

# HOUSING RESOURCES: CAMBRIA AND SOMERSET COUNTIES

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## Tableland Services, Inc. Community Action Partnership of Somerset County

814-445-9628  
[capfsc.org](http://capfsc.org)

- CES Access Site and Street Outreach-Prescreening through CES process for all available housing interventions. Level of need is ranked.
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)-provides financial assistance to eligible households impacted financially by Covid.
- Emergency Shelter and Food Services (FEMA)-Temporary assistance for eviction, shelter, utility assistance or emergency food shortages.
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)- assists homeless individuals living on the street and in shelters to rapidly rehouse. Requirements.
- Homeless Assistance Program (HAP)-funds to assist individuals at risk of homelessness or literally homeless. Requirements.
- Permanent Supportive Housing Program (PSH)- Long-term housing assistance with support for individuals and families with history of homelessness and barriers maintaining permanent housing. Requirements.
- PHARE Young Adult Supportive Housing (ages 18-24)- scattered site model of supportive housing providing short to medium term rental assistance. Requirements.
- Supportive Housing Program (SHP)- Supportive housing services to homeless individuals and families. Requirements: literally homeless or living in emergency shelter.

## Community Action Partnership of Cambria County

814-536-9031  
[capcc.us](http://capcc.us)

- Housing Assistance Program (HAP)-one month rent up to \$1,000 (or \$1,500 for families with children under 18) to prevent eviction for individuals under 200% Federal Poverty Line. Requirements.
- Emergency Solutions Grant -helps literally homeless w/ security deposit and up to 6 months rent. Requirements.

## Breaking the Barriers

814-421-7311  
[www.breakingthebarrierscc.org](http://www.breakingthebarrierscc.org)

- Provides up to 10 furnished transitional housing units for individuals in Cambria County.
- Must be homeless and face mental health, domestic violence, or substance abuse.
- Coordinators connect 18+ individuals enrolled with Health Choices to resources.

## Veterans Leadership Program

844-VLP-VETS  
[veteransleadershipprogram.org](http://veteransleadershipprogram.org)

- Program for homeless veterans or veterans who are at risk of becoming homeless.
- Grant and Per Diem (bridge housing) program.
- Scattered sites in Altoona and Johnstown areas, with 10 beds to temporarily house veterans while seeking permanent housing.
- Requirements-serving active duty outside of training, a discharge that is not Dishonorable or General Court Martial, no income limits. Does not need to be VA eligible.

## Johnstown Housing Authority

814-535-7771  
[jhaonline.org](http://jhaonline.org)

- Public Housing Program- provides housing to low-income, very low income, and extremely low income individuals and families. Eleven complexes designated for low-income families and individuals; Four complexes designated for the elderly, disabled, or handicapped.
- Housing Choice Voucher Program/Section 8 Housing-provides rental subsidy to 953 very low income and extremely low income families and individuals throughout Cambria County. Designed to provide applicants an opportunity to choose housing on the open market from private landlords who participate in the program.

## Greater Johnstown Landlord Association

814-619-4493  
[gjlandlords.com](http://gjlandlords.com)

- Bridge Housing-Rental assistance for up to 1 year for individuals who can be self-sustaining in 12 months. Requirements: homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. Contact Luke Gonzalez 814-535-8531.
- Cambria County Comprehensive Housing-Permanent supportive housing similar to Section 8. Requirements: health barrier determined by Cambria County Behavioral Health. Contact Luke Gonzalez 814-535-8531.
- Clearinghouse-List of landlords to call about housing, informal landlord and tenant conflict resolution and non-legal advice.

## Cambria County BH/ID/EI

814-535-8531  
[cambriacountyva.gov/behavioral-health/](http://cambriacountyva.gov/behavioral-health/)

- Supportive housing program - provides housing assistance to individuals with mental illness and/or substance use for up to 6 months. Pays for rental arrears, current rent, & utility assistance through Peer Empowerment Network. Contact Luke Gonzalez 814-535-8531.
- Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) - Tenant-based program that assists housing insecurity as a result of Covid. Up to 12 months arrears + 3 additional months. No diagnostic criteria. Apply on Compass site, or can assist w/ application.

