

# HOUSING RESOURCES: CAMBRIA AND SOMERSET COUNTIES

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## Breaking the Barriers

814-421-7311

[www.breakingthebarrierscc.org](http://www.breakingthebarrierscc.org)

- Provides up to 15 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

For assistance navigating the above programs, contact Paula Gojmerac at the United Way of the Laurel Highlands at 814-531-0002.

## 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.

## 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.
- Cambria County Comprehensive Housing-Permanent supportive housing similar to Section 8. Requirements: health barrier determined by Cambria County Behavioral Health.
- Clearinghouse-List of landlords to call about housing, informal landlord and tenant conflict resolution and non-legal advice.

## 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.

## Cambria County BH/ID/EI

814-535-8531

[cambriacountypa.gov/behavioral-health/](http://cambriacountypa.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, and utility assistance through Peer Empowerment Network.

## Community Action Partnership of Cambria County

814-536-9031

[capcc.us](http://capcc.us)

- Housing Assistance Program (HAP)- one month rent up to \$750 individuals under 200% Federal Poverty Line. Requirements.
- Emergency Solutions Grant -helps literally homeless w/ security deposit and up to 6 months rent. Requirements.

## 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.

## 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.

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## Peer Empowerment Network Drop-In Center

814-539-2724

[www.pendropincenter.org](http://www.pendropincenter.org)

- Drop-In Center open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with evening and weekend hours posted on our calendar each month. Provides a safe, supportive and welcoming environment for individuals (18+) living with and recovering from a mental health issue. The Center provides an atmosphere of acceptance where individuals feel needed and grow in self-worth, dignity and self-respect.

## 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. Ebensburg 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.

## 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.

## Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund

888-987-2423

<https://pahaf.org/>

- Funding for homeowners to prevent and/or ease mortgage delinquencies, defaults, foreclosures, displacement and utility disconnection
- Eligibility: household income at or below 150% of the area median income; income reduction or increase in living expenses due to Covid; currently own and occupy home; <https://pahaf.org/am-i-eligible/>.

## 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.

## Women's Help Center

814-536-5361

[womenshelpcenter.org/](http://womenshelpcenter.org/)

- Emergency shelter – provides immediate shelter for women and families experiencing episodic homelessness due to circumstances such as domestic violence, financial hardship, or other safety or housing-related needs. The program is available 24/7 with staffing, provides food, clothing, a secure family-oriented facility, and support services. Requests for service and admission are subject to approval and reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Individuals should explore other community resources available prior to requesting shelter.
- Transitional Housing – for individuals in need of housing for a period longer than 30 days. The program can provide services for up to 24 months. Emergency shelter residents are assessed for their housing needs and may utilize the transitional housing program to enable them to achieve full self-sufficiency. The program has 9 fully furnished apartments in the community and provides ongoing case management, monitoring, monthly food distribution, and emergency food and supplies.
- Financial Literacy – workshops are provided by certified counselors for Building Your Financial House. It's a series of 7 workshops that cover topics including taxes, credit savings, and budgeting.
- HUD Certified Housing Counselors/Housing and Resource Navigator – individuals can work with certified housing counselors on a variety of housing issues related to renting, home ownership, and budgeting. The Housing and Resource Navigator is available to assist in locating rentals, accessing housing programs, and linkages to housing resources.
- Prepared Renters Program – workshop delivered by certified instructors to educate individuals on responsibilities of renters, understanding a lease, and landlord responsibilities.
- Information and Referral – available 24/7 to provide a variety of information and resources on community services.

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