your information related to your application by using the Self-Service Portal. Information such as address, phone numbers, email address, borough of preference, and reason for applying can be updated from the Self-Service Portal at <http://apply.nycha.info>

6. How often should I file or renew my application?

If you have not been invited for an eligibility interview, you must renew your application by using the Self-Service Portal every 24 months to remain on the waiting list. You will retain the filing date from your original application.

7. What is the difference between Public Housing and Section 8?

Public housing apartments are owned and operated by NYCHA. More than 400,000 New Yorkers reside in one of the 178,895 apartments located around the five boroughs of New York

City. The public housing waiting list has over 160,000 applications. The Section 8 Program enables eligible persons to rent privately owned apartments. Housing assistance payments are made to the private landlords. Please be aware that the Section 8 waiting list is presently closed to new applicants.

8. Can I be on the waiting list for both Public Housing and Section 8?

Yes, you can apply for both programs, but once you rent an apartment with the assistance of one program, your housing priority in the program that you did not yet receive will be significantly reduced. This reduction in priority would likely mean that you will not be reached on the waiting list.

9. Do I have to be a resident of New York City to be eligible to apply for public housing?

No, you do not have to be a resident of New York City to apply, but due to NYCHA's long waiting list, available apartments will be offered to applicants who live or work in New York City first.

10. Do I have to be citizen of the United States to be eligible to apply for public housing?

No, you do not have to be a citizen of the United States but at least one member of your household must be a United States citizen or a non-citizen with eligible immigration status (e.g. Permanent Resident, Refugee/Asylum statuses).

11. How old must I be to apply for public housing?

You must be at least 18 years or older, or an emancipated minor to be eligible to apply for public housing. An emancipated minor is a child who has been granted the status of adulthood by a court order or other formal arrangement. In the United States, there are three main ways for a teenager to become emancipated and they are: Court petition; Marriage and Military Service.

12. Do I need to have children living in my household to be eligible to apply for public housing?

No, single adults are eligible to apply for public housing.

13. How old do I have to be to live in public housing for seniors?

You or your co-head of household must be at least 62 years or older and all other household members must be 62 years of age or older.

14. Can I list a specific development as my preference on my application?

No, you may not apply for a specific development. You may only list a 1st and 2nd choice of borough (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island) on your application. If you are found eligible for public housing after your eligibility interview, you will be placed on a borough or development waiting list depending upon your priority and bedroom size required.

15. Do I have to have a source of income to be eligible to apply for public housing?

No, you are not required to have income to be eligible to apply.

16. Is there a maximum income that would make me ineligible to apply for public housing?

Yes, Housing Authorities like NYCHA use income limits developed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The income for admission varies for the county or metropolitan area, so you may be eligible in one area and not the other.

17. Does NYCHA include assets as income when determining eligibility for public housing?

The market value of the asset will not be included as income, but the income yield from the asset such as interests or dividends will be included.

18. What changes should I report to NYCHA after I apply for public housing?

Any change related to your contact information, family composition or income should be reported by using the Self-Service Portal. If you have any questions, you may contact the Customer Contact Center.

19. Once I apply, what is the application process?

The information you provided on your most recent public housing application will determine when we may be able to invite you for an Eligibility Interview. It is therefore important that you notify us of any changes as soon as it occurs. Your application is selected by computer for an eligibility interview based on your borough choice, apartment size, housing priority and date of application. However, due to the large number of families on the waiting list, and the low turnover and vacancy rate of apartments, it is impossible to estimate when a family might be selected for an eligibility interview.

20. How much will my rent be?

Your rent will be based on 30% of your household's anticipated gross annual income less deductions. HUD regulations allow deductions of \$480 for each dependent; \$400 for elderly family, or a person with a disability; and some medical deductions for households headed by an elderly person or person with disabilities.

21. Are utilities included in my rent?

Most but not all developments include gas and electric with rent. If you rent at a development that does not include utilities, you will be responsible for paying for utilities directly. However, you will receive a utility allowance that will be deducted from your monthly rent.

22. What happens after I receive notification of my placement to a certified waiting list?

After you have attended your eligibility interview and found to be preliminarily eligible for Public Housing, you will be notified by mail that you have been placed on either the borough or development waiting list. At the time a suitable apartment becomes available, NYCHA will perform a criminal background check for everyone in your household 16 years and older. If everyone passes the criminal background check, NYCHA will offer you an apartment. If anyone in your household fails the criminal background check, you will not be offered an apartment. Instead, NYCHA will send you a letter advising what you need to do next, and NYCHA will not consider your application anymore if you do not respond.

23. Does NYCHA have apartments for people with disabilities?

Yes, NYCHA has accessible apartments designed for people with mobility disabilities.