



ALBERTA AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

The Government of Alberta provides a series of affordable housing programs for qualifying families that have an income below local income limits determined by the market for the community. Please refer to [Income Thresholds](#) for up-to-date income limits developed annually by the Government of Alberta.

The Government of Alberta works in partnership with a variety of housing providers, including municipalities, housing management bodies, non-profit organizations, and the private sector to build and operate affordable housing for low-income families.

Applicants for any Alberta Affordable Housing Program must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident. Other eligibility requirements are dependent on the housing provider.

The programs are outlined in the table below with applicable links.

Instructions: [How to Apply](#)

[Find Community Housing in Alberta](#): This tool provides management bodies responsible for subsidized housing in communities in Alberta, including smaller municipalities.

Please refer to the Government of Alberta [Affordable Housing Programs](#) webpage for up-to-date programs.

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PROGRAM	DESCRIPTION
COMMUNITY HOUSING PROGRAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidized rental housing to low-income families, seniors, and individuals who cannot afford other housing options. • Tenant rent is based on 30% of a household's total annual income (non-senior household). This includes heat, water and sewer expenses but does not include electricity, phone, TV, and any other additional services such as parking. • Management and tenant selection responsibilities belong to local housing providers. <p>To find housing under this program, please refer to: Find Community Housing in Alberta.</p>
RENT SUPPLEMENT PROGRAMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists households find affordable rental accommodation by providing rent subsidies in eligible rental projects. • Two types of Rent Supplement programs: Private Landlord Rent Supplement and Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement. • Private Landlord Rent Supplement: Local housing providers pay private landlords a rent supplement to subsidize the difference between a negotiated market rent and 30% of a household's adjusted income. • Direct to Tenant Rent Supplement: A subsidy is paid directly to an eligible tenant to help with rental costs. This is delivered to the eligible tenant by the local housing management body. The subsidy is based on the difference between 30% of a household's income and an agreed upon market rent, to a maximum subsidy established by the housing management body. • Management and tenant selection responsibilities belong to local housing providers. <p>For information on how to apply, call 780-422-0122.</p>
SENIORS SELF-CONTAINED HOUSING PROGRAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors apartments where apartment-style housing is available for seniors who can live independently with or without assistance of community-based services. • Applicants must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 65 years of age but exceptions may be made for applicants with special circumstances

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Functionally independent, with or without the assistance of community-based services • A tenant's rent, which includes heat, water and sewer expenses, is based on 30% of a household's adjusted income. Rent does not include electricity, phone, TV and any additional services such as parking. • Management and tenant selection responsibilities belong to local housing providers. <p>To find housing click on Find Community Housing in Alberta.</p>
<p>SENIORS LODGE PROGRAM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers rooms, meals, services and recreational opportunities for independent seniors. Community-based services may help offer these amenities and opportunities. • Program may be appropriate for those whose care needs would not otherwise be appropriately provided for in a health care facility. • Applicants must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over 65 years of age but exceptions may be made for applicants with special circumstances ○ Applicants must be functionally independent, with or without the assistance of community-based services • Management and resident selection responsibilities belong to local housing providers. Each local housing provider sets their own lodge rates, and rates vary between regions. Regardless of the monthly lodge rate, each resident must be left with at least \$322 in monthly disposable income. <p>To find housing click on Find Community Housing in Alberta.</p>
<p>SPECIAL NEEDS ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available for individuals who have special housing needs, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People with developmental disabilities ○ People with physical challenges ○ Victims of family violence ○ Wards of the provincial government ○ The hard-to-house ○ Any other group with special housing needs • Special Needs Housing options may include support services for residents. • Management and tenant selection responsibilities belong to local housing providers. <p>To find housing click on Find Community Housing in Alberta.</p>

	For more information on Special Needs Assistance for Seniors, click here .
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OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

SERVICE	DESCRIPTION
EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: SERVICE ALBERTA	<p>The Emergency Financial Assistance through Service Alberta can be provided if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families are facing an emergency that exceeds their resources • Presents a severe health risk • If the emergency was caused by unforeseeable circumstances beyond their control, such as a house fire or sudden eviction • If the family cannot access other resources or wait until their next pay-cheque or Income Support benefit cheque <p>The allowance covers costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food • Clothing • Childcare • Transportation • Damage deposit • Temporary accommodation • Utility arrears (must be repaid if help is needed more than once) • Eviction payments (must be repaid if help is needed more than once) <p>Costs that may be covered, but must be repaid include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential home repairs • Essential appliance repairs <p>For more information, visit Emergency Financial Assistance or the Emergency Financial Assistance fact sheet.</p>

**RESIDENTIAL
ACCESS
MODIFICATION
PROGRAM
(RAMP)**

The Residential Access Modification Program (RAMP) is available for low income Albertan's with mobility challenges. They offer grants to modify a home to better serve specific needs.

For more information, please visit Service Alberta.