

Oakland County assistance programs.

Free and discounted prescription drugs

The Oakland County government offers a program that provides prescription drugs and dental care either for free or at reduced rates. The assistance is available to all Oakland county residents. There are no age or income criteria. Dial [1-877-321-2652](tel:1-877-321-2652).

The **Oakland County Prescription Drug Card** is a free service. There is no charge for getting the card. You can pick up the card in most county buildings, from your commissioner's office, or library branches across the county and Pontiac. Over eight out of ten local pharmacies accept the prescription card, and using it will save 20 percent or more on your medications and drug costs. Over 50,000 people currently have the card and take advantage of the program. Find additional programs to get free medications. [Learn more](#).

Discount dental services

Receive significant benefits from the **Discount Dental Program**. You can experience savings on everything from cleanings, to office visits up to root canals. And you can save as soon as you sign up. With this dental plan, an individual can typically save around \$30 on a cleaning: For example, pay \$50 instead of \$80. Hundreds of local dentists, orthodontists, periodontists, and other dental specialists participate in the free dental plan. Find additional ways to get help with dental bills. [Continue](#). [1-866-498-7914](tel:1-866-498-7914)

Free medical care

Resources to get health and medical care are noted below. However residents of Oakland County Michigan have a number of other programs and options available to them as well. Find additional locations and [more Oakland Michigan community clinics](#).

Get help from the adult **Benefit Waiver Program**. So far, this health care program has provided free health coverage for almost 6,000 Oakland County adults who qualified for assistance. This plan will help those who do not qualify for Medicaid or any other federal or private medical plan, and who otherwise would be uninsured. Over \$6 in health care benefits has been provided to participants in less than 2 years. [\(248\) 583-8700](tel:248-583-8700).

Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital - Children's Clinic ([\(248\) 338-5000](tel:248-338-5000)) provides free health and medical care services for children all the way from birth up through age 18. The programs are for children who are uninsured and who live in Oakland County.

Get access to prescription medications from **World Medical Relief, Inc.** The Prescription Assistance Program which they administer helps low to moderate income people ages 18 and older in the tri-county area get prescription medicines at low cost. The agency can even ship the medications to the patients home. [Click here](#) to find other prescription programs, or call them at [\(313\) 866-5333](tel:3138665333).

Free mortgage and foreclosure help

The **Oakland County Foreclosure Prevention Initiative** offers homeowners a variety of programs. If you live in Oakland County Michigan and are behind on your payments, or may potentially lose your home, homeowners under distress who can't afford to pay for an attorney or a for-profit service to help negotiate the foreclosure process can turn to this program.

Under the Oakland County Foreclosure Prevention Initiative, homeowners can contact the county treasurer's office by phone. Or [click here](#) to learn more on the program. They will then be put in touch with a housing counselor who will assist the homeowner.

The housing counselor will then assist the individual in preparing an emergency family budget, review their options and they will come up with a financial assessment to determine if the homeowner can actually remain in the home and avoid a foreclosure filing.

The mortgage counselor will then negotiates a settlement or loan modification agreement with the lender that can allow a homeowner to stay in their home, or if it is not possible, to at least leave in a dignified manner.

Debt reduction and foreclosure counseling agencies

Pontiac and Oakland County individuals can contact **Greenpath Debt Solutions**. They are a HUD certified agency that provides homeowners with foreclosure counseling and prevention tactics. They can also help people budget their money, repair credit ratings, and reduce debts, such as credit card and medical debts. Call them at [\(800\) 550-1961](tel:8005501961), or read a [FAQ debt consolidation](#).

In addition to Greenpath, several other credit and HUD certified housing counseling agencies can help consumers pay off their debts, or can offer free or low cost foreclosure prevention. Find information on [more Oakland County Michigan credit counseling](#) organizations.

Rent and utility assistance in Oakland County MI

The eastern Michigan division of the **Salvation Army** offers several different forms of assistance, including funds to pay rent, utility bills, and deposits. The agency provides one time assistance and cash grants for individuals and families who may be faced with eviction and/or utility shut off due to inability to pay. You need to have an eviction or disconnection notice in order to get help. Other resources offered include Christmas assistance, food, meals, shelter and referrals to medical and other government programs. Vouchers for gasoline, medications, and

transportation may be available. Call [248-334-2407](tel:248-334-2407), or [read more Oakland Michigan Salvation Army](#).

