



Berks County
Area Agency on Aging

Building Partnerships
Strengthening Communities
Enhancing Quality of Life

SUBSIDIZED HOUSING GUIDE

INFORMATION PROVIDED IS FOR SENIORS OR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES SEEKING APARTMENTS THAT HAVE PROGRAMS TO LOWER THE COST OF RENT.

CATEGORIES 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

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.
(Income limits change yearly. Rent is below market rate)

SUBSIDIZED HOUSING-FEDERALLY FINANCED

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

READING HOUSING AUTHORITY

Applications are accepted at one location in the Tennant Placement Office located on the 1st floor of the George M. Rhodes Apartment Building. Please call the office, at below number, for more information.

George M. Rhodes Apts
 815 Franklin St.,
 Reading, PA 19602
 Tel: 610-372-3933
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
www.readingha.org

Leonilda Feliciano, Tenant Selection Supervisor
 Jack Knockstead, Resident Services Director (125 N. 10th St., Reading, PA 19601)

Anyone may apply for apartments that are owned and managed by Reading Housing Authority (also called Public Housing) but individuals and families who live, work or go to school in the City of Reading have preference. Rent is based on approximately 30% of a person's income.

FACILITY	ELIGIBILITY
George M. Rhodes Apartments 815 Franklin Street Reading, PA	Elderly- age 60+, Disabled (age 18-59) 156 Apartments Community is located adjacent to a fixed-route BARTA bus stop Development offers safe wheelchair accessible housing Activities are varied and offered through the building's Resident Council Pets are permitted (following RHA Pet Policy)
Dwight D. Eisenhower Apartments 835 Franklin Street Reading, PA	Elderly- age 60+, Disabled (age 18-59) 156 Apartments Community is located adjacent to a fixed-route BARTA bus stop Development offers safe wheelchair accessible housing Activities are varied and offered through the building's Resident Council Pets are permitted (following RHA Pet Policy)
Franklin Towers 120 S. Sixth Street Reading, PA	Elderly- age 60+, Disabled (age 18-59) 48 Apartments Community is located adjacent to a fixed-route BARTA bus stop Development offers safe wheelchair accessible housing Activities are varied and offered through the building's Resident Council Pets are permitted (following RHA Pet Policy)

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<p>Kennedy Towers 300 S. 4th Street Reading, PA</p>	<p>Elderly-age 60+, Disabled (age 18-59) 145 Apartments Also hosts Kennedy Senior Community Center. (Funding for the Center is provided through the Berks County Area Agency on Aging and operated by CentroHispano Daniel Torres). Community is located adjacent to a fixed-route BARTA bus stop Development offers safe wheelchair accessible housing Activities are varied and offered through the building's Resident Council Pets are permitted (following RHA Pet Policy)</p>
<p>Samuel G. Hubert Apartments 125 N. Tenth Street Reading, PA</p>	<p>Elderly – age 60+, Disabled (age 18-59) 70 Apartments Community is located adjacent to a fixed-route BARTA bus stop Development offers safe wheelchair accessible housing Activities are varied and offered through the building's Resident Council Pets are permitted (following RHA Pet Policy)</p>
<p>Glenside Homes 1301 Schuylkill Avenue Reading, PA</p>	<p>Elderly- age 60+, Disabled (age 18-59) Primarily Families 400 Apartments Community is located adjacent to a fixed-route BARTA bus stop Development offers safe wheelchair accessible housing Activities are varied and offered through the building's Resident Council Pets are permitted (following RHA Pet Policy)</p>
<p>Hensler Homes 860 Avenue A Reading, PA</p>	<p>Elderly-age 60+, Disabled (age 18-59) 102-unit garden-style apartment complex Central Air-conditioning Community is located adjacent to a fixed-route BARTA bus stop Development offers safe wheelchair accessible housing Activities are varied and offered through the building's Resident Council Pets are permitted (following RHA Pet Policy)</p>

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<p>Oakbrook Homes 1001 Scott Street Reading, PA</p>	<p>Elderly – age 60+, Disabled (age 18-59), Primarily Families 530 Apartments Community is located adjacent to a fixed-route BARTA bus stop Development offers safe wheelchair accessible housing Activities are varied and offered through the building’s Resident Council Pets are permitted (following RHA Pet Policy)</p>

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Public Housing Program applications can be obtained, when the waiting list is open, at our administrative offices at 1803 Butter Lane, Reading, PA 19606, as well as online at <http://berksha.org>. Please note that due to the high demand for housing assistance in the area, the waiting lists are frequently closed. New applications for housing assistance can only be accepted when the housing list is open.

