

RESOURCES FOR AUSTIN HOMEOWNERS

Call 2-1-1 for the Chicago/Cook County Resource Hotline, a free, 24/7/365 service that can connect you to essential health and social services.

WEATHERIZATION:

- **CEDA Weatherization**: Community & Economic Development Association. Call 1-800-571-2332 during business hours: 9am – 5pm. *Free cold weather-proofing for your home before the winter.*
- Chicago Bungalow Association– Home Energy Savings Program: call 312-675-0300 or apply at <u>https://www.chicagobungalow.org/energy-savers</u> *Free home energy assessment & weatherization.*

IF YOUR GAS / ELECTRICITY/WATER IS TURNED OFF:

- CEDA LIHEAP/LIHWAP: 1-800-571-2332 (call during business hours: 9am 5pm) or go to their website at https://www.cedaorg.net/find-services/gas-and-electric/ Utility bill assistance program — one-time benefit, monthly assistance, and past due balance forgiveness.
- Chicago Utility Billing Relief Program: 1-800-571-2332 (call during business hours: 9am - 5pm) or go to their website at <u>https://utilitybill.chicago.gov/main/guest/billing_relief/</u> for more information.

DISABILITY:

- Ramp Up UCP Seguin: Call 708-444-8460 ext. 230 or visit <u>https://ucpseguin.org/what-we-do/accessibility-services/ramp_up.html</u> Helps eligible homeowners with disabilities find funding for ramp construction.
- Chicago HomeMod Program: Call 213-743-1523 or email <u>MOPDHomeMod@cityofchicago.org</u> for more information or to apply. Provides accessibility modifications for residents with disabilities, with low income, <u>below</u> <u>60 years of age.</u>
- Chicago SARFS: Small Accessible Repairs for Seniors. Call 312-744-3653
 Safety, security, and accessibility improvements for seniors, <u>at least 60 years of age.</u>
- MOPD Lift Installation: Call 312-744-3653 to add your name to the program's wait list.

OTHER HOUSING SERVICES:

- Home Repair Program (formerly Roof and Porch Repair Program): Next lottery takes place on *Thursday, May 18th, 2023.* Call 312-744-3653 for more information. *Free one-time roof and porch improvement.*
- Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF): Mortgage assistance up to \$60,000 for those who have experienced financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Call 866-454-3571 or email <u>hafquestions@ihda.org</u>
- **Neighborhood Housing Services:** 773-329-4123 call this number for your local agent *Deferred, forgivable loans to buy, fix, or keep a home.*
- Chicago Housing Authority: (312)742-8500 Main: Central Office, Monday-Friday, 8am – 5pm

SENIOR SERVICES:

- Chicago Department of Senior Services: Call hotline at 312-744-4016, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. Email at <u>Aging@cityofchicago.org</u>. A variety of services offered for older adult residents of Chicago.
- HOME: Housing Opportunities and Maintenance for the Elderly: *Provides upkeep & repair services, moving assistance, and painting & weatherization for senior homeowners.* Contact 773-921-3200 to ask about these programs or visit <u>www.homeseniors.org</u>
- Chicago SARFS: Small Accessible Repairs for Seniors. Call 312-744-3653 Provides small safety, security, and accessibility improvements for seniors, at least 60 years of age.

FORECLOSURE:

- Homeownership Preservation Foundation: 1-800-955-HOPE Free HUD-Approved counselors to help you find alternatives to foreclosure.
- Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago: 312-341-1070 or go here: <u>http://www.lafchicago.org/content/view/66/95/</u> LAF handles various types of homeownership/foreclosure cases

FOOD RESOURCES:

- **Chicago Home Delivered Meals:** Nutritious home-delivered meals for homebound or frail older adults. Call 312-744-4016 or email <u>Aging@cityofchicago.org</u> for more information.
- Kingdom Baptist Church Food Pantry: Every Friday 10am-12pm, <u>301 N Central Ave</u> (corner of Central & Fulton).
- Grace & Peace Community Center: Tuesdays 10am-2pm, Wednesdays 10am-2pm, and Thursdays 2pm-6pm, <u>1865 N LeClaire Ave.</u>