

# Housing Assistance Resource Guide



## **Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.**

The UDMO Housing Program is a federal program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development granted through Iowa Finance Authority. It is designed to assist income eligible people to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness.

### ❖ Housing Program

- Program Enrollment Requirements: <https://www.udmo.com/programs-services/housing/>

How do I apply? **Call the Statewide Crisis Line: 1-833-739-0065**

## **Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority**

Voucher Program- Commonly called Section 8, this program is designed to assist low-income individuals by paying a portion of their rent. Newly assisted individuals are responsible for paying a minimum of 30% but not more than 40% of their adjusted monthly income for rent and utilities. Northwest Iowa Regional Housing Authority pays the remainder directly to the landlord. The combination of the tenant's payments and the NWIRHA may not exceed the Payment Standard for the county they live. <https://nwirha.org/>

Office Phone: **712-262-7460**

Application Instructions: <https://www.waitlistcheck.com/IA475>

## **Family Crisis Centers (Helping People with Housing and Homelessness)**

- ❖ Housing for victims of domestic violence
- ❖ Housing for individuals experiencing homelessness (O'Brien County and Osceola County)

If you're interested in finding out if our housing services could help you, start by filling out a housing application online. You can call us at 1-800-382-5603 to talk through the housing application or to talk through your situation before completing it. If you're experiencing domestic violence, please call us so we can connect you with advocacy support. Family Crisis Centers at **712-722-4404** or **800-382-5603**

<https://www.familycrisiscenters.org/housing-and-homeless-services.php>

## **SEASONS**

Emergency Services are provided 24 hours per day 7 days per week to assist individuals and families who have an emergent need. When you dial our **FREE 24/7 Crisis Line** at **844-345-4569**, you will speak to a caring Seasons employee who will help connect you with the services you need.

<https://seasonscenter.org/> Seasons provides these services when:

- Individuals or family members feel that they or a loved one are a danger to themselves or others.
- Individuals feel overwhelmed and need to speak to a crisis counselor right away.
- On-site assistance arising from a traumatic event such as a death or injury in the workplace, natural disaster, car accident, suicide, homicide, or other such traumatic events.

## **Love Inc. of Greater O'Brien County**

Love INC of Greater O'Brien County is a partnership of churches uniting to help resolve needs in our community. <http://www.sheldon-loveinc.org/>

Ministries: Short-term tangible and service resources (Household Supplies, Furniture, etc.), Life together ministry & classes (Faith and Finances, Successful Living, etc.)

Office Phone: **712-324-9707**

## **O'Brien County General Assistance**

Services: (may be able to provide financial assistance for rent and utilities)

- Please try to apply for assistance through Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. before applying for 'General Assistance.'

O'Brien County Courthouse, 155 S. Hayes Avenue, P.O. Box 97, Primghar, Iowa 51245

Office Phone: **712-957-0031**

## **Iowa Legal Aid**

Housing Information - <https://www.iowalegalaid.org/issues/housing> (Landlord and Tenant Issues, Home Ownership, Mobile Home Issues, Foreclosure Prevention, Other Housing Issues, Fair Housing and Housing Discrimination)

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## **Community Housing Initiatives**

The Resident Services Department (RS) of Community Housing Initiatives, Inc. (CHI), provides a unique level of service in affordable multi-family housing. Our RS team works diligently to prevent evictions and sustain properties by serving as physical and mental health liaisons and communication specialists. Our first-hand experiences and data confirm affordable housing is critical for families to thrive. CHI Resident Services Specialists may provide the following services: Eviction Prevention, Physical and Mental Health Liaison, Successful Families, Community Building, Communications Specialists. **Apartment Search** - <https://www.chihousing.com/ourproperties.aspx>  
Website: <https://www.chihousing.com/index.aspx>

## **Elderbridge (Agency on Aging)**

Supportive services are key to helping older adults maintain their long-term independence. With the help of access services (e.g., transportation, case management, information and assistance), in-home services (e.g., personal care, chore and homemaker assistance) and community services (e.g., mental health services, adult day care), individuals can prevent early institutionalization and instead continue living at home or in their community of choice. <https://elderbridge.org/> Office Phone: **800-243-0678**

## **Iowa Department of Health and Human Services: Rent Reimbursement Program**

If you're a low-income lowan aged 65 or older or a low-income disabled adult you may be eligible for a partial reimbursement of your rent. Rent Reimbursement Team – Phone: 515-420-6077

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/rent-reimbursement> (Program Eligibility and Application)

## **Shelter / Homeless Resource Locations:**

- The Gospel Mission (500 Bluff Street, Sioux City, Iowa 51103)
  - Phone: 712-255-1769
  - <https://thegospelmission.org/services/shelter-the-homeless>
- Bishop Dudley Hospitality House (101 N. Indiana Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57103)
  - Phone: 605-809-8424
  - <https://www.bdhh.org/>
- St. Francis House (210 N Sherman Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57103)
  - Phone: 605-334-3879
  - <https://www.stfrancishouse.com/>
- Beacon of Hope Men's Homeless Shelter (1021 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501)
  - Phone: 515-955-3366
  - <https://beaconofhopeshelter.com>
- Lotus Community Project (2980 170<sup>th</sup> Street, Vincent, Iowa 50594)
  - Phone: 515-571-8802 (Single women and family units with children)
  - <https://www.lotuscommunityproject.org/>
- Discovery House (1411 Hill Avenue, Spirit Lake, IA 51360-1333)
  - Phone: 712-336-5340 (safe place for homeless individuals, alcoholics, and addicts to get back on their feet; guidelines for the house are found on their website)
  - <http://mydiscoveryhouse.com/index.php>
- Turning Point Crisis Home
  - Contact: 1-888-546-0730
  - <https://plainsareamentalhealth.org/turning-point-crisis-home/> (Referral Criteria)
- Genesis House (Orange City, IA)
  - Genesis House provides care and safety for individuals fleeing human trafficking while they also receive survivor specific supports, advocacy, counseling, and programming through 'Rescue America.'
  - Phone: 712-707-2130
  - <https://www.geneshouseiowa.org/>