

The programs listed below have eligibility requirements that you must meet to participate. If you would like additional information on a program, please click on the link.

The Guide's 10 Steps _____	Links in The Guide	Renters (marked x, if applicable)	Homebu yers (marked x, if applicable)	Homeow ners (marked x, if applicable)
Step 1: Plan				
A) D.C. Department on Disability Services (DDS)	About DDS	X	X	X
B) D.C. Department on Disability Services' (DDS) Housing Workshops Registration Form	https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-dds-housing-resource-guide-tickets-622041421637	X	X	X
C) Sample Housing Action Plan (HAP)	https://dds.dc.gov/publication/housing-action-plan	X	X	X
D) Sample Housing Action Plan (HAP) Worksheet/ Companion Sheet	https://dds.dc.gov/publication/housing-action-plan-worksheet-companion-sheet	X	X	X
Step 2: Determine				
A) Housing Wants vs Needs Form	https://dds.dc.gov/publication/housing-wants-vs-need-form	X	X	X
B) Sample Income Tracker Form	https://dds.dc.gov/publication/housing-income-tracker-form	X	X	X
C) Free, housing counseling services	Video - How HUD-Certified Housing Counselors Can Help You	X	X	X
D) Ticket to Work Program	Video - Ticket to Work Fact Sheets and Resources - Ticket to Work - Social Security (ssa.gov)	X	X	X
Step 3: Ask				
A) Information on the Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCVP), aka Sec. 8	Video - Overview on HCVP aka Sec 8	X	X	X
	Mainstream Vouchers – The Basics	X		
	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers (Category 1)	X		
	Non-Elderly Disabled (NED) Vouchers (Category 2)	X		
B) Choice Voucher Program (HCVP), aka Sec. 8, for persons with disabilities	Certain Development Vouchers	X		
	Targeted Affordable Housing for Individuals and Families dhs (dc.gov)	X		
	Rapid Rehousing for Individuals	X		
C) Housing Programs for the homeless and persons at risk of being homeless	Housing Resources for Families Virginia Williams Family Resource Center (Family Central Intake)	X		
D) A list of Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in D.C. that provide free, housing counseling services via HUD-certified housing counselors	CBOs	X	X	X
Step 4: Prepare				
A) Sample Household Budget Form	https://dds.dc.gov/publication/household-budget-form	X	X	X
B) The Fair and Accurate Credit Transaction Act (FACTA) requires the three credit bureaus (Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion) to provide consumers with one free report a year via AnnualCreditReport.com	Annualcreditreport.com Video - How do I get a Copy of My Credit Report	X	X	X

C) How to dispute errors on your credit report	Equifax: File a Dispute on Your Equifax Credit Report Equifax® Experian: Dispute Credit Report Information at Experian.com TransUnion: TransUnion Online Service Center Online Freeze, Dispute, Fraud Alert, Credit Report, and Score	X	X	X
D) What is a FICO Score	MyFico.Com	X	X	X
E) Sample Housing Documentation Checklist	https://dds.dc.gov/publication/housing-documentation-checklist	X	X	X
Step 5: Use				
A) How to find a real estate agent	Find a REALTOR (gcaar.com)	X	X	X
	NAREB - National Association of Real Estate Brokers	X	X	X
	HUD Resource Locator	X	X	
	D.C.HousingSearch.org Accessible Rental Housing Search: Washington, D.C. (myhousingsearch.com)	X	X	
B) Websites that list affordable and accessible housing	LIHTC Database Access (huduser.gov)	X		
	DHCD - DFD Pipeline - Public Dashboard - Beta Mode (quickbase.com)	X	X	
Step 6: Rent				
A) Programs that help with delinquent rent, security deposit, moving expenses and utilities	Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)	X		
	Receive Assistance With Your Utility Bills (LIHEAP) doee (dc.gov)	X		X
	Application for LIHEAP	X		X
	Department of Aging and Community Living (DACL) Shallow Rent Subsidy Program Intake Information	X		
B) Federal laws that protect persons with disabilities against housing discrimination	Consumer Assistance Office of the People's Counsel (opc-DC.gov)	X	X	X
