HOUSING AFFORDABILITY WEBINAR
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 9:30-11AM

Congressman
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(NJ - 3rd District)

Congresswoman
Bonnie Watson Coleman
(NJ - 12th District)

Congressman
Frank Pallone
(NJ - 6th District)

Featuring representatives from:
✓ Department of Housing and Urban Development
✓ NJ Department of Community Affairs
✓ NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
✓ NJ Board of Public Utilities
✓ Board of Social Services
HUD NJ Housing Resources

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Justin Scheid, New Jersey Field Office Director
February 2, 2023

New Jersey’s 3rd, 6th, and 12th Congressional District
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Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO)

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Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH)

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At-Risk of Homelessness

Continuum of Care (CoC) Program

HUD’s Continuum of Care (CoC) Program promotes community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness and provides funding for efforts to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families.

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HUD Rental Housing Assistance

**Multifamily Housing**

- Privately owned subsidized housing
  - Section 8 Project-Based Rental Assistance
  - Supportive Housing for the Elderly (Section 202)
  - Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811)

To Apply:
- Contact the Multifamily Development’s Property Management Office to find out more about their application process
- [List of Multifamily Properties in NJ](#)

**Public Housing Authorities (PHA)**

- Public Housing or Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)

To Apply:
- Contact a Public Housing Authority in New Jersey to find out more about their application process
  - [Website of the PHAs in NJ](#)

**HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)** combines HUD housing vouchers with VA supportive services to help veterans who are homeless

If you are a veteran looking for housing assistance, contact a VA medical center near you to learn more about HUD-VASH:
- [VA Locations in New Jersey](#)

New Jersey Department of Community Affairs are accepting Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program pre-applications online until Friday, February 3, 2023, at 5:00PM ET: [https://www.nj.gov/dca/vouchers.html](https://www.nj.gov/dca/vouchers.html)
Homeownership

Federal Housing Administration (FHA)
HUD Homeownership Centers insure single family FHA mortgages, assure FHA mortgage quality, and oversee the selling of HUD homes.

The HUD Homeownership Center for New Jersey is the Philadelphia Homeownership Center (PAHOC).

For more information about the FHA Resource Center:
Phone: (800) CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342)
Email: answers@hud.gov

Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

Visit the FHA online information base

HUD provides support to a nationwide network of Housing Counseling Agencies and counselors that offer advice on buying a home, renting, defaults, foreclosures, and credit issues.

Contact a HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agency in New Jersey

Find assistance to avoid foreclosure by calling HUD’s interactive voice system to locate a Housing Counseling Agency near you at (800) 569-4287.
Fair Housing

HUD enforces the Fair Housing Act

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing because of:
• Race
• Color
• National Origin
• Religion
• Sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation)
• Familial Status
• Disability

If you believe your rights may have been violated, we encourage you to submit a complaint with FHEO. Because there are time limits on when a complaint can be filed with HUD after an alleged violation, you should submit a complaint as soon as possible.

Information on Filing a Fair Housing Discrimination Complaint
www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint
Housing Assistance

Individuals and families facing homelessness can contact a **Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Service Provider** in NJ
www.hudexchange.info/housing-and-homeless-assistance/

**HUD Resource Locator** provides the contact information of HUD offices, local PHAs and Multifamily locations to apply for rental assistance, homeless coordinated entry system points of contacts
resources.hud.gov

**Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Resource Center** assists homeowners with FHA-insured home mortgages, Section 203(h) mortgage insurance for disaster victims in Presidentially designated disaster areas, and 203(k) rehab mortgage insurance
www.hud.gov/answers or (800) CALL-FHA (1-800-225-5342)

**HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agencies**
Call 1-800-569-4287 or contact a HUD-Approved Housing Counseling Agency to discuss with a housing counselor
www.hud.gov/makehomehappen
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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Justin Scheid, Field Office Director

Contact HUD: New Jersey for more information
Website: [www.hud.gov/newjersey](http://www.hud.gov/newjersey)
Phone: (973) 776-7200
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New Jersey Rental Assistance
DCA’s rental assistance programs keep more than 41,000 families safely housed every year.

- Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program – 24,078 vouchers
- Supportive Housing Connection – 11,000 vouchers
- State Rental Assistance Program – 4,500 vouchers
- Other Programs – 1,500 vouchers

More than $33 million paid to landlords each month on behalf of NJ families

SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER SNAPSHOT

HUD funds more than 3,300 housing authorities nationally; DCA’s Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program is the 13th Largest in the Nation

1. **24,078** families served annually.
2. **$264 million** annual budget
3. 99% voucher utilization rate (national average is 86.5%)
4. Avg. rent payment - $938 per month, 13.6% increase in past 5 years
5. Earns **$29.7 million** annually in administrative fees
6. Designated "High-Performing Agency" HUD’s Highest Ranking

DCA’s COVID Emergency Assistance (CVERAP) paid arrears and rent for more than 82,925 households to date.

DCA received more than **$920 million** in federal Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) funds:

- Eviction Prevention Program (EPP) assists 30,000 families with $500 million in ARPA funds

More than $33 million paid to landlords each month on behalf of NJ families

82,925

RENTAL ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET

Additional ERA

$219.5 million in additional reallocated funds from other areas

82,925
# Serving Vulnerable Populations

## Veterans
- **1,215**
  - VASH Vouchers
- Waiting list preference for veterans

## Homeless
- **996**
  - Emergency Housing Vouchers
- **300**
  - HOME Tenant-Based Rental Assistance
- **229**
  - Continuum of Care Vouchers

## People with Disabilities
### Supportive Housing Connection
- People with mental health and developmental disabilities in partnership with DHS
  - **SRAP Waiting List**
    - for people with disabilities
  - **SRAP-SSI**
    - 500 vouchers for people with disabilities receiving Supplemental Security Income in partnership with DHS
  - **SRAP-KFT**
    - 600 vouchers for Keeping Families Together vouchers for families involved with child welfare in partnership with DCF

## Increasing Access to Affordable Housing
- Setting payment standards at 110% of HUD’s current Fair Market Rents to help tenants rent units in NJ’s tight market
- Funding 3 Regional Housing Navigation Community Based Agencies
- Stationing Housing Navigators in all 13 field offices to build relationships with landlords and help voucher holders locate more units
- Providing security deposits for homeless and at risk voucher holders
- Landlord incentives – up to $3,000 to landlords who rent to homeless and at risk families with challenging rental histories
- Office of Eviction Prevention – Assisting more than 4,000 households in avoiding eviction through legal counsel and resource navigation

### Rent Assistance Team
- 13 Field Offices
- Fiscal Services
- Program Compliance Unit
- Customer Service Unit
- More than 180 rental assistance staff

### FY23
- 1,215 VASH Vouchers
- 996 Emergency Housing Vouchers
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Janel Winter
Assistant Commissioner
Division of Housing & Community Resources
Department of Community Affairs
Under the direction of the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Veteran’s Haven North will ensure that homeless veterans are treated and cared for in a dignified, compassionate, and professional manner so as to reach an optimal level of independence and aid them in re-acquiring the life skills and ability to live in the community while maintaining their self-sufficiency, dignity, and honor.

