

Rental Assistance for Veterans — Atlanta, GA

Support for Rental Arrears, Eviction Prevention, and Housing Stability

Atlanta Legal Aid – Eviction Prevention Initiative (EPI)

- **Phone:** (404) 377-0701
- **Website:** atlantalegalaid.org/rental-assistance
- **Counties Covered:** Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, Gwinnett, Clayton
- **Help Offered:**
 - Rental arrears and 3 months' future rent
 - Utility assistance
 - Legal advocacy
- **Apply via monthly lottery** – *Next deadline: July 25*

VA Atlanta – Homeless Veteran Care

- **Location:** VA Atlanta Medical Center
- **Contact:** Dawn Kentish, Acting HCHV Director
- **Services:**
 - Rental assistance through **HUD-VASH** (voucher + case support)
 - Emergency housing & health care
 - Direct connection to SSVF, shelters, and crisis teams
- **Website:** va.gov/atlanta-health-care

Local Nonprofits and Emergency Aid

- **St. Vincent de Paul Georgia** – Emergency rent & utility help
- **Gateway Center** – Housing-focused shelter & referrals
- **Action Ministries** – Rapid re-housing support
- **Intown C.A.R.E.S.** – Housing assistance for individuals
- **Georgia Law Center for the Homeless** – Legal housing support
- **North Fulton Community Charities** – Crisis aid for veterans

HUD-VASH (VA + HUD)

- Combines **Section 8 housing voucher** with **case management**
- Helps veterans with:
 - Rental arrears
 - Long-term housing stability
 - Clinical and supportive services
- **Apply through VA Homeless Services Coordinator**

Key Contacts

Program / Agency	Phone	Website
Atlanta Legal Aid (EPI)	(404) 377-0701	atlantalegalaid.org
VA Homeless Services (Atlanta)	via VA Medical Center	va.gov
St. Vincent de Paul	Varies by location	svdpgeorgia.org

What You Can Do Today

1. **Enter the EPI lottery** before July 25
2. **Contact VA Atlanta** to explore HUD-VASH
3. **Reach out to local nonprofits** for emergency help
4. **Dial 2-1-1** for referrals to shelters, housing help, and legal aid

Other Atlanta resources:

1. Legal Support & Eviction Defense

Atlanta Volunteer Lawyers Foundation (AVLF)

- Eviction Defense Program: Free legal representation for low-income tenants facing eviction in Fulton County.
- Housing Court Assistance Center (HCAC): Walk-in legal advice at Fulton County Courthouse (185 Central Ave SW, Atlanta, GA 30303).
- Hours:
 - Mon–Wed: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM & 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
 - Fri: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM and 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
- Website: avlf.org
- Phone: (404) 521-0790

3. Legal Clinics & Record Expungement

Atlanta's John Marshall Law School – Homeless Veterans Legal Assistance Program

- Free legal help to veterans at risk of housing loss, focusing on misdemeanor issues. Walk-in services Tue/Wed (10 AM–2 PM) and 2nd Fri (1 PM–3 PM).
- Phone: 678-916-2645 | Email: vetcclinic@johnmarshall.edu
- Website: johnmarshall.edu

Rental Assistance for Veterans — Henry County

1. Henry County Veterans Support Services

Provides in-county support and referrals for veterans at risk of eviction.

- Local case management
- Assistance accessing VA resources
- Referrals to housing assistance programs

Contact:

Veterans Support Group Service Center, McDonough, GA

Phone: (770) 284-3306

Website: henrycountyga.gov

2. Emergency Financial Assistance in Henry County

These programs assist all residents, including veterans:

- **Connecting Henry, Inc.**
Emergency rent, utility, and housing stability assistance
Phone: (770) 274-3642
Website: www.connectinghenry.org

- **Salvation Army – Henry County**
Grants for rent, utilities, and move-in costs
Location: 401 Racetrack Rd, McDonough, GA
Phone: (770) 957-8868
 - **St. Vincent de Paul Society (Georgia)**
Eviction prevention and rental aid
Phone: (678) 892-6163
Website: www.svdpgorgia.org
 - **Samaritans Together of Henry County**
Short-term rental help and motel vouchers
Phone: (678) 565-6526
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3. Legal Assistance for Eviction Prevention

Free legal aid for low-income individuals facing eviction:

- **McDonough Legal Aid Society**
Phone: (404) 524-5811
 - **Georgia Legal Services Program**
Phone: (404) 894-7707
Website: www.glsp.org
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4. Public Housing & Voucher Programs

- **Henry County Housing Authority**
Provides Section 8 vouchers and public housing
Address: 345 Simpson St, McDonough, GA
Phone: (770) 957-4494
 - **Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)**
Statewide Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)
Website: dca.georgia.gov
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Next Steps for Veterans Facing Eviction

1. Reach out to Henry County Veterans Support Group for navigation and local referrals.
2. Apply for emergency financial help from community organizations.
3. Seek legal aid if facing a court-ordered eviction.
4. Explore public housing or Section 8 voucher options for longer-term stability.

Rental Assistance for Veterans — Clayton County

1. Clayton County Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program

Clayton County offers an Emergency Rental Assistance program for eligible tenants and landlords. This program helps cover rent and utility costs for those facing financial hardship.