	Disability Overview HUD.gov / US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	X	X	X
C) D.C. Office on Human Rights (OHR)	Services ohr (dc.gov)	X	X	X
D) D.C. laws and resources to reference when searching for housing in D.C.	Source of Income			
	OHR Updated SOI Housing Discrimination Guidance 0.pdf (dc.gov)	X	X	X
	Fair Criminal Record Screening Housing Act of 2017			
	FCRSAHousing_GENERALPreview_092517.pdf (dc.gov)	X	X	X
	Late Fee Fairness Amendment Act of 2016			
	Late Fee FAQ.pdf (dc.gov)	X		
	Rent Control			
	Rent Control Fact Sheet 2018.pdf (dc.gov)	X		
	Microsoft Word - 2023-03-01 Form 6 Instructions (tenant exemption) (Final) (dc.gov)			
	RAD Form 6 Tenant's Registration of Age or Disability Rent Exemption 0.pdf (dc.gov)			
	Eviction Record Sealing Authority and Fairness in Renting Amendment Act of 2022	X	X	X
	D.C. Law 24-115. Eviction Record Sealing Authority and Fairness in Renting Amendment Act of 2022. D.C. Law Library (D.C.council.gov)			
	Tenant Screening Intake Questionnaire ohr (dc.gov)			
	Persons with Disabilities and Elderly Tenants' Rights			
	2013.04.26 Elderly Tenant Rights Brochure.OTA .pdf (dc.gov)	X		
	Tenant's Bill of Rights			
	2015 07 03 OTA D.C. Tenant Bill of Rights ODAI-OTA FINAL.pdf	X		
What tenants should know about the Residential Lease Amendment Act of 2016 Residential Lease Law FAQ-FINAL.pdf (dc.gov)	X			
Tenant's Rights in a Foreclosed Property				
tenant foreclosure rights_draft3 (dc.gov)				
E) D.C. Office of Disability Rights (ODS)	Tenant's Guide to Eviction Guide to Eviction ota.dc.gov)	X		
	Video – How to Request Assistance from DC Office of Disability Rights	X	X	X

F) D.C. Office of the Tenant Advocate (OTA)	OTA provides technical advice and other legal services to tenants regarding disputes with landlords; educates and informs the tenant community about tenant rights and rental housing matters; advocates for the rights and interests of District renters in the legislative, regulatory, and judicial contexts; and provides temporary emergency housing for tenants displaced by fires, floods, or government closures. Video - DC Office of the Tenant Advocate - How OTA Serves the District's Tenant Community - YouTube	X		
G) The Mayor's Office on Community Relations and Services (MOCRS)	This branch of the mayor's office ensures that D.C. residents receive quick responses to their requests Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services General Directory mocrs (dc.gov)	X	X	X
H) Information on the American Disability Act (ADA)	Introduction to the Americans with Disabilities Act ADA.gov	X	X	X
I) Signing of the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988	Video: President Reagan's Remarks on the Signing of the Fair Housing Amendment Act of 1988 in the Rose Garden	X	X	X
J) FAQ about Reasonable Accommodation and Reasonable Modification	Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) HUD.gov / U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	X	X	X
K) Information on Section 504 and the percentage of units that must be accessible	Physical Accessibility HUD.gov / HUD	X	X	X
L) Fair Housing Act's design and construction accessibility requirements, effective March 8, 2021	Accessibility First Requirements HUD.gov / HUD	X	X	X
M) D.C. Department of Buildings (DOB)	D.C. Housing Code Standards dob	X	X	X
N) Sample Tenant's Walk-thru and Move-out Checklist	https://dds.dc.gov/publication/housing-move-move-out-checklist	X		
O) What you should know about renters' insurance	What You Need to Know About Renters Insurance disb (dc.gov)	X		
P) Better Business Bureau's (BBB) alert about moving scams	Moving Scam Alert	X	X	X
Step 7: Buy				
A) First-time homebuyers' Q&A	Common Questions from First Time Homebuyers HUD.gov / US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)		X	
B) What is needed to get the best mortgage	Your home loan toolkit: A step-by-step guide (consumerfinance.gov)		X	X
