

# COLORADO

## APARTMENT ASSOCIATION

### **Rental Resources for Tenants**

*Below is a list of resources that are generally available to Colorado tenants who may be struggling to pay some of their rent amid Coronavirus. The organizations are broken down by state, state nonprofit, county and city resources. The organizations in the list below are not affiliated with the Colorado Apartment Association or any of its subsidiaries.*

### **State Resources**

#### [Colorado Housing Connects](#)

Colorado Housing Connects provides Coloradans with reliable and trustworthy access to information regarding affordable housing, housing assistance, tenant rights, and more.

#### [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Colorado Resources](#)

HUD's mission is to create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all. HUD is working to strengthen the housing market to bolster the economy and protect consumers; meet the need for quality affordable rental homes; utilize housing as a platform for improving quality of life; build inclusive and sustainable communities free from discrimination, and transform the way HUD does business.

#### [Colorado Department of Local Affairs](#)

DOLA works in partnership with local governments and communities statewide to provide funding for projects and disaster recovery relief. They provide state and federal funding to private housing developers, housing authorities, and local governments to increase the inventory of affordable housing and work diligently to help our state's most vulnerable population to remove them from homelessness. DOLA also provides expertise through robust technical assistance programs to help with community planning, property taxation, and tax appeals.

#### [Colorado Department of Labor and Employment](#)

Governor Polis has ordered up to four days of paid sick leave for certain workers experiencing flu-like symptoms and awaiting COVID-19 test results. Additionally, anyone who has lost their job or had their hours cut due this pandemic may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

#### [Community Resources & Housing Development Corporation](#)

CRHDC provides a wide range of affordable, low-income apartment rental opportunities across the state of Colorado.

### [Comcast](#)

Comcast is increasing internet speeds for all customers and offering 60 days of free internet services to low-income families.

### [The Work-Share Program](#)

For employers looking to avoid employee layoffs, Colorado Department of Labor and Employment's Work-Share Program allows eligible employees to work fewer hours and collect partial unemployment benefits.

### [Xcel Energy](#)

Xcel Energy's CEO has announced that Xcel will not disconnect residential customers until further notice. If you are having difficulty paying your bill, contact Xcel to arrange a payment plan.

## **State Nonprofit Organizations**

### [Brothers Redevelopment](#)

Brothers Redevelopment is a Denver-based nonprofit organization that provides housing and a variety of housing-related services for the region's low-income, elderly, and disabled residents.

### [Colorado Emergency Child Care Collaborate](#)

Colorado Emergency Child Care Collaborate will provide emergency childcare on a sliding scale to essential workers with children ages eight and under, including health care providers and staff, public safety officers, and those supporting at-risk populations.

### [Del Norte](#)

Del Norte is a nonprofit established by a group of concerned Highland activists with the goal to create and preserve housing, and other opportunities for under-served households, including low- or moderate-income, Spanish-speaking, or special needs Coloradans.

### [Energy Outreach Colorado](#)

Energy Outreach Colorado was established in 1989 and believes everyone deserves affordable access to the vital resources that power their homes. When everyone can afford and maintain their home, then they can focus on living, rather than merely surviving.

### [Hunger Free Colorado](#)

Hunger Free Colorado has a Food Resource Hotline available for anyone who needs help locating food. Call 855-855-4626 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to find school meals, food pantries, and to get assistance with SNAP and WIC enrollment.

## Resources by County

### Adams County

#### [Adams County Housing Authority](#)

Adams County Housing Authority is dedicated to helping county residents by providing access to both affordable housing and services that offer a solid foundation on which to build economic independence.

### Arapahoe County

#### [General Assistance \(emergency financial assistance including to pay rent\)](#)

General Assistance helps Arapahoe County residents with emergency situations and is available to individuals who are not currently receiving public assistance.

#### [Housing and Community Development Division](#)

The Housing and Community Development Services Division administers grants and programs that support affordable housing, improve public facilities and infrastructure, and provide public services for the county's low- to moderate-income and special needs populations. Its [Housing Assistance Program](#) can assist with: housing searches, referrals to rental assistance programs, eviction resources, homeless prevention services, and other housing resource questions.

### Douglas County

#### [Douglas County Housing Partnership](#)

The Douglas County Housing Partnership (DCHP), a multi-Jurisdictional Housing Authority, was formed in 2003 as a cooperative effort between businesses and local and county government to address the issue of the lack of affordable housing for people who work in the area.

### Jefferson County

#### [Jefferson County Housing Authority](#)

The Jefferson County Housing Authority strives to create vibrant, stable communities, in areas of opportunity, via bold and strategic initiatives and to provide families and individuals with housing options driven by compassion and respect throughout the county.

#### [Department of Housing and Community Development](#)

Jefferson County administers state and federal funds for a variety of homeless, housing, economic development and infrastructure improvement initiatives.