- **How to Apply:** Visit relief.claytoncountyga.gov or call **770-347-0212** to schedule an appointment or get help with the application

2. Georgia Emergency Rental Assistance Programs

The **Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA)** runs the **Housing Choice Voucher (HCV)** program (formerly Section 8), which provides rental subsidies for low-income individuals, including veterans.

Rental Assistance for Veterans — DeKalb County

1. HUD-VASH – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing

A joint HUD/VA program providing Section 8 vouchers plus VA case management and clinical care to veterans who are homeless or at risk due to mental health or substance use challenges.

Contact: National Call Center for Homeless Veterans at 1-877-424-3838; local Section 8 coordination via DeKalb County Housing Authority

2. Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)

Funded under the American Rescue Plan. DeKalb County has its own EHV access point. To apply, veterans should contact 2-1-1 (Atlanta) or consult DeKalb Housing Authority for referral

3. DeKalb Integrated Community Care Initiative (ICCI)

A \$13 million county-wide program offering financial aid for rent, utilities, housing instability, and eviction-related legal services.

Apply via: ICCI hotline at 404-371-6333 or relevant nonprofits (Atlanta Legal Aid, DeKalb Pro Bono, Urban League, St. Vincent de Paul, etc.)

4. DeKalb County Coordinated Entry (Continuum of Care)

Provides intake, case management, eviction prevention services, security/utility deposit assistance, and permanent supportive housing.

Contact: Coordinated Entry at 404-687-3500 [DeKalb County GA](#).

5. Eviction Legal Defense Fund

A county-run fund offering free legal representation to residents facing eviction, prioritized to low-income households.

Contact: Commissioner Ted Terry's office (legal partners to follow) [AVLF+4DeKalb County GA+4Georgia Department of Community Affairs+4](#).

6. Atlanta Legal Aid – Eviction Prevention Initiative (EPI)

Assists DeKalb County residents with DCA rental/utility aid and legal support through a lottery-based entry system.

Next lottery: Friday, July 25 (7 am–1 pm) for August intake [en.wikipedia.org+14Atlanta Legal Aid+14Georgia Department of Community Affairs+14](#).

7. Housing Justice League – Tenant Support

Offers an Eviction Defense Manual, Tenant Hotline (404-941-9494) for legal guidance, mediation support, and information on tenant rights [Housing Justice League+1AVLF+1](#).

8. Nicholas House Prevention Services

Provides short-term rental arrears support, landlord mediation, and benefit navigation for families with children living in DeKalb County.

Contact: 404-622-0793 or [Nicholas House](#).

Recommended Actions

1. **Dial 404-371-6333 (ICCI)** for financial aid options through county-wide initiatives.

2. **Reach out to Coordinated Entry (404-687-3500)** for case management and homelessness prevention.
3. **Apply for EPI with Atlanta Legal Aid** on July 25 to access DCA rental assistance and legal counsel.
4. **Utilize the Legal Defense Fund** via Commissioner Terry's office for eviction case representation.
5. **Access tenant rights guidance** via Housing Justice League or Nicholas House (for families with children).

Rental Assistance for Veterans — Gwinnett County

- **Gwinnett Coalition**
 - Contact: (470) 799-0535
 - Address: 750 S Perry St Ste 312, Lawrenceville, GA 30046
 - Website: gwinnettcoalition.org
- **Rainbow Village**
 - Contact: (770) 497-1888
 - Address: 3427 Duluth Highway 120, Duluth, GA 30096
 - Website: rainbowvillage.org
- **Veteran & Family Services - Gwinnett County**
 - Contact: (770) 822-8850
 - Address: 567 Swanson Drive, Lawrenceville, GA 30043
 - Website: gwinnettcountry.com
- **Another Chance of Atlanta**
 - Contact: (678) 974-5989
 - Website: anotherchanceofatlanta.org
- **HomeFirst Gwinnett**
 - Contact: (770) 847-6765
 - Website: homefirstgwinnett.org
- **Salvation Army Home Sweet Home Program**
 - Contact: (770) 724-1661
 - Website: salvationarmyatlanta.org

Assistance for Veterans Fleeing Domestic Violence — Atlanta Metro Area

- **Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Program (IPVAP)**
 - Contact: Reach out to your local IPVAP Coordinator through the VA Medical Center or speak to your Primary Care Social Worker. For immediate assistance, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE)
- **Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV)**
 - 24-Hour Crisis Line: (404) 873-1766
 - Administrative Offices: (404) 870-9600
 - Website: padv.org
- **Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence**

- 24-Hour Domestic Violence Hotline: (404) 688-9436
 - Website: wrcdv.org
- **National Domestic Violence Hotline**
 - 24-Hour Hotline: 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE)
 - TTY: 1-800-787-3224
 - Website: thehotline.org
- **Domestic Violence Shelters and Programs in Atlanta**
 - Partnership Against Domestic Violence (PADV): (404) 873-1766
 - Our House: (404) 522-6056
 - Hanna's House: (678) 824-6189
 - Raksha: (404) 842-0725