CHECK US ON THE WEB:
www.nj.gov/military/veteranshavennorth
2 Facilities

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

Veteran’s Haven North

“The Rally Point”
New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

- Located in Glen Gardner, NJ
- Hunterdon County

200 Sanatorium Road, Suite 101
Glen Gardner, NJ 08826

Phone: 908–537–1999
Toll Free: 877–648–0091

Veteran’s Haven South

New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

- Located in Winslow, NJ
- Camden County

PO Box 80
301 Spring Garden Road
Winslow, NJ 08095

Phone: 609–567–5806
Toll Free: 888–849–7188

100 Bed Capacity in Each
THE FACILITY

- 100-bed Capacity
- Self Contained
- Full Kitchen with Staff
- Resident Kitchenettes
- Resident Outside Courtyards
- Laundry
- Computer Labs
- Library
- Gymnasium with Outside Courtyard
- Game Rooms

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Supportive Services for Veteran Families SSVF funds are administered by nonprofit organizations and community cooperatives to assist veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Funds can be used for outreach; case management; assistance with rent, utility, and moving costs; and help applying for VA and other benefits.

VA obligations for the SSVF program are based on the program’s authorized level, which was $380 million in FY2020. The CARES Act waived the authorized funding level for SSVF to allow VA to provide additional funding for the program. VA announced additional funding for SSVF twice: $202 million in May 2020 and $400 million in July 2020.
• ~11-13% of all homeless are veterans
• 20% of the male homeless population are veterans
• 68% reside in principal cities
• 32% reside in suburban/rural areas
• 51% of individual homeless veterans have disabilities
• 50% have serious mental illness
• 70% have substance abuse problems
• Veteran women are more than twice as likely as non-veteran women to be homeless. More than 1/3 are victims of military sexual trauma

-US Interagency Council on Homelessness, 2018
The homes were granted a grant from the VA to provide emergency housing.
The grant was only provided to the North Heaven.
New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Transitional Housing Program

• 2 year program
• Admission criteria
  • Individual must be a veteran under USDVA guidelines
  • Veteran must be homeless
  • Applicant must be drug and alcohol free at time of admission

**VHN administration must interview and clear a veteran for admission through Veteran Health Care.

Contact Person:
Jennifer L. Chrucky
• phone- (908) 537-1999 x1980
• Fax- (908) 537-1990
• Email- Jennifer.Chrucky@dmava.nj.gov

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The VHN Team

- Administration Department
- Human Service Department
- Maintenance Department
- Clinical Treatment Team
- Food Services Department

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The Team

- A diverse team of professionals specializing in social services, vocational rehabilitation, psychosocial rehabilitation, and nursing.

- All treatment is individualized with the purpose of attaining realistic life goals and instilling hope and wellness to maximize community reintegration.

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Veteran’s Haven North

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New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

Services

• Assessment and Individual Service Planning
• Holistic Case Management
• Discharge Planning
• HMIS-Homeless Management Information System

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Partnerships

• Veterans Affairs
• New Jersey State Parole Board
• Continuum of Care Members in Hunterdon and Warren Counties
• Various Community Agencies and Associations
• Various Veterans Service Organizations
• Veteran’s Service Officer on premises

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Donors and Volunteers

- Veteran Service Groups
- Community Organizations
- Individual Service Providers

➢ Veteran’s Haven North’s wish list can be found on our website.

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What is the Board of Public Utilities?

The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (NJBPU) is a state agency with authority to oversee regulated utilities, such as natural gas, electricity, water, telecommunications, and cable television.

The **mission** of the NJ BPU is to ensure safe, adequate, and proper utility services at reasonable, non-discriminatory rates to all members of the public.

NJ BPU offers protections and programs to residential utility customers in need.
NJBPU’s **Winter Termination Program** protects eligible residential electric, gas, water and sewer customers of investor-owned utility companies from service disconnection during the winter months (November 15th through March 15th).

New Jersey Dept of Community Affairs’ Winter Termination Program protects municipal utility customers not under NJBPU’s jurisdiction.
Winter Termination Program (WTP)

**ELIGIBILITY:** Customers must be enrolled in one of the following programs:

1) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
2) Universal Service Fund (USF)
3) Lifeline Utility Assistance
4) Pharmaceutical Assistance for the Aged and Disabled (PAAD)
5) Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
6) Work First New Jersey-Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
7) Work First New Jersey/General Assistance; OR
8) **Unable to pay utility bill due to circumstances beyond their control.**
Winter Termination Program (WTP)

REQUIREMENTS:

1. All residential customers who are eligible for the WTP shall enroll in a 12-month budget payment plan with their utility. These customers must make good faith payments toward their WTP budget during the heating season, if they have the ability to do so.