#### [Metro West Housing Solutions](#)

Metro West is committed to providing high-quality, safe, affordable, and sustainable housing and services to thousands of people in metro Denver that earn a range of incomes and embody the community's strengths, culture, and diversity.

## Resources by City

### Arvada

#### [Arvada Housing Authority](#)

The Arvada Housing Authority is committed to continuing to build a great community through a customer-oriented organization that provides safety and protections, essential services, recreational opportunities, and fiscal accountability.

### Aurora

#### [Aurora Housing Authority \(AHA\)](#)

The AHA is committed to providing safe, decent, affordable housing to its community and proudly serves many different groups including working families, single parents, disabled residents, seniors, homeless, and veterans.

### Denver

#### [Denver Public Schools](#)

As parents and caregivers are figuring out how to continue education for children at home now that schools have closed, Denver Public Schools have release age-appropriate lesson plans to aid parents and caregivers.

#### [Denver Recreation Centers](#)

At Denver Recreation Centers throughout Denver, you can pick up books and activity guides from the Arts and Venues' Youth One Book One Denver program.

#### [Food Resources](#)

The link above is a list of Denver-area food distribution locations where families can get breakfast and lunch for their children when school is closed.

#### [Housing Advisory Committee and Housing Authority](#)

The DHA is a quasi-municipal corporation with a portfolio of over 11,000 units and housing choice vouchers, providing affordable housing to more than 26,000 very low-, low-, and middle-income individuals representing over 10,000 families. DHA has transformed public housing in Denver creating vibrant, revitalized, sustainable, transit oriented, and mixed-income community of choice.

#### [Dedicated Affordable Housing Fund](#)

In the fall 2016, the Denver City Council approved the first-ever dedicated fund for affordable housing in Denver. Through a thoughtful balance of property tax revenue and a one-time fee on new development, the fund is estimated to raise \$150 million over the next 10 years to create or preserve 6,000 affordable homes for low- to moderate-income families.

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#### [Temporary Rental and Utility Assistance \(TRUA\)](#)

The TRUA program is to assist residents of the City & County of Denver who are facing a housing crisis or hardship due to circumstances beyond their control. The financial assistance is a grant to help mitigate displacement, and or eviction to help residents stabilize their housing condition and if need be provide time for locating alternative housing for longer-term stability. The funds can also assist with utility payments for those residents that have received disconnect notices.

#### [City of Denver, Office of Economic Development Renter Resources](#)

Denver's Office of Economic Development provides an in-depth list of rental properties, FAQs, instructions, rent payment assistance, and legal help.

#### [LIVE \(Low Income Voucher Equity\) Pilot Program](#)

The Lower Income Voucher Equity Program (LIVE Denver) is a two-year pilot program built through a public-private partnership with employers, foundations, and the City of Denver. LIVE Denver creates immediate affordable housing options by connecting vacant rental units with working families and individuals.

### **Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG)**

#### [Planning – Housing Opportunity](#)

The Denver Regional Council of Governments firmly believes that housing is more than just shelter. It is a key determinant of local and regional economies, drives travel patterns and habits, and is a primary factor in determining the physical and social health of the region's residents. Ensuring that every resident has a safe, decent, accessible and affordable place to live is critical to the long-term economic success of the Denver region.

### **Englewood**

#### [City of Englewood, Community Development Department](#)

The Community Development Department oversees the building division, planning, zoning, environmental, neighborhood, business, and housing initiatives in the City of Englewood.

#### [Housing Resources](#)

The Community Development Department has aggregated a list of specific housing resources for the Englewood area, ranging from home energy grants, financial assistance, and other housing opportunities.

### **Golden**

#### [City of Golden Affordable Housing Resources](#)

Golden offers a wide range of programs such as homebuying programs, homeownership counseling programs, homeownership rehab programs, direct assistance rental programs, and indirect assistance rental programs.

### **Littleton**

#### [South Metro Housing Options](#)

In 2012, the Littleton Housing Authority began doing business as South Metro Housing Options (SMHO). SMHO currently owns and manages various housing programs consisting of approximately 600 units within the community.

### **Longmont**

#### [City of Longmont Community & Neighborhood Resources](#)

The office of Community and Neighborhood Resources (CNR) offers help answering questions regarding lease termination, security deposits, evictions, repairs, housing discrimination, disputes, differences or conflicts with neighbors, tenants, housing providers, or property management.

### **Thornton**

#### [City of Thornton Neighborhood Services – Apartments and Manufactured Homes](#)

Thornton provides a detailed list of over 35 apartment complexes and six manufactured home parks in Thornton that offer a variety of rental options and amenities. They even have a [map of Thornton rental options](#) available.

### **Westminster**

#### [City of Westminster Housing Assistance Program](#)

Westminster's Rental and Senior Housing page has a long list of affordable and senior housing communities ranging from subsidized apartments, low-income housing tax credit apartments, and other income restricted units.