Tanya Nelson, Executive Director
 Carolina Espinal, Tenant Selection
 1803 Butter Lane
 Reading, PA 19606
 Tel: 610-370-0822
 Fax: 610-370-2766
 Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Please note that these facilities are two-story apartment buildings which do not have elevators, except for Chestnut Court which has a lift.

These developments are available for individuals 62 years of age and over and to persons of any age who are handicapped or disabled. Vacancies occur at unpredictable intervals; therefore it is impossible to give an estimated waiting period. Pets are allowed in all complexes, except Tarsus Manor, with registration and deposit. We do not provide transportation; you may wish to contact BARTA for information about bus service in the area.

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FACILITY	ELIGIBILITY
Brooke Estates 200-280 Haycreek Road Birdsboro, PA 19508	13 efficiency and 13 one-bedroom apartments Accessible units: 2 handicapped-accessible efficiency units
Chestnut Court Apartments 226 Chestnut Street Birdsboro, PA 19508	16 one-bedroom apartments Accessible units: 1 handicapped accessible, 1 special needs
Laurel Court Apartments 1 North Laurel Street Fleetwood, PA 19522	5 efficiency and 15 one-bedroom apartments Accessible units: 2 handicapped accessible efficiency units
Northvale Hill Apartments 201 North 4 th Street Womelsdorf, PA 19567	20 one-bedroom apartments Accessible units: 1 handicapped accessible, 1 special needs
Rittenhouse Apartments 38-40 West Philadelphia Avenue Boyertown, PA 19512	24 one-bedroom apartments Accessible units: 1 audio-visual, 1 special needs
Warwick Apartments 60 South Reading Avenue Boyertown, PA 19512	12 one-bedroom apartments Accessible units: 1 audio-visual

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Some apartments have units available for higher income persons.

FACILITY	ELIGIBILITY
<p>Amity Manor Apartments Colin Gordon, Manager 1131 Ben Franklin Highway West Douglassville, PA 19518 Telephone: 610-385-4622 Fax: 610-385-4472</p>	<p>Age 62+ or disabled 36 units, 2 special needs units One-bedrooms Service Coordinator Van available twice monthly for pre-scheduled trips Pets permitted</p>
<p>B'nai B'rith Christine Haraschak, Manager 1026 Franklin Street Reading, PA 19602 Telephone: 610-374-4453</p>	<p>Age 62+ 170 units, 17 special needs units Service Coordinator and Activities Mini-bus transportation provided for scheduled trips to grocery stores, malls, and banks Pets permitted</p>
<p>Clearview Apartments Jamie Finken, Manager 305 Hilltop Court Hamburg, PA 19526 Telephone: 610-562-7442</p>	<p>37 units, 3 accessible units One bedroom and two bedroom Laundry on site Companion animals and service animals permitted (with verification) Minimum income & minimum rent if no subsidy</p>
<p>Furnace Creek Manor Kevin Kurtz, Manager 270 S. Freeman Street Robesonia, PA 19551 Telephone: 610-693-3419</p>	<p>Age 62+ or disabled 24 units</p>
<p>Hugh Carcella Apartments Amy Rodriguez, Manager 505 North 10th Street, Reading, PA 19604 Telephone: 610-372-1733</p>	<p>Age 62+, Age 18 and older with disability 120 units, 12 special needs units One-bedroom or studio A small pet permitted (\$200 deposit)</p>

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FACILITY	ELIGIBILITY
<p>Jamestown Village Iliana Cruz, Regional Manager (ext 205) Olga Montoya, Site Manager 300 Lackawanna Street, Apt. 1R Reading, PA 19601 Telephone: 610-374-8116 Fax: 610- 374-6261</p>	<p>No age requirements 275 units One and two bedrooms</p>
<p>Luther Meadows and Heilman House Karen S. Lewis, Manager 1 South Home Avenue Topton, PA 19562 Telephone: 610-682-1533 Fax: 610-682-1581</p>	<p>100 units, 5 special needs units Activities Transportation for fee Pets permitted</p>
<p>Queen of Angels Jeannine English, Manager 22 Rothermel Street Reading, PA 19605 Telephone: 610-921-3115 Fax: 610-921-8576</p>	<p>Age 62 +, Disabled 45 units, 5 special needs units Hearing Impaired Unit Studio/Efficiency and one bedroom Laundry on site Service Coordinator, Activities</p>
<p>Reading Elderly Housing Lucretia Lee, Site Manager 100 N. Front Street Reading, PA 19601 Telephone: 610-373-1130 Fax: 610- 373-2902</p>	<p>201 units, 15 special needs units One bedroom and two bedrooms Social Service Coordinator, Activities Laundry on site, Community Room Pets permitted (small dogs & cats)</p>
<p>Saint Catharine Senior Apartments Alicia Waid, Manager 2000 Perkiomen Avenue Reading, PA 19606 Telephone: 610-743-5374 Fax: 610-743-5418</p>	<p>Age 62+ 35 units, 4 special needs units One bedroom Laundry on site, Parking on site Service Coordinator & resident-run activities</p>

