

RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTS

State Resources

[Washington State Unemployment Insurance](#)

Unemployment is available to employees whose employer has been closed by a public health official, the employer has closed due to a slow down or lack of demand, or the employer reduces hours of employees due to a lack of demand or because of a slowdown. It is also available if the employee has contracted a mild case of COVID-19 or if the employee was potentially exposed and is quarantined.

[Washington State Paid Sick Leave](#)

Paid sick leave is available when the employee has become sick from COVID-19, was exposed to COVID-19 and has become quarantined, the employee is caring for a sick family member, schools are closed by a public official and the employee has no childcare. Paid sick leave is also available when the employer is shut down because of quarantine by a public official. Health care workers and first responders in quarantine are also eligible for paid sick leave.

[Washington State Family Medical Leave Act](#)

FMLA is available when the employee is severely sick because of the COVID-19 virus and when the employee is caring for a family member experiencing the COVID-19 virus.

[Washington Tenancy Preservation Program](#)

Available to landlords in reimbursement after an eviction judgment is entered by a court in an unlawful detainer proceeding, subject to the tenant's reinstatement of the tenancy.

Pierce County Resources:

[Pierce County DSHS Community Services Offices](#) (877) 501 – 2233

Program offers numerous financial assistance programs, including one known as Emergency Assistance.

[Eatonville Family Agency](#) (360) 832 – 6805

Program may have limited cash aid in an emergency. Funding is limited. Money can pay for housing, energy, rent or mortgage assistance. Can only apply for rent help on the third Tuesday of every month.

[Families Unlimited Network](#) (253) 460-3134

Program serves the zip codes of 98466 and 98467 and is based in University Place Washington. The non-profit offers rent and utility assistance if the applicant has a disconnect notice or pay or vacate notice.

[Community Action Programs – Pierce County Community Services](#) - 866-223-1359

Provides financial assistance, including housing, to low income Pierce County residents.

[Gig Harbor/Peninsula FISH Food Bank](#) 253-858-6179

The non-profit administers both rental and utility assistance to Key Peninsula and Gig Harbor residents.

[Metropolitan Development Council](#) 253-597-6728

Program offers low-income housing and rent help for low-income families and individuals. Other assistance may include help with child care for homeless families, loans to pay rent as part of eviction prevention, funds for utility bills, or family counseling.

[Our Lady Queen of Heaven](#) 253-537-5266

Program is part of Saint Vincent de Paul, is a charity in the Tacoma Washington area that assists Pierce County residents with rent, utilities, bus tickets, and gas.

[Tacoma Assistance Human Rights and Human Services Department](#) (253) 682-3401

Program is a Centralized Intake Program for all Housing Related Services.

[Tacoma Housing Authority](#) (253) 207-4400

They operate low-income housing programs, provide section 8 HUD vouchers as well as other services. Section 8 from HUD is the main government rental and low-income housing program. Referrals are also given to homeless prevention, job, budget, and debt programs.

[Helping Hand House](#) (253) 682-3401.

Program offers assistance to families with children offering limited financial assistance for paying monthly rent or back rent to families with children in Pierce County. You need to have an eviction notice to apply.

[Pierce County Veterans Bureau](#) 253-798-7449

Program offers various forms of help to low-income and homeless veterans in Pierce County. Find help with rent, utility and heating bills and food assistance.

[St. Frances Cabrini Church](#) (253) 655-7837

Program covers the parish of zip codes 98499, 98439 and JBLM. Up to \$100 may be paid out for rent or other bills. Clients range from single moms to the working poor, seniors, and vulnerable.

[Saint Martin of Tours](#) phone (253) 970-9037)

Program runs a multitude of housing and rental programs. Also access landlord and tenant dispute resolution.

[Lakewood Area Shelter Association](#) (253) 682 – 3401

May offer rental, energy, and food assistance to Lakewood Washington Area residents.

[All Saints Community Services](#) (253) 848-2000

Program may have one time per year emergency rent help for Puyallup low income tenants only. Funding is limited. Location is 204 6th Ave SW, Puyallup, WA, 98371. Call.

[Homeless Prevention Programs](#) (206) 694 – 6767

Program offers referrals to rent help to prevent an eviction.

Diversion is a form of Eviction Prevention. Non-profits in the region may have money to help rehouse families as well stop a tenant from being evicted. ESG grants may be used for paying rent, the distribution of motel vouchers to the homeless, and utility or security deposit costs. Other support is offered too for low income families struggling with rental expenses. More information on [Pierce County eviction help](#).