C) FHA Mortgage	Video: The Benefits of an FHA Mortgage		X	X
D) D.C.'s first-time homebuyer's programs	HPAP Home Purchase Assistance Program (HPAP) – Eligibility, How to Apply and Program Details dhcd (dc.gov)		X	
E) First-time homebuyer's program for D.C. government employees	EAHP Employer-Assisted Housing Program (EAHP)		X	
F) Homebuyer's assistance program for DC government employees whose position is covered by collective bargaining	NEAHP Negotiated Employee Affordable Home Purchase Program (NEAHP) dhcd (dc.gov)		X	
G) Deferred loans for down-payment and closing costs, and below-market rate mortgage loans	DC Open Doors – DCHFA		X	
H) Mortgage loans at reduced interest rates	DC 4ME – DCHFA		X	
I) Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) Lottery Program for rental and homes for sale	Inclusionary Zoning (IZ) Affordable Housing Program dhcd (dc.gov)	X	X	
J) Additional homeownership opportunities Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)	Homeownership Opportunities dhcd (dc.gov)		X	
K) Website that lists D.C.'s homeownership assistance programs Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED)	Front Door for Your Home Government of the District of Columbia (dc.gov)		X	X
L) Assistance with property taxes for D.C. homeowners D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR)	Homestead/Senior Citizen Deduction otr (dc.gov)			X

	Other Credits and Deductions otr (dc.gov)		X	X
	The District's Disabled Veterans Homestead Deduction Helps Veterans by Reducing the Tax Assessment of Their Home by \$445,000 MyTax.dc.gov (wordpress.com)			X
M) Why get a home inspection	For Your Protection: Get a Home Inspection (hudexchange.info)		X	
N) What to ask your home inspector	Ten Important Questions to Ask Your Home Inspector (hudexchange.info)		X	
Step 8: Move-In				
	Change of address forms			
	U.S. Postal Service (USPS) USAGov	X	X	
	To inquire about D.C. government services and agencies			
	D.C. 311 - Home	X	X	X
	Free Smoke Alarms and Home Fire Inspection			
	Free Smoke Alarms fems (D.C..gov)	X		X
	Home Fire Safety Inspection fems (dc.gov)			
	Parking placards and tags for persons with disabilities			
	Apply for Disability Parking Placards and Permits dmv (dc.gov)	X		X
	Rebate program for residents to purchase and install security camera systems on their property and register the cameras with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD).			
	The Private Security Camera Rebate Program ovsjg (dc.gov)	X		X
	Free security camera systems to eligible D.C. residents (owners or tenants) who receive public assistance.			
	Private Security Camera Voucher Program ovsjg (dc.gov)	X		X
	Discounts on phone services, laptops, desktop computers and tables.			
	Affordable Connectivity Program - National Verifier (getinternet.gov)	X	X	X
	Do I Qualify? - ACP - Universal Service Administrative Company (affordableconnectivity.gov)			
	Contact information to have the water services turned on in your name.			
	Start or Stop Service DC.Water.com	X	X	X
	Contact information to have the electric services turned on in your name.			
	Customer Services PEPCO - An Exelon Company	X	X	X
	Contact information to have the natural gas services turned on in your name.			
	Start and Stop Service - Washington Gas	X		X
	Emergency rental assistance, security deposits and first month's rent.			
	Home Page DC DHS Rental Assistance Portal	X		
	Learn how to stay up-to-date and participate in decisions that impact your neighborhood and, to meet y	X		X
	Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANC)			
	This branch of the mayor's office ensures that D.C. residents receive quick responses to their requests, complaints, and questions regarding city services and agencies.			
	Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services General Directory mocrs (dc.gov)	X	X	X
	Voter registration application for new D.C. residents.			
