

Suggested resources for those you may seek an EAF for:

We are aware that there is a lot of financial need, and our Washington State Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF) is sometimes just a drop in the bucket for those we come in contact and want to assist. As such, we have created a list of additional resources and ways for you to help those you encounter.

General Need

- **Washington 211**: This service connects individuals and families with local health and human service programs, including financial assistance, housing, and more. <https://wsac.wa.gov/basic-needs>
- **Washington College Grant**: Provides financial aid for college, career training, and apprenticeships to eligible low- and middle-income individuals. Also found via the <https://wsac.wa.gov> site
- **General Assistance (GA)**: Offers cash grants and medical benefits to specific groups of adults without dependents, including those temporarily unable to work due to disability and individuals awaiting federal SSI benefits. https://www.wsipp.wa.gov/ReportFile/1061/Wsipp_General-Assistance-Programs-for-Unemployable-Adults_Full-Report.pdf

Specific Need

Food Assistance:

- **Basic Food (SNAP)**: A monthly benefit that helps low-income individuals and families purchase food.
- **WIC**: Provides nutritional support, education, and resources to pregnant women, new mothers, and young children.
- **Food banks**: Local food banks offer free groceries to those in need.

Healthcare:

- **Apple Health (Medicaid)**: Provides comprehensive healthcare coverage to eligible low-income individuals and families.
- **Washington 211**: Can connect individuals with local clinics and healthcare providers.

Housing Assistance:

- **Hopelink**: A non-profit organization that provides housing assistance and other support services to low-income families in King and Snohomish counties.
- **Washington 211**: Can help connect families with emergency shelters and other housing resources.
- **FEMA's Individual Assistance Program**: Provides housing assistance to disaster survivors.

For those facing Eviction:

To get help in Washington State if you are facing eviction, call 2-1-1 for referrals to local resources like legal aid, financial assistance, and housing advocacy. Also, visit [Washington Law Help](https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org) ([washingtonlawhelp.org](https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org)) for free legal information and self-help forms, and consider contacting the [Northwest Justice Project](#) for free legal assistance. If you are in King County, contact the King County Tenant Resource Hotline or the King County Bar Association's Housing Justice Project.

Immediate Resources

- **[Washington State 2-1-1](#)**: Dial 2-1-1 or visit [washington211.org](https://www.washington211.org) to find local agencies for rental assistance, legal help, and housing advocacy.
- **[Washington Law Help](#)**: Go to [washingtonlawhelp.org](https://www.washingtonlawhelp.org) for free legal information, forms, and resources on renters' rights during an eviction.
- **[Northwest Justice Project](#)**: Contact them for free legal help and to learn about eviction diversion programs.

Legal Assistance

- **[Tenant Law Center](#)**: Provides free legal help for low-income tenants facing eviction.
- **[Housing Justice Project](#)**: Offers free legal assistance to renters facing eviction in King County.

Financial and Housing Assistance

- **[Solid Ground](#)**: In King County, you can call their Tenant Resource Hotline for help with eviction and housing stability services.
- **[King County Bar Association](#)**: Provides referrals to legal help and other resources for tenants.

What to Do

1. Call 2-1-1 immediately: to get connected with local resources. Especially outside of King County which has the above resources.
2. Visit Washington Law Help: to understand your rights and find necessary legal forms.
3. Gather your documentation, including your lease, income verification, and information about the amount of rent owed.
4. Be prepared for the application process: for rental assistance, as staff will need details about your situation.
5. Stay organized and persistent: to find the help you need.

Facing Homelessness:

To get immediate housing assistance in Washington State, dial 2-1-1 to connect with community services and find referrals for emergency shelters, motel vouchers, and rental assistance. You can also visit your [county's website](#) or the [Washington Department of Commerce Homeless Assistance page](#) to find local coordinated entry sites, which help families and adults access housing resources. If you are in King County, you can contact the [King County Housing Authority Coordinated Entry](#) program directly.

Contact 2-1-1 for:

- **Emergency Shelters:** Find immediate shelter options through a network of local providers.
- **Rental Assistance:** Inquire about programs that can help with rent and prevent eviction.
- **Referrals:** Get connected to a variety of community services, including those for food, clothing, and other needs.

Visit Your County's Housing Assistance Page or the State Website for:

- **Coordinated Entry:** This system connects individuals and families with housing resources and supportive services based on their specific needs.
- **Eviction Prevention:** Find information and resources to help you avoid losing your housing.
- **Local Resources:** Discover specific programs like emergency motel vouchers or family shelters that may be available in your area.

Specific King County Resources:

- **Call 2-1-1:** For general assistance and referrals in King County.
- **King County Housing Authority (KCHA):** Contact Coordinated Entry to find housing support services if you are homeless.
- **Solid Ground:** Provides emergency shelter, transitional housing, and support services, particularly for those experiencing domestic violence.

Issues concerning Immigration:

Should you encounter someone with this need, please refer them to Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance at the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services.

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/office-refugee-and-immigrant-assistance>

Other Resources:

- **Head Start:** A federal program that provides comprehensive early childhood education, health, and family support services to low-income children and their families.
- **ECEAP:** A state-funded program that provides early childhood education and family support services, similar to Head Start.
- **Working Connections Child Care:** Helps low-income families afford childcare.
- **Puget Sound Labor Agency:** Provides resources and assistance to low-income families, particularly those involved in the labor sector.
- Local churches and community service organizations.

As this information may update and change overtime, dialing 211 in Washington State can elicit a lot of answers to questions for those you encounter regarding services they may be able to find.