



# Guide To Local Subsidized Housing

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**INFORMATION PROVIDED IS FOR SENIORS OR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS SEEKING APARTMENTS THAT HAVE PROGRAMS TO LOWER THE COST OF RENT. PERSONS WITH INCOME OVER \$35,000 A YEAR CAN ACCESS HOUSING IN THE APARTMENT FINDER PUBLICATION.**

**CATEGORIES ENCLOSED INCLUDE:**

**SUBSIDIZED HOUSING ... generally for persons with income between \$0 - \$1804 per month. Rent is based on about 1/3 of a person's income and is adjusted by some expenses.**

**Reading Housing Authority, Berks County Housing Authority  
Private Sponsored Housing...Countywide and City**

**HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS.... formerly Section 8  
For low-income persons. Vouchers can be used in Tax Credit Housing or approved private apartments.**

**LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM  
For persons who can afford rents in the \$350-\$500 range, but with income less than \$21,650.00.**

**Location of Senior Housing  
Outside The City of Reading**

**SUBSIDIZED HOUSING-FEDERALLY FINANCED**

**Subsidized housing is designed to assist low income families and/or single persons, age 50 or older, or person with disabilities.**

**SPONSOR**

**READING HOUSING AUTHORITY                      City or County residents can apply  
Stacey Keppen, Resident Services Director  
Leonilda Feliciano, Tenant Selection Supervisor  
815 Franklin Street  
Reading, PA 19602  
Tel: 610-376-2422 or 610-372-3933 or 610-376-0814  
Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M.; Wed., 8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.**

**There are developments for persons that are elderly or disabled. There are two developments for individuals and families.**

**There are 1,601 PUBLIC HOUSING UNITS, 161 SPECIALLY EQUIPPED UNITS.  
Waiting periods vary to great degree depending upon individual applicant issues and availability of vacant apartments.**

**Reading Housing Authority has a Resident Services Department. Through direct assistance and collaborations with local organizations and resident associations, the department seeks to support residents in self-sufficiency, lease compliance and over-all wellbeing.**

Reading Housing Authority's Kennedy Towers is host to Kennedy Senior Neighborhood Center. The Center is provided through funding from the Berks County Office of Aging and operated by the Daniel Torres Hispanic Center.

Reading Housing Authority sponsors additional activities through the year. Many activities are coordinated through each development's resident council.

There is no transportation service. Each development is adjacent to a fixed-route BARTA bus stop.

Pets are permitted in each high-rise and in Hensler Homes in accordance with the Reading Housing Authority Pet Policy. All developments offer save wheelchair accessible housing.

Highrise Developments (for the elderly and person with disabilities):

\*Dwight D. Eisenhower Apartments, 835 Franklin Street, Reading

\*Franklin Tower, 120 S. Sixth Street, Reading

\*George M. Rhodes, 815 Franklin Street, Reading

Glenside Homes, 1301 Schuylkill Avenue, Reading

\*Kennedy Towers, 300 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Reading

\*Samuel G. Hubert, 125 N. Tenth Street, Reading

Oakbrook Homes, 1001 Scott Street, Reading

\*Hensler Homes, 1301 Schuylkill Avenue, Reading

### Sponsor

**BERKS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

City or County residents can apply

Tanya Nelson, Executive Director

Linda Drabinsky, Tenant Selection Supervisor

1803 Butter Lane

Reading, PA 19606

Tel: 610-370-0822

Hours: Mon thru Fri 8:00 A.M.- 4:00 P.M.

County subsidized housing is available for those individuals 62 years of age and over; also persons who are handicapped or disabled at any age. 151 UNITS, 13 SPECIAL NEEDS UNITS  
There is approximately a six-month to 2 years waiting period depending on the facility. Pets are allowed in all complexes except Tarsus Manor in Fleetwood.

Transportation is not provided, and there are no Social Coordinators or Activity Directors.