Active Faith Community Services is another local charity agency to turn to in Oakland County Michigan. This organization offers grants that are used to pay heating, electric, and water utility bills. In addition, the organization also assists people with making with rent payments. Last, but not least, they negotiate with utility companies and landlords to make sure there is clear understanding of expectations and that the problem does not reoccur. [\(248\) 437-9790](tel:248-437-9790)

Or turn to **Lighthouse Emergency Services** ([\(248\) 620-6116](tel:248-620-6116)) that pay for first months rent, security deposits, and provides money for eviction prevention. This is one of the most respected non-profits in Pontiac and the Oakland County Michigan area. They can also provide advice on such programs as [heating oil buying networks](#) and other services.

Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency is a basic needs program that provides short term financial help, but then will work with the individual to help them become self-sufficient over the long term. They run a weatherization program, provide budgeting and debt counseling, energy bill assistance, housing aid, home repairs, and many other programs. they are based in Pontiac but can help people across the county.

This is the largest non-profit in the county and region. Several other resources are available by OLHSA for unemployed and seniors that live in Oakland County Michigan. They also provide groceries from resources such as Commodity Supplemental Food Program and free meals for seniors. Also call them about emergency rental help and homeless prevention services. Dial [\(248\)209-2600](tel:248-209-2600) to apply for help, or find more details on [OLHSA assistance programs](#).

South Oakland Center ([\(248\) 546-6566](tel:248-546-6566)) and **Housing Resource Center (HRC)** ([\(248\) 928-0111](tel:248-928-0111)) both run the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program. This federal government created program offers renters limited financial assistance for leasing of rental units, rental arrearages, funds for paying security and utility deposits, grants for utility arrearages and utility bill payments. All funds are intended to prevent homelessness and programs are also available to assist those who are currently homeless.

Oakland County Community and Home Improvement - Get emergency rent assistance from the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP). This program was funded by federal stimulus dollars. It can provide money for paying security deposits, funds for up to 18 months of rent, utility and energy assistance, and even advice such as credit counseling. Pontiac Michigan. (248) 858-5403

Neighbor For Neighbor – If you are faced with an emergency, and it is determined your need is great enough, you may be eligible for financial assistance up to \$150. Funds can be used to pay for rent to prevent evictions, rental deposit assistance, medical bill payment assistance, and utility or heating bill assistance to prevent shut offs. 495 Broadway, Hart Community Center, Davisburg, Michigan 48350, main number (248) 634-0900

Housing Authorities - There are several offices around Oakland County Michigan. Programs are offered for both renters and homeowners. Contact a housing authority to get access to eviction prevention services, rental assistance, home loans, and mortgage foreclosure counseling. [Learn more](#).

OLHSA - An Oakland county Michigan Community Action Agency. Assists low-income individuals with a variety of needs, including payment of electric, gas, or heating fuel bills, prescription expense assistance, weatherization program and food. Some food programs include food pantry as well as government surplus food distribution site for seniors. There are two locations, including 345 E. Nine Mile Rd., Ferndale, MI 48220(248) 542-5860 as well as 196 Cesar E. Chavez Ave., Pontiac, Michigan 48343-0598, (248) 209-2600.

Michigan Department Of Human Services Oakland County – Qualified families can access many assistance programs, including financial assistance and cash grants to the low-income households who meet eligibility requirements. Other help is in the form of food stamps, public aid, rent and housing, and much more. 30755 Montpelier, Madison Heights, MI 48071, (248) 583-8700, 235 N. Saginaw, Pontiac MI 48342 (248) 975-5200, 195 Ladd Rd., Walled Lake, Michigan 48390, dial (248) 669-7600. More information on [Oakland Michigan public assistance](#).

Oxford Orion Fish – The non-profit offers temporary limited financial assistance to assist with utility bills, food or rent payments. 487 First St., Oxford, MI 48371, call (248) 628-3933

Clothes and basic needs - Find where to get a wide range of items. Clothing closets and thrift stores have free winter coats, boots, diapers, and school supplies. Other agencies coordinate free Christmas assistance and gifts for children. Continue with [clothing closets in Oakland County](#).

