



If you have tenants who are experiencing a housing crisis in Alameda County, your local Housing Resource Centers may be able to help.

What are Housing Resource Centers?

- ◆ A new approach to homeless prevention and rapid rehousing funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
- ◆ They are a part of a single county-wide approach, all with the same eligibility requirements, services, and data collection
- ◆ They will deliver improved customer service because at-risk households can go one place for assistance rather than having to call multiple places
- ◆ Assistance will be flexible to meet needs in both one-time and ongoing ways

What do Housing Resource Centers do?

- ◆ Help low income renters and persons without housing maintain or obtain secure affordable housing
- ◆ Offer information and referral, housing stabilization and location services, and time-limited financial assistance with housing costs
- ◆ Financial Assistance Includes
 - Payment of rent and utilities up to six months in arrears
 - Payment of first month's rent and deposit
 - Payment of ongoing subsidies to landlords for up to 18 months
 - Other moving costs such as truck rentals

Who qualifies for services?

- ◆ Individuals and families with a housing crisis
- ◆ Persons with incomes at or below 50% of area median income
- ◆ These funds are intended to serve those who are homeless or would be homeless but for this assistance. To determine eligibility, screeners will ask a series of questions about the person or family's housing situation and other risk factors.
- ◆ Homeowners facing foreclosure can not be helped by this program

How can I refer a tenant to a Housing Resource Center?

- ◆ The best way to make a referral is to have the individual or family call 211 and tell the operator they have a housing crisis.

Services will be available starting November 1, 2009.

For more information visit the EveryOne Home Website at www.everyonehome.org.

Alameda County Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Housing Resource Centers