2. WTP eligible gas and electric customers are usually required to make a down payment of up to 25% of their outstanding balance, as a condition for entering into a WTP budget plan. This requirement does not apply to water and sewer customers.
**DISPUTES:**

The investor-owned utility shall refer to the NJBPU for resolution of all disputes regarding WTP enrollment.

Until the Board has rendered a determination, the utility must not discontinue service during WTP.
Winter Termination Program (WTP)

SERVICE RECONNECTIONS:

WTP customers who have been disconnected can have service reconnected if he or she is enrolled in a 12-month budget plan.

Utilities may not: request a security deposit or any other additional payment during WTP period.

Familiarize yourself with the Utility Customer Bill of Rights on NJBPU’s website at: nj.gov/bpu/assistance/rights/
Universal Service Fund (USF)

Created by: NJBPU
Administered by: New Jersey Department of Community Affairs
Benefit: Provides a monthly credit of up to $180 on electric/gas bills
Goal: Reduces customer bills to an affordable percentage of income
Income Limit: raised temporarily to: 400% FPL

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Universal Service Fund (USF)

To Qualify for USF:

1) Household income must be within limits

2) Household member must have a gas or electric bill in their name

3) More than 2% of annual household income must be spent on gas costs or non-heating electric costs; or more than 4% of household income must be spent on electric heat.

- USF covers any amount spent on energy over the required percentage of income up to $180 monthly cap
- Minimum $5 monthly benefit if household meets income requirements

Customers can apply for USF with the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) application and receive benefits from both programs!
Universal Service Fund (USF)

- How do I apply for USF?
  - Apply online at: [www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid](http://www.nj.gov/dca/dcaid)
  - Call 2-1-1 to have an application mailed to you, to find your local USF/LIHEAP application agency OR to request a home visit if you are home bound.
  - Print the paper application and mail to a local application agency found online at: [www.energyassistance.nj.gov](http://www.energyassistance.nj.gov)
  - Request an appointment with your local USF/LIHEAP application agency

*If a customer is disconnected for non-payment, reconnection can be requested based on submission of a USF/LIHEAP application!*
USF-Fresh Start Program

**Created by:** NJBPU

**Administered by:** Investor-owned gas and electric utilities

**Goal:** To give USF participants an opportunity to wipe out old debts accrued prior to enrollment in USF.

**How it works:** Each month a USF customer pays current bill in full, a portion of their overdue balance is forgiven. If customer complies for 12 months, the full overdue balance is forgiven.

**Limit on debt forgiveness:** None

**3 Month Grace Period:** If a customer has not earned full forgiveness of their overdue balance at end of 12 month Fresh Start program, they are given a 3-month grace period. During this time, any payment received by utility company is applied toward 12 months of Fresh Start bills to help customers earn full forgiveness.
USF-Fresh Start Program

To qualify for Fresh Start:
1) Customer must be a USF participant; and
2) Customer must owe $60 or more in overdue balances.
➢ Utility company enrolls USF customers who meet this criteria automatically; customers cannot apply for Fresh Start.

Customer receives from utility company:
1) Fresh Start welcome letter explaining the terms of the program;
2) A congratulatory letter if customer earns forgiveness; and
3) Reminder letters if they do not comply.
➢ Fresh Start credits are shown on utility bill (monthly or quarterly).
USF-Fresh Start Program

Non-Compliance:

• Customers cannot be shut off for their Fresh Start balance during the program, however at the end of 15-month program, any overdue balance that has not been forgiven is restored to account as due.

