

## American Rescue Plan: Housing Assistance

The Connecticut Fair Housing estimates the need in CT for rental assistance at **144,000 residents**. The American Rescue Plan provides much needed relief for families struggling to pay for rent or for housing due to pressures created by the pandemic.

This relief will ensure that families will continue to have a safe place to live during the COVID-19 Pandemic and beyond. The American Rescue Plan provides:

- \$22.5 billion for emergency rental and utility assistance.
- \$5 billion for emergency housing vouchers to protect and provide shelter to homeless individuals, survivors of domestic violence, and those at risk of homelessness.
- \$10 billion to help homeowners afford their mortgage payments and avoid foreclosure or eviction.

Families are struggling to keep up with the rising costs of healthcare, childcare, education, and housing due to the pandemic. As rents continue to skyrocket and incomes flatline, the affordable housing crisis has become an eviction crisis. Working people and their families deserve a safety net that can help keep them in their home.

More information on how to access rental assistance in Connecticut can be found [here](#) in English and [here](#) in Spanish.

More information on how to participate in the Homeless Prevention Program can be found [here](#).