



# US Department of Housing and Urban Development

Buffalo Field Office  
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# Program Scope

The Buffalo Field Office 48 county territory covers more than 40,000 square miles and serves a population of approximately 10 million.

Included in the jurisdiction of the Buffalo Field office are:

- 30 Entitlement communities, 18 HOME programs, 12 Emergency Shelter Grants, 3 HOPWA grants, and 20 Continuum of Care Grants serving over 610 communities.
- 105 public housing authorities providing 25,636 units of public housing and approximately 45,200 Housing Choice Vouchers, including 732 VASH Vouchers
- 632 Multifamily Properties, providing 50,184 units of housing.
- 44 housing counseling agencies.

Through these and other programs, HUD provides over \$780 million to upstate New York.



## HUD Buffalo Field Office

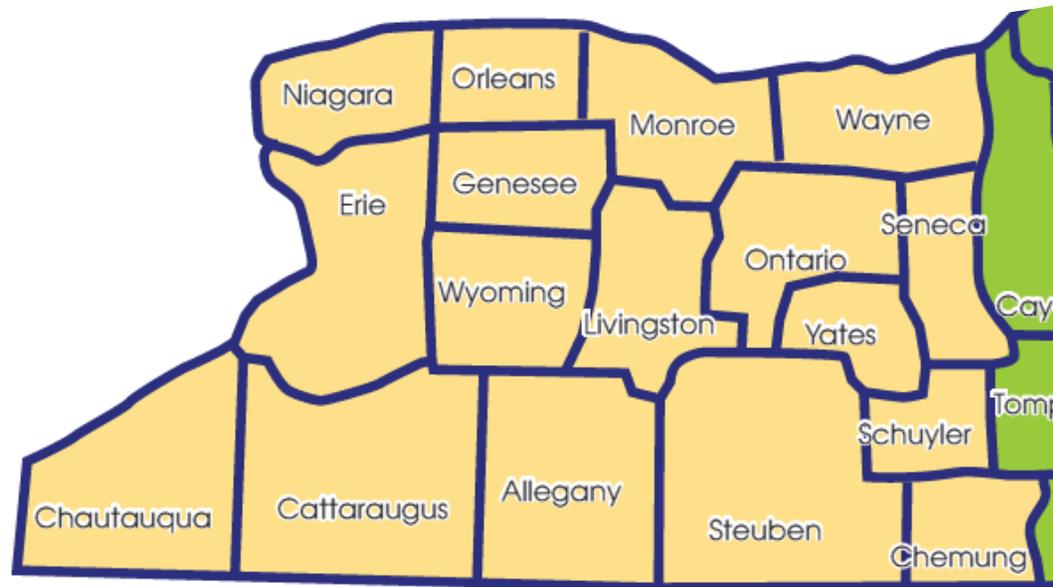


▶ Program Office Jurisdiction



# HUD Buffalo Field Office Programs covering

① – Western New York & Finger Lakes





# Rental Assistance Programs

HUD has three types of rental assistance:

- ▶ Privately owned subsidized housing
- ▶ Public Housing
- ▶ Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)



# Privately Owned Subsidized Housing

HUD–subsidized apartments are privately–owned and receive funding from HUD to provide lower rents to qualified tenants. You can obtain a listing of these projects at [HUD subsidized housing in NYS](#).

- To apply, contact the [agency/development](#) directly. They will then determine your eligibility for participation and provide you with information regarding program requirements and projected waiting periods.





# Public Housing

## WHAT IS PUBLIC HOUSING?

Public housing was established to provide decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. Public housing comes in all sizes and types, from scattered single family houses to highrise apartments for elderly families. There are approximately 1.2 million households living in public housing units, managed by some 3,300 HAs. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) administers Federal aid to local housing agencies (HAs) that manage the housing for low-income residents at rents they can afford. HUD furnishes technical and professional assistance in planning, developing and managing these developments.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Public housing is limited to low-income families and individuals. An HA determines your eligibility based on: 1) annual gross income; 2) whether you qualify as elderly, a person with a disability, or as a family; and 3) U.S. citizenship or eligible immigration status. If you are eligible, the HA will check your references to make sure you and your family will be good tenants. HAs will deny admission to any applicant whose habits and practices may be expected to have a detrimental effect on other tenants or on the project's environment.