Developments:

Chestnut Court Apartments, 226 Chestnut Street, Birdsboro

Laurel Court Apartments, 1 Laurel Court, Fleetwood

Northvale Hill Apartments, 201 N. Fourth Street, Womelsdorf

Rittenhouse Apartments, 38-40 W. Philadelphia Avenue, Boyertown

Tarsus Manor, 701 E. Locust Street, Fleetwood (62 yr and older only /managed by the Berks County Housing Authority)

Warwick Apartments, 60 S. Reading Ave, Boyertown

## **SUBSIDIZED HOUSING-PRIVATELY SPONSORED**

**Some apartments have units available for higher income persons**

**AMITY MANOR APARTMENTS**  
Pam Onyx, Manager  
1131 Ben Franklin Highway West  
Douglassville, PA 19518  
Tel: 610-385-4622  
Fax: 610-385-4472

36 units, 2 special needs units  
6-12 month wait list  
Service Coordinator  
a van is available twice monthly for  
pre-scheduled trips.  
Pets are allowed  
One-bedrooms, 62 or older or disabled

**B'NAI B'RITH HOUSE OF READING, INC**  
Lee Melber, Manager  
1026 Franklin Street  
Reading, PA 19602  
Tel: 610-374-4453

170 units, 17 are special needs units  
The waiting period varies from 1-6 months  
Service Coordinator and Activities  
Transportation is provided via a mini-bus  
which provides scheduled trips to grocery  
stores, malls, and banks  
Pets are allowed  
Accepts SSI, if under 62

**EPISCOPAL HOUSE OF READING\***  
Aaron Baransky, Manager  
50 North Ninth Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
Tel: 610-376-6535

140 units, no special needs units  
No waiting period at present.  
Transportation is not provided.  
Pets are allowed.  
One bedroom  
62 and over

**FURNACE CREEK MANOR**  
Kevin Kurtz, Manager  
270 S. Freeman Street  
Robesonia, PA 19551  
Tel: 610-693-3419

24-unit  
Waiting List  
62 or older, available to disabled/handicapped

**HUGH CARCELLA APARTMENTS \***  
Amy Rodriguez, Manager  
505 North 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19604  
Tel: 610-372-1733

120 Units, 12 special needs units  
Assistance for resident organizations  
A small pet is allowed (\$200 deposit)  
62 and over, 50 & over with disability  
One bedroom or studio, no waiting list

**JAMESTOWN VILLAGE**  
Jeff Kapp, Regional Manager (Ext. 205)  
Wendy Smaller, Site Manager  
300 Lackawanna Street. Apt. 1R  
Reading, PA. 19601  
Tel: 610-374-8116  
Fax: 610-374-6261

275 Units - One and two bedrooms  
No age requirements  
Waiting list, unless medically necessary

**LUTHER MEADOWS AND HEILMAN HOUSE**  
Karen S. Lewis, Manager  
1 South Home Avenue  
Topton, PA 19562  
Tel: 610-682-1533  
Fax: 610-682-1581

100 units, 5 special needs units  
2 yr wait period  
Activities. Transportation for fee  
Pets are allowed

**QUEEN OF ANGELS APARTMENTS**  
Hazel Black, Manager  
22 Rothermel Street  
Reading, PA 19604  
Tel: 610-921-3115  
Fax: 610-921-8576

45 units, 5 special needs units  
Service Coordinator, Activities  
4-5 yr wait list  
Small pets are allowed  
Studio/Efficiency – One bedroom  
62 yrs or older, Disabled/Handicapped

**READING ELDERLY HOUSING \***  
Debra Botham, Manager  
100 N. Front Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
Tel: 610-373-1130  
Fax: 610-373-2902

201 units, 15 special needs units  
6-8 months wait for 1 bedroom  
1+yr wait for 2 bedroom  
Social Coordinator, Activities  
Pets are allowed

**SAUCONY CROSS APARTMENTS \***  
Todd Graham, Manager  
420 College Blvd.  
Kutztown, PA 19530  
Tel: 610-683-5966  
Fax: 610-683-8181

80 units, 6 special needs units  
24 month wait list  
Service Coordinator twice a week  
Resident run activities  
Transportation  
One cat or dog, under 25 lbs.  
One bedroom only

**SAUCONY MEADOWS\***  
David Groscup, Manager  
20 Kohler Road  
Kutztown, PA 19530  
Tel: 610-894-9874

50 units, 4 special needs units  
1-2 year waiting period  
Service Coordinator  
Resident directed activities  
Transportation is provided  
Pets are allowed-under 25 lbs.  
One bedroom  
62 and over

**SENCIT TOWNE HOUSE \***  
Melissa Crawl, Manager  
20 S. Summit Avenue  
Reading, PA 19607  
Tel: 610-777-6519  
Fax: 610-777-3579

200 units, 10 special needs units  
2 yr wait period  
Service Coordinator, Activities  
Transportation  
Pets are allowed  
62 and over, disabled- any age  
One bedroom

**THE BOOKBINDERY APARTMENTS**

Amanda Boston, Manager  
150 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
Tel: 610-478-8298  
Fax: 610-478-0568