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**Next Step Center, Inc.**  
**Emergency Homeless Shelter**  
814-444-8588  
[www.nextstepcenter.org](http://www.nextstepcenter.org)

- **Shelter**-stays for Somerset County residents for 30 days. Takes 2 years to be eligible again. Guests are expected to do the work needed to find more permanent housing and employment, if they are capable of working. Guests are also responsible for completing chores and following rules. Staff and volunteers offer guidance for guests and make referrals to local agencies.
- **Community Housing Assistance Program (CHAP)**- includes General Assistance Program, homeless outreach, housing services, and landlord engagement. Requirements: homeless individuals at risk of losing housing or literally homeless. Register with 2-1-1 or By Names List.
- **Transitions Evening Shelter Care workshops**-volunteers from hospitals, banks, recovery, and mental health support provide workshops. Daily one-on-one case management also provided.

**Cambria County Assistance Office**  
814-533-2491  
**Somerset County Assistance Office**  
814-443-3681  
<https://www.dhs.pa.gov/services/assistance>

- **Emergency Shelter Allowance**-Funding from Department of Human Services. Payor of last resort. Grants up to \$400 (depending on household makeup). Payor of last resort.
- Recipients must show ability to pay future rent.
- Apply through Cambria County Assistance Office or Somerset County Assistance office, or statewide at 877-395-8930.

**Self-Determination Housing of Pennsylvania/Inglis**  
215-878-5600  
[www.inglis.org/SDHP](http://www.inglis.org/SDHP)

- **Regional Housing Coordinator Program**- Coordinators partner with stakeholders in an assigned area to bridge the information gap between the housing and disability systems. RHCP provides free housing-related webinars. For more information, contact SDHPInfo@inglis.org.
- **811 PRA-SDHP** acts as the statewide 811 Project Rental Assistance Waitlist administrator. For individuals with extremely low income with disabilities. Referral-based program with a waitlist. Ebsburg location. For more information, contact SDHPInfo@inglis.org.
- **Keystone Communities Program/PA Accessible Housing Grant**-Home modifications for eligible individuals with disabilities to remain independent in their homes. For more information, contact Beth McKeown at Beth.McKeown@inglis.org.

**Housing Authority of Somerset County**  
814-629-5147

- **Housing Choice Voucher Program/Section 8 Housing**-rental subsidy to 91 individuals.
- **Public Housing Program**- 3 complexes for low-income in Boswell and Windber.

**Women's Help Center**  
814-536-5361  
[womenshelpcenter.org/](http://womenshelpcenter.org/)

- **Emergency shelter**-immediate shelter for individuals experiencing episodic homelessness due to domestic violence, financial hardship, or other safety or housing-related needs. Available 24/7 with staffing, provides food and clothing, a secure family-oriented facility, and support services. Admission is subject to approval; case-by-case basis.
- **Short-term housing**-Housing needs for longer than 30 days. Services for 3 to 6 months. Emergency shelter residents can be transitioned in. Provides bedroom in a communal setting, essential supplies, resource links, and case management. 24/7.
- **Building Stronger Women Program**-workshops that provide education and support to those experiencing transition.

**Community Action Partnership of Blair County**  
814-946-3651  
[blaircap.org](http://blaircap.org)

- **Rapid Rehousing**-no income guidelines, literally homeless.
- **Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)**-Photo ID and SS card required, 30% income, serves 9 counties.
- **ESG Cares**-Affected by COVID, Photo ID+SS card required, 50% AMI, 9 counties.
- **REP for Veterans**-homeless prevention, DD214 required.

**Victim Services**  
814-288-4961  
[victimservicesinc.org](http://victimservicesinc.org)

- **Apartment-style shelter** for victims of domestic violence and/or human trafficking.
- Assists victims of sexual assault and violent crimes with navigating housing assistance programs.

**Martha and Mary House**  
814-254-4413  
<https://catholiccharitiesaj.org/services/homeless-shelter-program>

- Provides shelter for up to 30 days for individuals or families. Provides case managers, internet access, transportation, and a physical address for people.
- **Requirements**-resident of Cambria County for 90 days prior to admission, 18 years of age, homeless, no history of violent or sexual offenses, physically and mentally stable, and no substance use or under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances.

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