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<p>Saucony Cross Apartments Aaron Baransky, Manager 420 College Blvd Kutztown, PA 19530 Telephone: 610-683-5966 Fax: 610-683-8181</p>	<p>80 units, 6 accessible units One bedroom only Service Coordinator twice per week Resident-run activities Transportation One cat or dog (under 25 lbs)</p>
<p>Saucony Meadows David Groscup, Manager 20 Kohler Road Kutztown, PA 19530 Telephone: 610-894-9874</p>	<p>Age 62+ or Disabled Adults 50 units, 3 accessible units One bedroom Service Coordinator, Resident directed activities Transportation provided Pets permitted (under 25 lbs)</p>
<p>Sencit Towne House Tanis Ritchie, Manager 20 S. Summit Avenue Shillington, PA 19607 Telephone: 610-777-6519 Fax: 610-777-3579</p>	<p>Age 62+, and Disabled Adults 200 units, 10 easy accessible units One bedroom Service Coordinator, Activities Transportation Pets permitted (under certain weight)</p>
<p>Skyline View Apartments (Market Rate Apartments) Tynisha Jackson, Office Assistant 50 North Ninth street Reading, PA 19601 Telephone: 610-376-6535</p>	<p>Age 55+ 140 units, 2-3 special needs units One bedroom, Efficiency, Alcove Laundry on site Pets permitted</p>
<p>The Bookbindery Apartments Amanda Boston, Manager 150 N. 4th Street Reading, PA 19601 Telephone: 610-478-8298 Fax: 610-478-0568</p>	<p>One bedroom, two bedroom and 3 bedroom Income eligibility requirements Off-street parking Central air Laundry on site</p>
<p>The Knitting Mill on Peach Alley Kathy Tavares, Manager 239 Pine Street @ Peach Alley Hamburg, PA 19526 Telephone: 610-562-9161 Fax: 610-562-9162</p>	<p>27 units</p>

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FACILITY	ELIGIBILITY
Wilson Manor Julie A. Lucarelli, Manager 10 Kohler Road Kutztown, PA 19530 Telephone: 610-894-9510	Age 62+ 50 units, 3 accessible units Social Coordinator Transportation Pets permitted
Wyndcliffe House Apartments Lynda Zuercher, Manager 100 Chestnut Street, Hamburg, PA 19526 Telephone: 610-562-4902/4414	99 units, 10 accessible units Laundry on site Pets allowed

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHERS PROGRAM

**** Housing Choice Vouchers Program** –designed to assist low-income families and/or single persons, age 62 and older, and any age individuals with a disability or displaced individuals. The tenant share of the rent is 30%-40% of the tenant's adjusted annual gross income. (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.

The Reading Housing Authority (RHA) Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8

Private living arrangements, where the voucher recipient can rent anywhere in the City of Reading as the landlord is willing to participate in the program and the property meets the program requirements. A Housing Choice Voucher, obtained through RHA, will be accepted by many private apartment units in the City of Reading.

Berks County Housing Authority (BCHA) Housing Choice Voucher Program

The Berks County Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Program gives participants a Voucher to find their choice of rental housing units with a private landlord. The Voucher may be used anywhere in Berks County outside the City of Reading.

The following apartment complexes, within the jurisdiction of the Berks County Housing Authority, accept the Housing Choice Voucher. The tenant is not limited to units on this list and may rent unit in the Berks County Housing Authority's jurisdiction where the landlord is willing to accept the Voucher, subject to BCHA approval.