1 bedroom \$ – 3-6 mths wait list  
2 bedroom \$ – 6 mths – 1 yr wait  
3 bedroom \$ – over 1 yr wait list  
Income - \$22,600 - \$29,050  
Off street parking, central air, on  
site laundry, no pets

**THE KNITTING MILL ON PEACH ALLEY**

Kathy Tavares, Manager  
239 Pine Street @ Peach Alley  
Hamburg, PA 19526  
Tel: 610-562-9161  
Fax: 610-562-9162

27 units  
1 bedroom \$  
2 bedrooms \$  
3 bedrooms \$

**WILSON MANOR \***

Beatrice Varaso, Manager  
10 Kohler Road  
Kutztown, PA 19530  
Tel: 610-894-9510

50 units, 3 special needs units  
1 hearing impaired unit  
1 yr wait period  
Social Coordinator  
Transportation. Pets allowed  
62 and over

**WYNDCLIFFE HOUSE APARTMENTS \***

Lynda Zuercher, Manager  
100 Chestnut Street  
Hamburg, PA 19526  
Tel: 610-562-4902/4414

99 units, 10 special needs units  
1 yr waiting list  
1<sup>st</sup> fl. waiting period longer  
Bingo, and other activities  
Transportation. Pets allowed

**SUBSIDIZED HOUSING-HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS**

Private living arrangement, tenants can rent anywhere when a Voucher is obtained from the sponsor.

Sponsors: Reading Housing Authority and Berks County Housing Authority.

A HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER, obtained at the Reading Housing Authority, will be accepted at many private apartment units in the city of Reading. Contact the Reading Housing Authority Section 8 office for more information. Waiting period for a Voucher is 18-24 months.

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM is designed to assist low-income families and/or single persons. The tenant's share of rent, at initial lease-up, will be 30-40% of their adjusted annual income towards the rent and utilities. Income includes Social Security, pensions, interest, etc.

The housing assistance payment to the owner is the difference between the family's share and the contracted rent for the units.

**BERKS COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
Sandra Miller-Section 8 Coordinator  
1803 Butter Lane  
Reading, PA 19606  
610-370-0822

Private living arrangement applicants may rent anywhere within each Housing Authority jurisdiction that issues a certificate/voucher. The Housing Authority of Berks County jurisdiction is that area outside the city of Reading boundaries, and within the boundaries of Berks County.

**\*\*HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS PROGRAM** is designed to assist low-income families and/or single persons, age 62 or older, and any age handicapped or displaced individuals.

The tenant share of the rent is 30%-40% of the tenant's gross annual adjusted income. This includes Social Security, pensions, interest, etc.

The housing assistance payment to the owner is the difference between the family's share and the contracted rent for the units.

The following apartment complexes within the jurisdiction of the Housing Authority of Berks County do accept the Housing Assistance payment program. Other privately owned apartments may be approved for vouchers with landlord participation. Apartments accepting vouchers are listed under *Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program*.

**AMITY MANOR APARTMENTS \***  
Pamela Onyx, Manager  
1131 Ben Franklin Hwy. West  
Douglassville, PA 19518  
Tel: 610-385-4622

36 units, 2 special needs units  
6-12 month wait list  
Social Coordinator available  
Resident driven Activities  
Handicapped/Disabled  
Pets allowed

**BIRDSBORO ESTATES \***  
Kathy Kneisley, Manager  
201 Mainbird Street  
Birdsboro, PA 19508  
Tel: 610-582-1548

36 units, 2 special needs units  
1-11/2 yr wait for one bedroom  
3-6 months wait for two bedrooms

**CLEARVIEW APARTMENTS \***  
Gene Schappell, Manager  
305 Hilltop Court  
Hamburg, PA 19526  
Tel: 610-562-7442

37 units, 3 special needs units  
6 months-2 yr wait  
Companion animals and service animals allowed

**FRANKLIN & NOBLE MANOR \***  
James Beebe, Manager  
43 E. Noble Avenue  
Shoemakersville, PA 19555  
Tel: 610-562-9691

18 units, 1 special needs unit  
2 yr wait list  
Resident driven Activities  
Pets less than 25 lbs.

**Weidner Manor**  
Kay Wilkinson, Manager  
1133 Benjamin Franklin Highway West  
Douglassville, PA 19518  
Tel: 610-385-1070

24 units  
62 years or older, disabled/handicapped  
eligible

\* Wheelchair accessible

### **LOW INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

\*The following buildings are not subsidized. Rents are fixed, but reduced from market rates by the low-income housing tax credit program. All tax credit properties have maximum income restrictions. Some properties may have other types of units available also. They do accept Housing Choice Vouchers.

