

Rensselaer County Homeless Services Collaborative: Homelessness Prevention Services Index

Agency	Contact person	Eligibility Requirements	Services Offered
Unity House of Troy, Inc.	Community Resources (518) 274-2607 ext 4162	Income - eligible adults and their dependent children who are imminently at risk of homelessness. Must complete Community Resources intake. Bring proof of identity, residence, income for all members of household, as well as proof of imminent eviction (1-2-3 letter from DSS) and/or utility shutoff notice, and proof of sustainability moving forward.	Rental Assistance – up to three months of rental arrears to prevent eviction. Utilities – up to \$500 to prevent a shut off. Case management, advocacy, and referrals to community services.
Catholic Charities Tri - County Services Roarke Center 107 4th Street Troy, NY	Call the Roarke Center for appointment at (518) 273-8351	City of Troy residents, must go to DSS first	Rental assistance – rental arrears to prevent eviction, 1st month’s rent (if code condemned, fire or other emergency that would lead to homelessness). Case management and advocacy with landlord to ensure assistance will prevent eviction and tenant has the ability to pay going forward. Requirements: eviction notice, court notice, letter from landlord, paystubs, ID, SS card, lease Utility assistance – to avoid utility disconnection (not to pay monthly bill). Eligible expenses for heating and electric services including (gas, propane, oil, wood) Requirements: power company disconnection notice, DSS/HEAP denial letter, bill has to be in customer’s name and have made a payment within the last four months. This is one time assistance. Bring: ID, National Grid bill, disconnect notice, paystubs, denial letter

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<p>Catholic Charities Tri - County Services</p> <p>CoNSERNS - U 50 Herrick St. Rensselaer, NY</p>	<p>(518) 463-8571</p>	<p>Reside in southern and rural Rensselaer County, City of Rensselaer</p>	<p>Case management/advocacy, and utility assistance to avoid utility disconnection (not to pay monthly bill). Eligible expenses for heating and electric services including (gas, propane, oil, wood)</p> <p>Requirements: power company disconnection notice, DSS/HEAP denial letter, bill has to be in customer's name and have made a payment within the last four months. This is one time assistance.</p> <p>Bring: ID, National Grid bill, disconnect notice, paystubs, denial letter</p>
<p>Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York, Inc.</p>	<p>(518) 462-6765</p> <p>1(800) 462-2922</p>	<p>Varies based on program and type of assistance requested. Generally not over 200 % of poverty and lives in Rensselaer County. Financial assistance: outside of City of Troy, under 30% AMI, imminent risk of homelessness, no other resources or support networks available, DSS denial or ineligibility (must meet STEHP requirements)</p>	<p>Free legal assistance in a wide range of civil legal matters including rights of private, public and subsidized housing tenants, eviction representation, denials/ terminations of public and subsidized housing tenancies, right to shelter and temporary housing assistance, denials of emergency and ongoing DSS assistance or DSS allowances needed to secure/ retain housing. Representation of home owners and tenants in mortgage foreclosures, utility shut offs or denial of applications for utility service. Representation of tenants in unsafe, substandard housing.</p> <p>Representation in legal matters related to income necessary to secure and sustain permanent housing such as TA, SNAP MA, SSI/DIB, Unemployment Insurance Benefits, Denials of income, housing or employment due to criminal record, Bankruptcies, Income executions.</p> <p>Limited financial assistance for STEHP eligible Homelessness Prevention clients.</p>

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Rensselaer County Department of Social Services	Homeless Coordinator for families with children (518) 266-7905	Call for eligibility information	The DSS Homeless Unit works closely with the Family Assistance unit who provide financial benefits to the families
YWCA of the Greater Capital Region, Inc.	Shara Branon-Bender (518) 274-7100 or sharab@ywca-gcr.org	<p>Rental assistance – Requirements: eviction notice, court notice or letter from landlord, proof of income, ID, residence in Rensselaer County</p> <p>Utility assistance - Requirements: power company disconnection notice, DSS/HEAP denial letter, bill has to be in customer’s name, must live in Rensselaer County. Bring: ID, National Grid bill, disconnect notice, proof of income, DSS denial letter</p>	<p>Rental assistance – rental arrears to prevent eviction, 1st month’s rent and/or security deposit (if code condemned, fire or other emergency that would lead to homelessness) and ongoing rental assistance for 3 months following prevented eviction, if eligible. Case management and advocacy with landlord to ensure assistance will prevent eviction and tenant has the ability to pay going forward.</p> <p>Utility assistance - to avoid utility disconnection (not to pay monthly bill). Eligible expenses for heating and electric services including (gas, propane, oil, wood)</p>

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Troy Area United Ministries	Program Director Tyara Burnett (518) 274-5920 ext 204 or tburnett@taum.org	Call for eligibility information	Provides furniture to make a unit habitable.
Soldier On	General Intake line for any veteran in need: 1 (866) 406-8449	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 1 day active duty (if reservist, must have received presidential activation orders) • Any discharge status except dishonorable or has received a General Court Martial. • Eligible veterans can be individual or a family • Participants will be expected to maintain compliance with their lease as well as program participation agreement(s) • Must be low income (according to HUD guidelines: under 50% AMI \$29,100 for Rensselaer County) • Must be able to reside safely and independently in a private unit and be willing to sign a lease agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention- must have eviction notice • 90 day case management program that may provide financial assistance, locating affordable permanent housing, utility assistance, treatment. • If deemed necessary- veteran will be recertified and extended beyond 90 days for ongoing case management. • Discharge Planning, and after care case management is available to all veterans who feel they may benefit from the service. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Referrals to: public and federal benefits, legal services, VA benefits, counseling, educational services, employment services