HAs use [income limits](#) developed by HUD. HUD sets the **lower income** limits at 80% and **very low income** limits at 50% [of](#) the median income for the county or metropolitan area in which you choose to live. [Income limits](#) vary from area to area so you may be eligible at one HA but not at another. The HA serving your community can provide you with the income levels for your area and family size, or you can also find the [income limits](#) here on the internet.

- To apply, contact a [public housing agency](#). (check under "Type" for Low-Rent or Both)





# Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)

The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments. Unfortunately, the demand for the housing choice voucher program in many localities is far greater than the amount of resources available by local Section 8 agencies.

- To apply, contact a [public housing agency](#). (check under “Type” for Section 8 or Both)





**PHAs in Western New York and  
Finger Lakes Region**

County	Formal HA Name	Telephone	Address	Type
Allegany	ACCORD Corporation	(585) 268-7241	84 Schuyler St. - P.O. Box 573 Belmont NY 14813	S8
Cattaraugus	Salamanca, City	(716) 945-3171	225 Wildwood Ave. - Suite 13 Salamanca, NY 14779-1547	S8
Cattaraugus	Cattaraugus Dev. Corp.	(716) 372-9107	132 N. Union St. - Suite 110 Olean, NY 14760	S8
Cattaraugus	Olean Housing Authority	(716) 372-8262	132 N. Union Street, Suite 118 - P.O. Box 438 Olean, NY 14760	PH
Chautauqua	Dunkirk Housing Authority	(716) 366-8740	15 North Main Street Dunkirk, NY 14048	PH
Chautauqua	Jamesstown Housing Authority	(716) 664-3345	110 West Third Street - Hotel Jamestown Jamesstown, NY 14701	Both
Chautauqua	STEL	(716) 366-7792	715 Central Ave. Dunkirk, NY 14048	S8
Chautauqua	Chautauqua Opportunites, Inc.	(716) 661-9430	402 Chandler St. Jamesstown, NY 14701	S8
Chemung	Elmira Housing Authority	(607) 737-7100	737-D Reservoir Street Elmira, NY 14095	Both
Chemung	Elmira Heights, Village	(607) 734-1531	215 Elmwood Ave. Elmira Heights, NY 14903-1736	S8
Chemung	Horseheads, Town	(607) 857-9644	215 Elmwood Ave. Elmira Heights, NY 14903-1736	S8
Chemung	Tri-County Hsg. Council	(607) 562-3856	143 Hibbard Rd. - P.O. Box 451 Big Flats, NY 14814	S8
Erie	Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority	(716) 855-6711	300 Perry Street Buffalo, NY 14204-2270	Both
Erie	Kenmore Municipal Housing Authority	(716) 874-6000	657 Colvin Blvd. Kenmore, NY 14217-2852	PH
Erie	Lackawanna Municipal Housing Authority	(716) 823-2551	135 Odell Street Lackawanna, NY 14218	PH
Erie	Amherst, Town c/o Belmont Housing Resources for WNY	(716) 884-7791	1195 Main St. Buffalo, NY 14209-2102	S8
Erie	Buffalo, City c/o Rental Assistance Corporation	(716) 882-0063	470 Franklin St. Buffalo, NY 14202-1302	S8
Genesee	Batavia Housing Authority	(585) 344-1888	400 E. Main Street Batavia, NY 14020	PH
Genesee	PathStone	(585) 343-5442	106 Main St. Genesee Country Mall - Room 8A Batavia, NY 14020	S8
Livingston	Livingston Co. Dept. of Social Services - Office of Sec. 8 Hsg. Assistance	(585) 243-7344	1 Murray Hill Drive Mt. Morris, NY 14510	S8