A) Resources to use when planning your move	District of Columbia Board of Elections - Register/Update Voter Registration (D.C.boe.org)	X	X	X
Step 9: Up-Keep				
	Safe at Home Program - D.C. residents aged 60 years and older and persons with disabilities can receive free, in-home preventative adaptations.			
	Safe at Home dacl (D.C.gov)	X		X
	Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Program (SFRRP) - D.C. homeowners can receive a grant of up to \$20,000 for roof repair or replacement.			
	Home Rehabilitation CBOs dhcd (dc.gov)			X

	Single Family Residential Rehabilitation Program (SFRRP) - D.C. homeowners can receive a grant of up to \$30,000 for accessibility modifications for persons with mobility or other physical impairments. Home Rehabilitation CBOs dhcd (Ddcgov)			X
A) Housing assistance programs that help homeowners with repairs and accessibility modifications	Yachard, Inc - provides low-income homeowners with accessibility modifications, health, and safety repairs. work with homeowners who do not have the resources to pay for the costly renovations. They work with homeowners who do not have the resources to pay for the costly renovations. Homeowner Services - Yachard Inc (yachard-dc.org)			X
Step 10: Keep It				
A) Office of the Tenant Advocate	Video: Eviction Process – Tenant’s Defense, Part 1 Video: Eviction Process – What to Expect in Court, Part 2	X		
		X		
B) D.C Bar’s Pro Bono, Legal Assistance	Renters Ways to Keep Your Home (legalaiddc.org)	X		
C) LawHelp.org/D.C.	Homeowners Foreclosures Welcome to LawHelp.org/D.C. A guide to free and low-cost legal aid and services in Washington. D.C.			X
D) Legal Service for the Elderly American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)	Legal assistance for eviction defense, rent control disputes, avoidance of losing housing subsidies, real estate issues, and more. Tenant Advocacy and Support For Seniors In D.C. (aarp.org)	X		
E) D.C. Foreclosure Prevention Hotline D.C. Department of Insurance Security and Banking (DISB)	Foreclosure Prevention disb (dc.gov)			X
F) Homesaver Program D.C. Housing Finance Agency (DCHFA)	A foreclosure prevention program that assists unemployed and underemployed homeowners who may be at risk of foreclosure. HomeSaver – DCHFA			X
G) Homeowners’ Assistance Fund (HAF)	Grants for D.C. homeowners affected by COVID-19 to help keep their home. haf (dc.gov)			X
H) Reverse Mortgage Insurance & Tax Payment Program (ReMIT) D.C. Housing Finance Agency (DCHFA)	This program provides eligible homeowners with financial assistance for delinquent property taxes, home energy audits, and more. ReMIT – DCHFA			X
I) Property Tax Relief Programs D.C. Office of Tax and Revenue (OTR)	OTR offers several property tax relief programs for low-income homeowners, persons with disabilities, seniors, and veterans. Other Credits and Deductions otr (dc.gov)		X	X
J) HUD-Certified Housing Counselors DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)	D.C. homeowners can receive free foreclosure and eviction prevention counseling from a US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-certified housing counselor. Free Housing Counseling	X	X	X
K) DC Office of Insurance Security and Banking (DISB)	Video - Beware of Social Security and Medicare Scams	X	X	X
	What are some common types of scams? Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (consumerfinance.gov)	X	X	X
	Beware of Social Security and Medicare Scams disb (dc.gov)	X	X	X
	Beware of Medicaid Renewal Scams disb (D.C.gov)	X	X	X
	Beware of IRS Tax Scams disb (dc.gov)	X	X	X
	Grandparent Scam disb (dc.gov)	X	X	X
L) Scams	DISB Consumer Alerts disb (dc.gov)	X	X	X
M) How to sign-up to receive Scam Alerts	Sign up to get the latest FTC news and alerts.	X	X	X
	ReportFraud.ftc.gov	X	X	X
N) How to report scams and bad business practices	Contact the D.C. Department of Insurance, Securities, and Banking (DISB):	X	X	X