

## How do I apply?

Contact one of the housing counselors below to learn more about eligibility requirements and how to apply:

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### Androscoggin, Franklin, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, or Sagadahoc Counties

Pam Keddy  
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### Aroostook, Hancock, Kennebec, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, Waldo, or Washington Counties

Joseph Locke  
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## For more information

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## MaineHousing Programs and Services

### Opening the door to homeownership

- ▶ Low fixed rate mortgages for first time homebuyers
- ▶ Downpayment and closing cost assistance
- ▶ Payment protection for unemployment
- ▶ Homebuyer education

### Helping renters

- ▶ Financing development of new affordable rental housing
- ▶ Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers

### Making homes safe and warm

- ▶ Fuel assistance
- ▶ Home weatherization
- ▶ Home repair
- ▶ Lead safe homes
- ▶ Energy improvement loans
- ▶ Disaster recovery loans

### Housing people who are homeless

- ▶ Shelter funding
- ▶ Financing development of transitional housing
- ▶ Rental assistance and self sufficiency counseling



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## Rental Assistance Coupon Plus Program (RAC+)

Rental assistance  
for people  
working towards  
self-sufficiency



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## The Rental Assistance Coupon Plus Program (RAC+ Program) offers rental assistance to eligible people who have been homeless for seven or more consecutive days and are willing to work toward self-sufficiency.

Rental assistance coupons pay rent directly to your landlord in an apartment that you find yourself. Help also may be provided with security and utility deposits.

The rental assistance can be used for up to two years. During that time, you are responsible for following an action plan to become self-sufficient, meeting regularly with your Housing Counselor, paying a share of your housing costs, and more.

## Am I eligible?

You must be homeless at the time of application and must have been homeless for at least seven consecutive days. Living with friends or relatives is not homeless.

Homeless means you lack a fixed, regular or adequate nighttime residence or you are staying in:

- A shelter, welfare hotel, congregate shelter, or transitional housing; or
- A place not designed for or ordinarily used as a sleeping place for people.

You must provide written proof that you are homeless from the shelter where you are staying, from a law enforcement or social services agency, from a faith-based organization, or from a community official.

Income limits apply and you must pay 30% of your household income (or at least \$50) toward your housing costs.

You must be willing and able to commit to a self-sufficiency plan. Your self-sufficiency plan must include education, training, employment, counseling, drug or alcohol rehabilitation, or other actions appropriate for your situation.

Preference is given to:

- Youths ages 18 to 24
- Families
- Individuals referred by correctional caseworkers or probation officers
- Victims of domestic violence