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<p>Amity Manor Apartments Colin Gordon, Manager 1131 Ben Franklin Highway West Douglassville, PA 19518 Telephone: 610-385-4622</p>	<p>36 units, 2 accessible units Social Coordinator available Resident-drive activities Pets permitted</p>
<p>Birdsboro Estates 201 Mainbird Street Birdsboro, PA 19508 Telephone: 610-582-1548</p>	<p>36 units, 2 accessible units One and two bedroom Laundry on site</p>
<p>Franklin & Noble Manor Bonnie Beck, Manager 43 East Noble Avenue Shoemakersville, PA 19555 Telephone: 610-562-9691</p>	<p>Age 62+ 18 units, 1 accessible unit Resident driven activities Pets permitted (under 25 lbs)</p>
<p>Weidner Manor Kay Wilkinson, Manager 1133 Ben Franklin Highway West Douglassville, PA 19518 Telephone: 610-385-1070 or 610-926-8000</p>	<p>Age 62+ or Disabled 24 units One bedroom Heat/hot water included</p>

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 might have other types of units also available. They do accept Housing Choice Vouchers.

FACILITY	ELIGIBILITY
<p>Century Hall Apartments (Low Income, not subsidized, no tax credit) Jack Williams, Manager 831 Walnut Street Reading, PA 19601 Telephone: 610- 685-3889</p>	<p>15 units (3 one-bedroom, 12 - two bedroom) Accessible building General occupancy</p>
<p>Franklin & Noble Manor Bonnie Beck, Manager 43 East Noble Avenue Shoemakersville, PA 19555 Telephone: 610-562-9691</p>	<p>Age 62+ 18 units, 1 accessible unit Resident driven activities Pets permitted (under 25 lbs)</p>
<p>Henner Apartments Susan Grim, Manager 24 E. High Street Womelsdorf, PA 19567 Telephone: 610-589-2052 Fax: 610-589-2327</p>	<p>Age 62+ or Disabled Adults 27 units One bedroom Accessible building Laundry on site Community room</p>
<p>John F. Lutz Apartments Kay Wilkinson, Manager 3559 St. Lawrence Avenue Reading, PA 19606 Telephone: 610-779-8101</p>	<p>39 units One and two bedroom Small pets permitted</p>
<p>Market Square Apartments Susan Grim, Regional Manager 801 Penn Street Reading, PA 19601 Telephone: 610-373-1212 Fax: 610-373-1166</p>	<p>38 units, 3 accessible units One and two bedroom Some activities, Community room Laundry on site Small pets permitted</p>

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<p>Oakshire Senior Apartments Laura Rosado, Manager 350 Lackawanna Street Reading, PA 19601 Telephone: 610-376-1716 Fax: 610-376-7871</p>	<p>Age 62+ 90 units, 12 accessible Activities, library, gym Laundry on site Pets permitted (under 20 lbs)</p>
<p>Penn's Common Court Apartments Laura Wasylak, Manager 1040 Penn Street Reading, PA 19602 Telephone: 610-373-3633 Fax: 610-374-4142</p>	<p>Age 62+ 46 units, 3 accessible units Community room, laundry on-site Small pets permitted</p>
<p>Penn's Crossing Senior Apartments Veronica Wiley, Manager 1400 W. Wyomissing Blvd West Lawn, PA 19609 Telephone: 610-775-9220</p>	<p>51 units, 6 accessible units One and two bedroom Social Coordinator and activities Pets permitted</p>
<p>Providence House Susan Grim, Manager 800 Court Street Reading, PA 19601 Telephone: 610-376-7787</p>	<p>Age 62+ or Disabled Age 55+ 86 units, 22 accessible units Supportive services available Cats and fish permitted</p>
<p>Senior Apartments at Wyomissing Club Kay Wilkinson, Manager 501 Walnut Street Reading, PA 19601 Telephone: 610-927-8000</p>	<p>Age 62+ 58 units One and two bedroom Parking garage (free)</p>

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FACILITY	ELIGIBILITY
<p>Southgate Apartments Tanya Kline, Manager 815 W. Leesport Road Leesport, PA 19533 Telephone: 610-916-2943 Fax: 610-916-2946</p>	<p>Age 62+ 45 units, 3 accessible units One and two bedroom Supportive services available Laundry on site, Community room Small pets permitted</p>
<p>Tarsus Manor, Inc. Berks County Housing Authority Management Agent 701 East Locust Street Fleetwood, PA 19522 Telephone: 610-370-0822, ext. 208 Fax: 610-370-2766</p>	<p>Age 62+ 33 units, 2 accessible units One bedroom Laundry on site, Community room</p> <p>(Managed by the Berks County Housing Authority. A flat rent includes all utilities and there is an elevator in the building. No pets allowed).</p>
<p>Weidner Manor Apartments Kay Wilkinson, Manager 1133 Ben franklin Highway West Douglassville, PA 19518 Telephone: 610-385-1070</p>	<p>Age 62+ or Disabled 24 units One bedroom Heat/hot water included</p>