• Customers cannot be removed from the Fresh Start program for non-payment; their opportunity to earn forgiveness simply expires at the end of the 15-month Fresh Start program period.
USF-Fresh Start Program

New:
Prior to October 2021, Fresh Start was only available the first year of enrollment in USF, however due to the pandemic, any USF participant is now eligible for Fresh Start regardless if they participated in USF in the past. This change will be in place through September 2023, so apply for USF now!

Questions about Fresh Start?
- Call your gas or electric company at the number on your bill
- Call NJBPU if not satisfied
Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACF) is a program run by the Federal Communications Commission that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

**ACF provides:**

- Up to $30/month discount for broadband service;
- Up to $75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to $100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider if the household contributes more than $10 but less than $50 toward the purchase price.
Affordable Connectivity Program Eligibility

A household is eligible if household member meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Household income at or below 200% of the FPG (apx $55K for a family of four); or
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as Lifeline telephone assistance, SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, or Tribal specific programs;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free or reduced-price school breakfast or lunch program;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider’s existing low-income program.

Two Steps to Enroll: 1) Go to AffordableConnectivity.gov to submit an application or print out a mail-in application; and 2) Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

For help, call the ACP Support Center at (877) 384-2575
BPU is Here to Help!
Call us at: 800-624-0241
Email: utility.assistance@bpu.nj.gov
Website: www.nj.gov/bpu

Call BPU if:
• You have a complaint against your utility company
• You are in danger of disconnection

Questions about NJ Utility Assistance Programs?
- Call 2-1-1
- Email Maureen Clerc, BPU Customer Assistance Division at: maureen.clerc@bpu.nj.gov or call BPU Customer Assistance hotline
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Get Legal Advice: New Jersey Legal Services

Help is available to tenants in every county in New Jersey

Legal Services of New Jersey – Statewide Legal Assistance Telephone Advice Hotline:
Free Legal Advice and information for eligible tenants:

Toll Free Hotline: 1-888-LSNJ-LAW (1-888-576-5529)
Apply Online at: WWW.LSNJLAW.ORG

LSNJ can provide advice and in some cases representation in court, across a range of civil legal matters, including housing. LSNJ can also refer cases to the five regional Legal Services programs.

Regional Legal Services Programs:

Five regional Programs with offices in every county.
If eligible, local legal services attorneys can provide a range of free services from brief advice to legal representation in court.
WWW.LSNJ.ORG/GetLegalHelp

CONTACT LSNJLAW™, THE STATEWIDE HOTLINE

Apply Online

Apply by phone

1-888-LSNJ-LAW
1-888-576-5529

The LSNJLAW Hotline is open from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM Monday - Friday

This service is provided at no charge, but applicants must be financially eligible to qualify.

Legal help is available in all languages and to the hearing-impaired.

All calls are strictly confidential.

ACCESS LEGAL INFORMATION

WWW.LSNJLAW.ORG

The LSNJLAW website provides self-help materials such as publications, forms, resource directories, benefit calculators, and much more in both English and Spanish.

Visit the LSNJLAW website

Visite LSNJLAW en Español

SEEK REPRESENTATION

New Jersey has six Legal Services programs: 5 regional programs, which provide direct services to clients in all 21 counties through 23 local offices, and Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), the statewide coordinating office.

Find Your Local Program

Legal Services of New Jersey
100 Metroplex Drive, Suite 402
P.O. Box 1357
Edison, NJ 08818-1357
(732) 572-9100
1-888-576-5529
## Regional Legal Services Programs

### Central Jersey Legal Services
- Mercer County: 609-695-6249
- Middlesex County: 732-249-7600
- Union County: 908-354-4340

### Essex-Newark Legal Services
- 973-624-4500

### Legal Services of Northwest Jersey
- Hunterdon County: 908-782-7979
- Morris County: 973-285-6911
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- Warren County: 908-475-2010

### Northeast New Jersey Legal Services
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