

## HOUSING ASSISTANCE

### *Homeless and low income individuals*

#### **Housing Authority of the City of Austin**

1124 S IH 35

Austin, TX 78704

512-477-4488

Applications may be filled out Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm. Applications are also available online at [http://www.hacanet.org/how\\_to\\_obtain\\_housing/](http://www.hacanet.org/how_to_obtain_housing/) and may be printed, completed and mailed to the:

Admissions Department at P.O. Box 6159 in Austin, TX 78762, **faxed** to (512) 472-2958 or **submitted in person** at the HACA Administration Building.

Government subsidized, conventional public housing in the City of Austin. Applicants are placed on a wait list according to the date and time of their application, the size of the unit for which they qualify, and local preference for which they may qualify (including elderly – 62 or over – and disabled). Applicants with a qualifying disability can have a physician complete and fax a form to be placed on the local preference list. You don't need to be receiving SSDI or SSI to qualify for the disability preference list.

As of 7/13/06 HACA is no longer accepting Section 8 vouchers.

#### **Passages Program**

501 E 8<sup>th</sup> Street (Salvation Army)

Austin, TX 78701

512-476-1111, ext. 142

Monday-Friday 8:30am-5:00pm; Call for appointment

Long-term case management (6-15 months) to homeless individuals or families who are willing to work toward self-sufficiency. Assistance with employment, education, job training, counseling, child care, and rent assistance. Does not provide emergency or one-time assistance. Orientations are held at 6:00pm one Thursday every month at Salvation Army.

#### **Garden Terrace**

1015 W. William Cannon

Austin, TX 78745

512-416-8300

Call or come by to request an application. Once an application is filled out, you will be put on a waiting list. You will be contacted when an apartment becomes available and will have 7-10 days to respond.

Permanent supportive housing for homeless and low-income adults who live alone. 55 are subsidized with Section 8 vouchers, and rent is based on income (tenant pays one-third of adjusted gross income – minimum \$50 per month). 35 units rent for \$330 per month. Gas, electric and water services are provided. Residents are responsible for phone and cable service if desired. There is a \$50 refundable deposit. A one-year lease must be signed.

#### **Apartment Locators**

Cynthia Villasenor; Specializes in helping persons with mental illnesses find apartments; 512-589-2604

Kathleen Mann; Licensed real estate salesperson who assists homeless individuals with finding an apartment; 512-552-5802

Devorah Bianque; Licensed real estate agent who assists homeless individuals with finding an apartment; 512-423-0366

### **Caritas of Austin Re-Entry Program**

611 Neches Street

Austin, TX 78701

Call 512-479-4610 ext. 240 for an intake appointment; Mon Wed Thu 8:00am - 5:00pm; Tues 8:00am - 7:00pm; Fri 8:00am – noon

Long-term case management (up to 18 months) for single adults who are homeless. Life skills classes, mental health/substance abuse counseling, financial assistance for basic needs, and referrals to education, employment and training opportunities. Transitional housing to clients who are active in the program. Financial assistance for permanent housing for six months after move-in.

### **Mary Lee Foundation**

1339 Lamar Square Drive

Austin, TX 78704

512-448-9628; Call for info; Ask for the Housing Manager; Mon - Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm

Affordable rental housing for people with disabilities, and people with very low income. Preference will be given to people with disabilities, people with special needs, and/or single mothers with young children.

### ***Veterans***

#### **Community Partnership for the Homeless**

#### **Veteran Transitional Housing**

100 N I35 Ste. 2400

Austin, TX 78701

512-854-9002; Contact Greg Willis, Caritas Re-Entry Case Manager

Must show military documentation, such as a DD-214 and demonstrate an active desire to return to independent living. Clients pay rent of no more than 30% of their monthly income. If a client is not working, he or she pays a minimum monthly rent of \$25. Supportive services are offered.

### ***Ex-offenders***

#### **NewEntry Housing**

500 E 7<sup>th</sup> Street (ARCH)

Austin, TX 78701

512-470-3243; Contact Pete Daniels, Director

Affordable, drug and alcohol-free housing and support services to recently released ex-offenders and people who are homeless. Rent is \$100-\$115 per week (with food option). Two weeks free at move in for those who were Travis County residents before incarceration.

### ***MHMR***

512-804-3414 or 3427

Various housing programs are available to assist MHMR clients with chronic mental disabilities.

- Co-op housing* offers community style living. Must have income, provide your own meals and participate in a house meeting once a week. The client has to be referred by their MHMR caseworker.

- Apartments* are available at regular market rent. A one bedroom is about \$600. Availability of apartments varies.

•*Shelter Plus Care* provides rental assistance for homeless clients with disabilities (primarily those with serious mental illness). Supportive services are offered (ex. case management, life skills training). There is a waiting list.

•*HUD 811*- Affordable rental housing available for persons with disabilities. Supportive services are offered. There is a waiting list.

**Also see apartment locators listed above.**

### ***Immigrants***

#### **Casa Marianella**

821 Gunter Street

Austin, TX 78702

512-385-5571; Call to schedule an appointment; 7 days/24 hours

Provides free, transitional housing for single, homeless immigrant men and women. Have 3 rooms for men and one for women.

#### **Posada Esperanza**

512-928-8863

Shelter for immigrant women and children. Offer food, clothing, case management, and English language tutoring.

### ***Elderly***

#### **Family Eldercare**

2210 Hancock Drive

Austin, TX 78756

512-450-0844 or Mitra at 512-628-1697; Call for assessment and bed availability; Mon - Fri 8:00am - 5:00pm

Provides emergency shelter for older adults and people with disabilities who are in need of temporary transitional housing to leave an abusive or unsafe living situation and/or prevent homelessness.

Length of stay cannot exceed 12 months. Residents must have a viable plan to obtain permanent housing and be able to live independently.

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