**CENTURY HALL APARTMENTS**  
831 Walnut Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
Tel: 717-509-8037

15 units, 3 1-BR, 12 2-BR

**ELM VIEW APARTMENTS**  
350 Elm Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
Tel: 717-840-0087

32 units, 16 1-BR, 16 2-BR

**FRANKLIN & NOBLE MANOR \***  
James Beebe, Manager  
43 East Noble Avenue  
Shoemakersville, PA 19555  
Tel: 610-562-9691

18 units, 1 special needs unit  
2 yr. wait list  
Resident driven activities  
Pets less than 25 lbs.

**HAMBURG APARTMENTS**  
William Street  
Hamburg, PA 19526  
Tel: 215-855-8700

26 units, 51 1-BR, 2 2-BR

**HENNER APARTMENTS**  
Angie Redcay, Manager  
24 E. High Street  
Womelsdorf, PA 19567  
Tel: 610-589-2052  
Fax: 610-589-2327

27 units  
One bedroom  
Handicap-accessible building

**THE LINCOLN RESIDENCES \***  
Amanda Boston, Manager  
435 Washington Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
Tel: 610-373-5245  
Fax: 610-373-5302

52 units, 5 special needs units  
Wait list depends on current vacancy  
Activities and Social Coordinator  
Pets are allowed  
One bedroom

**JOHN LUTZ APARTMENTS \***  
Kay Wilkinson, Manager  
3559 St. Lawrence Avenue  
St. Lawrence, PA 19606  
Tel: 610-779-8101  
Fax: 610-779-2259

39 units  
1 year waiting list  
One and two bedroom  
Community room, Service Coordinator  
Small pets

**MARKET SQUARE APARTMENTS \***  
Susan Grim, Manager  
801 Penn Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
Tel: 610-373-1212  
Fax: 610-373-1166

38 units, 3 special needs units  
1-6 month waiting list  
Some Activities  
Cats permitted-extra fee charged  
One and bedroom

**OAKSHIRE SENIOR APARTMENTS \***  
Lois Endril, Manager  
350 Lackawanna Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
Tel: 610-376-1716  
Fax: 610-376-7871

90 units, 12 special needs units  
1½ - 2 yr waiting list  
Activities  
Pets allowed less than 20 lbs.  
62 and over

**PENN'S COMMON COURT APARTMENTS \***  
Susan Grim, Manager  
1040 Penn Street  
Reading, PA 19602  
Tel: 610-373-3633

46 units, 3 special needs units  
Short wait list  
Small pets allowed

**PENN'S CROSSING SENIOR APARTMENTS \***  
Veronica Wiley, Manager  
1400 W. Wyomissing Blvd.  
West Lawn, PA 19609  
Tel: 610-775-9220

51 units, 6 special needs units  
3+yr wait list  
Social Coordinator and Activities  
Pets allowed  
One and two bedroom

**PROVIDENCE HOUSE \***  
Sharon Heckman, Manager  
800 Court Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
Tel: 610-376-7787

85 units, 22 special needs units  
3-6 month wait list  
Cats and fish permitted

**SENIOR APARTMENTS AT WYOMISSING CLUB**

**Kay Wilkinson, Manager**  
501 Walnut Street  
Reading, PA 19601  
Tel: 610-927-8000

**SOUTHGATE AT WEST RIDGE \***

**Susan Grim, Manager**  
815 W. Leesport Road  
Leesport, PA 19533  
Tel: 610-916-2943  
Fax: 610-916-2946

**45 units, 3 special needs units**  
Wait list 2-3 yrs  
Small pets are allowed  
One or two bedrooms  
62 and over

**INGLIS COTTAGES AT BERKS COUNTY**

**Contact: Paris Nesbitt**  
Tel: 215-581-0712

**10 units, 10 3-BR**

**TARSUS MANOR, INC. \***

**Andres Toro, Manager**  
701 East Locust Street  
Fleetwood, PA 19522  
Tel: 610-370-0822 ext. 212  
Fax: 610-370-2766

**33 units, 2 special needs units**  
2 yr wait  
One bedroom  
62 and over

**WEIDNER MANOR APARTMENTS**

**Kay Wilkinson, Manager**  
1133 Ben Franklin Highway West  
Douglassville, PA 19518  
Tel: 610-385-1070

**\* Wheelchair accessible**