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County	Formal HA Name	Telephone	Address	Type
Monroe	Fairport Village	(585) 223-0747	31 South Main St Fairport Urban Renewal Agency Fairport, NY 14450-2132	S8
Monroe	Rochester Housing Authority	(585) 697-3600	675 West Main St - Suite 100 Rochester, NY 14611-2313	Both
Niagara	Lockport Housing Authority	(716) 434-0001	301 Michigan Street Lockport, NY 14094	Both
Niagara	Niagara Falls Housing Authority	(716) 285-6961	744-10th Street Niagara Falls, NY 14301	PH
Niagara	Niagara Falls, City	(716) 286-8820	1022 Main St - P.O. Box 69 Niagara Falls, NY 14302-1112	S8
Niagara	North Tonawanda, City	(716) 884-7791	1195 Main St c/o Belmont Housing Resources for WNY Buffalo, NY 14209-2102	S8
Niagara	Niagara Falls Leased Hsg. Program	(716) 286-8824	1022 Main St - P.O. Box 69 Niagara Falls, NY 14302	PH
Niagara	Belmont Shelter Corp.	(716) 213-2787	33 Spruce St North Tonawanda, NY 14120	S8
Ontario	Geneva Housing Authority	(315) 789-8010	41 Lewis Street P.O. Box 153 Geneva, NY 14456	PH
Ontario	Geneva Housing Authority	(315) 789-8010	41 Lewis Street P.O. Box 153 Geneva, NY 14456	S8
Orleans	Orleans Co. Dept. of Housing Assistance	(585) 589-3200	14016 Route 31 West Albion, NY 14411	S8
Schuyler	Arbor Housing and Development	(607) 562-2477	P.O. Box 451 Big Flats, NY 14814	S8
Seneca	Seneca Housing, Inc.	(315) 568-4311	11 Auburn Road Seneca Falls, NY 13148	S8
Sleuben	Hornell Housing Authority	(607) 324-7912	87 E. Washington Street Hornell, NY 14843	Both
Sleuben	Arbor Housing and Development	(607) 562-2477	P.O. Box 451 Big Flats, NY 14814	S8
Wayne	Newark Housing Authority	(315) 331-1574	200 Driving Park Circle - P.O. Box 108 Newark, NY 14513	Both
Wayne	Community Action in Self-Help Inc.	(315) 946-3314	48 Water St. Lyons, NY 14489	S8
Wyoming	Wyoming County Community Action, Inc.	(585) 237-2696	6470 Route 20A, Suite 1 Perry, NY 14530	S8
Yales	PathStone	(315) 536-6169	160 Main St Penn Yan, NY 14527	S8