Oakland County Department Of Public Services - Veterans Service Division – Veterans or their families may qualify for temporary financial assistance for bills and expenses such as groceries, gas, rent, and mortgage to prevent evictions or foreclosures. Other assistance is in the form of utility and electric bill payments to prevent utility shut-offs. Two locations include 1200 N Telegraph Rd., North Office Building 26 East, Pontiac, Michigan 48341, phone (248) 858-0785 as well as 1151 Crooks Rd., Troy, Michigan 48084, phone (248) 655-1250

Rochester Area Neighborhood House - Provides the low income with general financial assistance for emergency needs on a case-by-case basis. 1234 Inglewood, Rochester, MI 48307, number (248) 651-5836

Assistance for the holidays can be obtained from non-profit agencies. Several Oakland County area churches and charities help low income families, seniors, and the youth in the community.

Many volunteers also contribute to the programs. Find free gifts, toys, clothing, and receive a meal at Thanksgiving or Christmas. [More information](#).

Troy People Concerned – The non-profit offers the less fortunate with rent, mortgage and utility bill assistance. 2045 Austin Dr., Troy, Michigan 48083, call (248) 528-9197

Jewish Family Service Branch Office can provide assistance, including funds for paying rent or other bills on a case-by-case basis for struggling and lower income Jewish individuals who are in emergency situation. Location is 25900 Greenfield Rd. Suite 405, Oak Park, Michigan 48237. Call (248) 592-2300

If you need rent help, and if these locations can't meet your need, find additional **Oakland County Michigan non-profits** that provide funds for paying rent, security deposits, and other housing expenses. [Click here](#).

Oakland County assistance programs and services that aid anyone in Michigan

Get information, financial assistance, and other help from the below mentioned programs. Programs can provide foreclosure prevention, help for energy bills, health care, free food, and other aid to Pontiac and Oakland County Michigan residents.

- [Michigan Section 8 housing programs](#)
- Michigan heating, energy and utility bill help. [More](#)
- Michigan mortgage and foreclosure programs. [Locate details](#)
- Michigan free food banks. [Read more](#)
- [Michigan free health care clinics](#)
- [Michigan HUD foreclosure and housing](#)
- [Michigan free legal assistance](#)
- Michigan dental clinics. [Click here](#).

Grants for a variety of bills and expenses

One location to contact for financial expense for a wide variety of everyday bills is **Community Sharing**. This agency can be reached at (248) 889-0347. The agency offers emergency cash grants and financial assistance to qualified families and individuals. the money provided to an applicant may be used for a wide variety of expenses, bills, and different situations. Applicants

can use the money to pay for heating bills, utility assistance to prevent shutoff, rent and even mortgage payment assistance to prevent eviction or foreclosure, or one time assistance with a necessary prescription drug or medical bill. In addition, other bills, expenses, or emergencies may also qualify for aid, and all applications to the program will be judged on a case-by-case basis. Assistance and cash grants may only be granted once per year to qualified people.

Oakland County prescription programs

MEIJER provides residents with access to free or discounted medications, including certain generic oral antibiotics for absolutely free. Covered antibiotics include Amoxicillin, SMZ-TMP, Cephalexin, Ciprofloxacin, Ampicillin, Erythromycin, Penicillin VK and more. They also work with [FamilyWize](#) discount prescription card. (248) 393-5100

Access to no-cost legal advice

Legal Aid and Defender Association is a firm that represents low- and moderate-income residents of Oakland County Michigan. The legal services they offer are extensive, and include consultation and free advice and representation in such legal matters as housing eviction, income and public benefits, illegal mortgages, domestic violence, wills and probate, divorce, predatory lending, income tax, consumer, foreclosure rescue and prevention, prisoners' re-entry into their communities, child custody, employment, driver's license restoration, personal identification, criminal record expungement, and help from debt collectors. Call them toll free at 877.964.4700. [Learn more.](#)

Household products

The **Furniture Bank of Southeastern Michigan** (phone (248) 332-1300) provides basic household supplies and home necessities that will improve the quality of life for low-income families and individuals. The non-profit is the only furniture bank in the Oakland County region and a vital resource for those who cannot afford household goods.

Food and groceries in Oakland County

Some of the leading food pantries are listed below. However there are a few dozen other [Oakland County Michigan food pantries](#) that can help those in need.

Zion Lutheran Church Food Pantry (phone (248) 398-5510) provides food packages and groceries (up to once per month) to individuals and families in need of help.

Pontiac Michigan **Saint Michael Catholic Church** offers food up to once every 3 months. Phone (248) 332-9167.

Saint John's Episcopal Church also offers food aid to Oakland County families. (248) 546-1255

