

HOUSING RESOURCES: CAMBRIA AND SOMERSET COUNTIES

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Peer Empowerment Network Drop-In Center

814-539-2724

www.pendropincenter.org

- Drop-In Center open Monday to Thursday 10 AM – 3 PM. Friday 10 AM – 2 PM. Evening and weekend hours posted on website calendar each month.
- Provides a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment for adults 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.
- 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.

Veterans Leadership Program

844-VLP-VETS

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.

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.
- 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.

Community Action Partnership of Cambria County

814-536-9031

capcc.us

- Housing Assistance Program (HAP) – One month of rent up to \$750 for individuals under 200% the Federal Poverty Line
- Emergency Solutions Grant – Helps individuals experiencing homelessness with security deposit and up to six months of rent

Self-Determination Housing of Pennsylvania/Inglis

215-878-5600

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.

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/below 150% of the area median income; income reduction or increase in living expenses due to Covid: currently own or occupy a home
<https://pahaf.org/am-i-eligible/>

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

Next Step Center, Inc. Emergency Homeless Shelter

814-444-8588

www.nextstepcenter.org

- Community Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) – includes General Assistance Program, homeless outreach, housing services, and landlord engagement. Requirements: Homeless individuals who are at-risk of losing housing or literally homeless.* Interested individuals are asked to complete a 211 or By Name List (BNL) assessment. If clients are not eligible to be put on BNL or are only eligible for prevention services, they are to complete a mediation assessment with one of Next Step's intake workers.
- Shelter – stays for Somerset County residents are for 30 days. Takes 2 years to be eligible again for the shelter. Guests are expected to do the work they need to do to find more permanent housing and to find employment if they are capable of working. Guests are also responsible for completing chores around the house daily and following rules. Staff and volunteers offer guidance for guests and make referrals to other local agencies that may be able to help in specific situations.
- Transitions Evening Shelter Care Workshops – area volunteers from hospitals, banks, recovery & mental health support, etc. provide workshops with information and assistance when needed (i.e. budgeting, employment, health). Daily one-on-one case management is also provided to ensure all goals are being met in a timely manner during their stay.

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.

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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.

Johnstown Housing Authority
814-535-7771
jhaonline.org

- Public Housing Program – provides housing to low-income, very low income, and extremely low income individuals and families. Eleven complexes designate 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 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.

Women's Help Center
814-536-5361
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. Comprised of a series of seven 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.

Cambria County BH/ID/EI
814-535-8531

cambriacountypa.gov/behavioral-health/

- Bridge Housing
- Transitional Housing

Greater Johnstown
Landlord Association
814-619-4493
gjlandlords.com

- Bridge Housing – Rental assistance for up to one year for individuals who can be self-sustaining in one year. Must be 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

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.

Community Action Partnership
of Blair County
814-946-3651
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.

Breaking the Barriers
814-421-7311

www.breakingthebarrierscc.org

- Transitional Housing – Providing housing for homeless individuals with mental health or substance use disorders
- Community Based Case Management – Coordinators provide case management support and resources for 18+ individuals enrolled with Health Choices

Victim Services
814-288-4961
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.