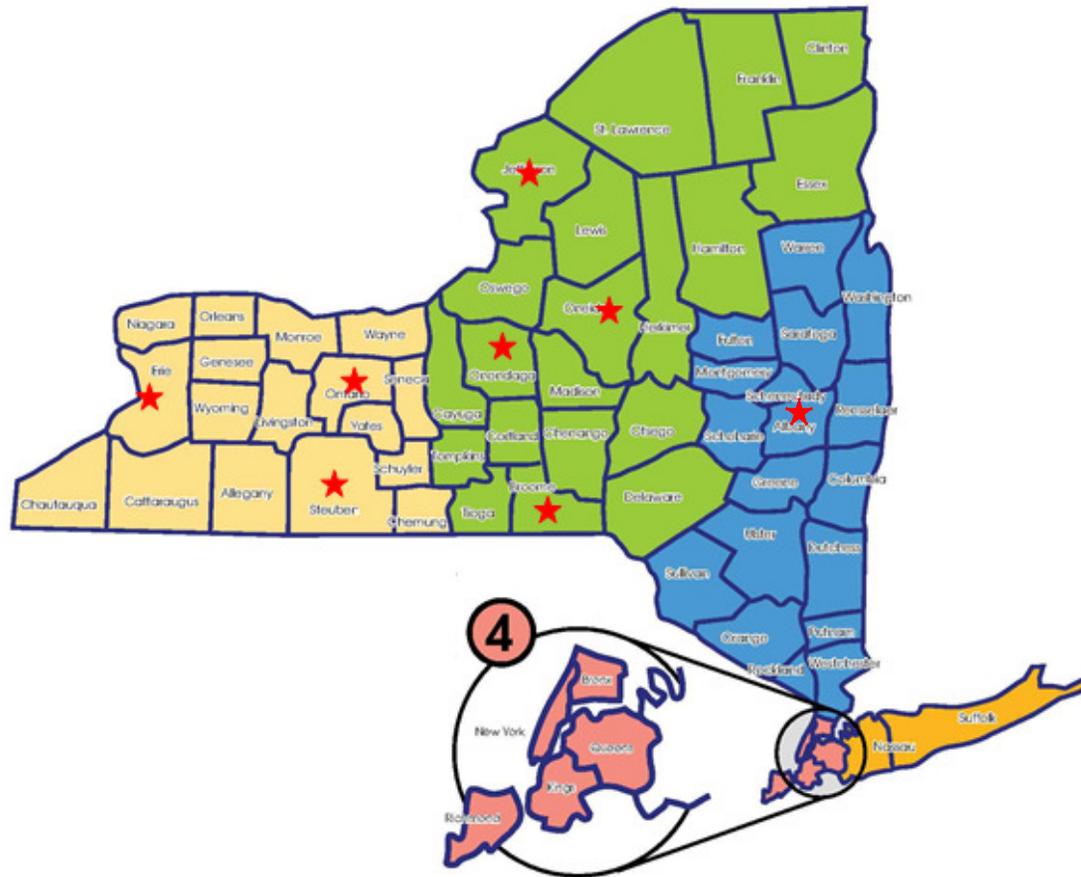


# HUD VASH Program

- ▶ The HUD–Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD–VASH) program combines Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). VA provides these services for participating Veterans at VA medical centers (VAMCs) and community–based outreach clinics.



# Veterans Affairs Hospitals HUD VASH Program





# Housing Counseling Agencies

HUD-approved Housing Counseling agencies may be able to assist with rental housing needs.

Contact the Housing Counseling Hotline to find a counseling agency closest to you at 1-800-569-4287.



# CDBG

The [Community Development Block Grant](#) (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs. Beginning in 1974, the CDBG program is one of the longest continuously run programs at HUD. The CDBG program provides annual grants on a formula basis to 1209 general units of local government and States.

## About the Program

- ▶ The CDBG program works to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses. CDBG is an important tool for helping local governments tackle serious challenges facing their communities. The CDBG program has made a difference in the lives of millions of people and their communities across the Nation.
- ▶ The annual CDBG appropriation is allocated between States and local jurisdictions called "non-entitlement" and "entitlement" communities respectively. Entitlement communities are comprised of central cities of Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs); metropolitan cities with populations of at least 50,000; and qualified urban counties with a population of 200,000 or more (excluding the populations of entitlement cities). States distribute CDBG funds to non-entitlement localities not qualified as entitlement communities.
- ▶ HUD determines the amount of each grant by using a formula comprised of several measures of community need, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing, and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

## Eligible Activities

- ▶ Over a 1, 2, or 3-year period, as selected by the grantee, not less than 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. In addition, each activity must meet one of the following national objectives for the program: benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.





# HOME Investment Partnerships Program

- The HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) provides formula grants to States and localities that communities use – often in partnership with local nonprofit groups – to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people. HOME is the largest Federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households.
- HOME funds are awarded annually as formula grants to participating jurisdictions (PJs). The program's flexibility allows States and local governments to use HOME funds for grants, direct loans, loan guarantees or other forms of credit enhancements, or rental assistance or security deposits.



# Continuum of Care

The Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to:

- ▶ promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
- ▶ provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness;
- ▶ promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and
- ▶ optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.



# Homelessness

HUD, along with many other Federal agencies, funds programs to help persons who are homeless. Local homeless assistance agencies provide a range of services and assistance, including emergency shelter, food, housing counseling, and job training and placement assistance. For general information on available resources, please visit the [Resources for Homeless Persons](#) page on the HRE.



