

Finding Housing Resources

- 1) **NC Housing Search** is a free search-engine and customer phone center for people looking for available rental housing. Visit www.nchousingsearch.org or call 877-428-8844.
- 2) **Find HUD housing resources:** Go to the HUD (US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development) web site at www.hud.gov. On the far-left hand side of the screen there is a list of topics, click Renting and you will access the renting page. There are three major kinds of federally subsidized housing listed on this page:
 - **Privately owned subsidized housing:** Click on search for an apartment and click on North Carolina. Select an area by city, county or zip code to get a list of all the privately owned Section 8 properties in your community. Call the property for additional information.
 - **Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program** (also known as Section 8 tenant based rental assistance) are operated by local public housing authorities (PHAs) or administering agencies. To view a list of all PHAs in NC go to www.hud.gov/offices/pih/pha/contacts/states/nc.cfm. Many PHAs have preferences for persons with disabilities. Call your local PHA and inquire if wait lists are open for public housing and Section 8. If wait lists are open, make application for the programs. If wait lists are closed, ask how you can be informed of when wait lists are opened.
- 3) **Find Rural Housing resources:** Go to the USDA (US Dept. of Agriculture) web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov. On the left side of the screen click list of apartment complexes then search by state and town. This will bring up the list of USDA developments in each county with additional links to project specific information. Call the property for additional information.
- 4) **Find Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Properties:** Go to the NC Housing Finance Agency web site at www.nchfa.com/Applications/Apt_Afford_Locator/AAL_Search.aspx. The Affordable Housing Locator provides information about LIHTC properties by county. Though not subsidized to the extent of other housing listed above, by regulation LIHTC properties must accept Section 8 vouchers from otherwise qualified households and some LIHTC projects have project based rental assistance making them affordable to persons with extremely-low income. Call the property for additional information.
- 5) The **North Carolina Housing Coalition** web site has links to different housing resources. These resources are available at www.nchousing.org/need_help/housing_location/.
- 6) The NC Dept. of Health and Human Services, **Division of Aging and Adult Services** web site has links to different housing resources. These resources are available at www.ncdhhs.gov/aging/housing.htm.
- 7) **The Affordable Housing Primer** provides basic information and resources about the affordable housing system with special focus on housing programs for persons with disabilities. The primer is available at www.nchousing.org/affordable-housing-primer/affordable-housing-primer.
- 8) **Fair Housing for Tenants with Disabilities: Understanding Reasonable Accommodations and Reasonable Modifications** provides information about protections provided to persons with disabilities through fair housing laws. This resource is available at www.nchfa.com/forms/index.aspx.