



South Carolina Housing Financial Assistance Programs

Below is a list of resources that are generally available to South Carolina tenants who may be struggling to pay some of their rent. The organizations in the list below are not affiliated with the Upper State Apartment Association.

Salvation Army of Greenville County has several resources and services for Greenville residents. They are providing emergency financial assistance and cash grants to help those people who need rent help, utility bill assistance, help for medical bills, and more. A listing of their resources is below. Contact them at 864-235-4803.

Greer Relief and Resources Agency provides qualified individuals with short-term emergency assistance which is limited in scope and nature to help through a crisis, not maintenance. Services offered include food vouchers, rent and mortgage payment assistance, utility bill assistance, and prescription expense aid. Phone (864) 848-5355, or read more on [Greenville Greer Relief programs](#).

United Ministries provides limited financial assistance on a first come first serve basis. The programs are offered on certain days of the week. You can call them at (864) 232-6463. For example, utility help is offered Wednesday morning. Rent help is also Wednesdays. Call them to learn more, or read more about [Greenville United Ministries programs](#).

Golden Strip Emergency Relief & Resource Agency. This non-profit agency helps low income families who are experiencing a financial emergency or hardship. The non-profit organization assists residents with the family's essential needs. They run a food pantry, offer medications and prescription drugs, provide referrals to health clinics, utility bill help, education, and counseling services, and can even provide funds for rent and mortgage payments. Dial (864) 688-2233, or more on [food assistance programs](#).

North Greenville Food Crisis Ministry, which is located in Travelers Rest, primarily helps low to moderate income individuals with food and clothing. However in a crisis situation that someone is facing, when the need is verified, the ministry can help with providing medications/prescriptions, utilities (must be past due or about to be past due), and/or rent/mortgage payments (must be past due or about to be past due on the payment). Dial (864) 834-7342.

Soteria Community Development Corporation (phone (864) 281-1520 x1100) runs numerous assistance programs, including [legal aid](#), clothing closet, grants and financial assistance (utilities, rent and mortgage), debt reduction and financial budgeting and credit repair workshops, free food pantry, foreclosure prevention clinic, and housing assistance.

Butterfly Foundation - Supporting several counties in South Carolina, including Greenville, they provide everything from employment services to applications for public aid. They also offer rental advice and housing solutions in partnership with the Upstate Homeless Coalition. Contact them for help with disability benefits, housing needs, free home repairs, and other aid. Find details on [Greenville Butterfly programs](#).

Prince of Peace Catholic Church - Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Non-profit agency provides financial assistance to those in need with funds. Examples include rent, prescription expenses, and energy bills. A food pantry is also on site. Taylors SC. (864) 331-3937

Community Action of the Piedmont region offers programs for those facing poverty, the unemployed, and children. The non-profit, known as PCA, has a few core focus areas. The agency has grants for paying utility bills as part of the Low Income Energy Assistance Program. Conservation is available from the free weatherization program. Other aid in Greenville County includes Head Start, job training as part of CSBG resources, and also Project Heat from Duke Power. More on [Piedmont Community Action programs](#).

Greenville County Redevelopment Authority (phone number (864) 467-7095) is one of the partner organizations of the federal government created Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program (HPRP). This rent and housing program was put into place with stimulus dollars and other grants. Qualified low income people can receive up to 18 months worth of rent help. It is not a charity but rather focuses on people who are faced with an emergency or short term financial hardship.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church - This church can provide aid including various forms of financial assistance for bills, and help is made available to those in need. Access a food pantry, utility assistance, and more. 2252 Woodruff Rd., Simpsonville, South Carolina 29681-5438, (864) 288-4884

Greenville Housing Authority - This government organization can help renters get assistance and they also provides homeowners with a number of services. Resources include emergency rent help, low income housing, home buyer programs, and foreclosure counseling. Continue with [Greenville Housing Authority](#).

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church – Call them or stop by for help including rent, electric and cooling bills, and more. 8 Gillin Dr., Simpsonville, South Carolina 29680-6108, (864) 963-3430

Foothills Family Resources – This is a multi-service center. A number of assistance programs offered include Head Start, food pantry, and funds can help families in crisis pay for rent, mortgage, utilities, and sometimes prescription medications when funds are available. Other services include getting help from a specialist in applying for Medicaid and other health benefits, WIC, and job finding programs and resources. Case management and referrals are offered too. 3 Main St., Slater, SC 29683, (864) 836-1100

Downtown Outreach Ministry – Get emergency assistance in the form of utility bill help, clothes, food, possible rent assistance, and support for other bills and necessities. Greenville, South Carolina 29601, (864) 313-7151

Faith based charities and churches offer support. They are all around the county, city of Greenville, and other towns. Everything from food to clothes, hot meals, free vouchers for gasoline or hotels and so much more is offered. Locate [emergency assistance from Greenville County churches](#).

Urban League of the Upstate - The regional non-profit offers several services. While financial aid is very limited, there may be some limited financial aid or loans for housing costs, including rent. However the focus is on education, employment, and foreclosure counseling. Programs include Urban Achievers, a Greenville based Career Development and Learning Center, and others. More on [Greenville Urban League programs](#).

Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources will focus on self-sufficiency. A number of emergency services and assistance may be offered. This includes rent/mortgage assistance, funds for utility bills, LIHEAP applications, and other housing resources. Some basic medical care can include medication assistance, shoes, clothing, and general case management.