# CoC Program Components

The CoC Program interim rule provides that Continuum of Care Program funds may be used for projects under five program components:

- ▶ permanent housing
- ▶ transitional housing
- ▶ supportive services only
- ▶ HMIS
- ▶ homelessness prevention





## CoC Program Components

- ▶ **Permanent Housing** – (PH) is defined as community-based housing without a designated length of stay in which formerly homeless individuals and families live as independently as possible. Under PH, a program participant must be the tenant on a lease (or sublease) for an initial term of at least one year that is renewable and is terminable only for cause. Further, leases (or subleases) must be renewable for a minimum term of one month. The CoC Program funds two types of permanent housing: permanent supportive housing (PSH) for persons with disabilities and rapid re-housing. Permanent supportive housing is permanent housing with indefinite leasing or rental assistance paired with supportive services to assist homeless persons with a disability or families with an adult or child member with a disability achieve housing stability. Rapid re-housing (RRH) emphasizes housing search and relocation services and short- and medium-term rental assistance to move homeless persons and families (with or without a disability) as rapidly as possible into permanent housing.
- ▶ **Transitional Housing** – (TH) is designed to provide homeless individuals and families with the interim stability and support to successfully move to and maintain permanent housing. Transitional housing may be used to cover the costs of up to 24 months of housing with accompanying supportive services. Program participants must have a lease (or sublease) or occupancy agreement in place when residing in transitional housing. The provisions of the CoC Program's TH program component have not changed significantly from the TH provisions under SHP.



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- ▶ **Supportive Services Only** – (SSO) program component allows recipients and subrecipients to provide services to homeless individuals and families not residing in housing operated by the recipient. SSO recipients and subrecipients may use the funds to conduct outreach to sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons and families, link clients with housing or other necessary services, and provide ongoing support. SSO projects may be offered in a structure or structures at one central site, or in multiple buildings at scattered sites where services are delivered. Projects may be operated independent of a building (e.g., street outreach) and in a variety of community-based settings, including in homeless programs operated by other agencies.
- ▶ **Homeless Management Information System** – Funds under this component may be used only by Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) leads for leasing a structure in which the HMIS operates, for operating the structure in which the HMIS is housed, and/or for covering other costs related to establishing, operating, and customizing a CoC's HMIS. Other recipients and subrecipients may not apply for funds under the HMIS program component, but may include costs associated with contributing data to the CoC's HMIS within their project under another program component (PH, TH, SSO, or HP).
- ▶ **Homelessness Prevention** – Recipients and subrecipients located in HUD-designated High Performing Communities (HPCs) may use CoC Program funds for homelessness prevention assistance for individuals and families at risk of homelessness. The services under this component may include housing relocation and stabilization services as well as short- and medium-term rental assistance to prevent an individual or family from becoming homeless. Through this component, recipients and subrecipients may help individuals and families at-risk of homelessness to maintain their existing housing or transition to new permanent housing. Homelessness prevention must be administered in accordance with 24 CFR part 576.



# CoC Eligible Applicants

- ▶ Under the [CoC Program interim rule](#), eligible applicants consist of nonprofit organizations, State and local governments, instrumentalities of local governments, and public housing agencies. An eligible applicant must be designated by the Continuum of Care to submit an application to HUD for grant funds.
- ▶ The Continuum's designation must state whether the Continuum is designating more than one applicant to apply for funds, and if it is, which applicant is being designated as the Collaborative Applicant. A Continuum of Care that is designating only one applicant for funds must designate that applicant to be the Collaborative Applicant. For-profit entities are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.





# CoC Contacts

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A full listing of CoC contacts may be found at:

▶ [Contact a CoC](#)

More Info on the CoC program may be found at:

▶ [CoC Info](#)





# The Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act

The HEARTH Act consolidates the three separate McKinney–Vento homeless assistance programs, including the

- ▶ Supportive Housing Program
- ▶ Shelter Plus Care Program
- ▶ Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation SRO Program

into a single grant program known as the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program.





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