

# FAIRFAX COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE PROVIDERS

## General Financial Assistance

- **Northern Virginia Family Service**
  - (571) 748-2500
  - Offers Fairfax County residents with various resources, grants, and services that can help them make it through a difficult period.

## Housing, mortgage, and foreclosure counseling services

- **Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) Housing Counseling Program**
- **The Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) Eviction Prevention Program**
  - (571) 748-2500
  - Assists individuals and families with housing issues; help with eviction.

## Rent, mortgage and utility assistance programs in Fairfax

- **Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services**
  - (703) 768-9404.
  - Provides qualified individuals with a grant of up to \$250 to prevent evictions. Also helps pay first month's rent or security deposit, also provide utility help, budget counseling, and other aids.
- **McLean, Share, Inc.**
  - (703) 284-2179
  - Help people of McLean, Great Falls and Pimmit Virginia.
  - Provides emergency financial assistance and cash grants to needy families for payment of rent, utilities, cooling bills, or other emergencies. Money may even be available for medical and dental expenses.
- **St. Vincent de Paul Society.**
  - (703) 385-4010 and leave a message.
  - May be able to provide emergency heating fuel, funds for paying mortgage or rent, and/or utility bill assistance and food to those in need of help. Many of the assistance programs are offered from referrals, however some direct aid, such as food or clothing, may be provided.
- **Alexandria Salvation Army**
  - (703) 548-0579
  - Gives qualified individuals a very limited amount of emergency financial aid, as funding allows. Also administers the Washington Area Fuel Fund and EnergyShare utility bill assistance program.
- **Our Daily Bread Inc.**
  - (703) 273-8829

- Can provide qualified families and individuals with a one-time cash grant of up to \$350. For emergency payment toward paying for housing expenses, utilities and energy bills, prescriptions or medical assistance, and/or auto repairs. Also supports groceries from the Food Bridge program and free back to school supplies.
- **Fairfax Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)**
  - **(703) 246-5100**
  - The federal government stimulus program created a service known as the Homelessness Prevention Fund. This can provide renters with emergency short or long term rent assistance, eviction prevention, and funds for paying security deposits.
- **VOA Chesapeake**
  - **(703) 820-7623**
  - Operates several short term and low-income housing programs in northern Virginia, including the Fairfax County region. The homeless, or residents facing an eviction, may qualify for help. Most housing units have a waiting list. Other financial aid may be offered for veterans (such as grants to pay rent from SSVF), seniors, and those most at risk.
- **Lamb Center**
  - **(703) 691-3178**
  - Over 50 local churches participate in this charity organization. The churches coordinate to provide limited financial aid for paying utilities, rent, transportation, food vouchers and prescription medicine. Also provides mental health and other medical outreach.
  - Maybe most importantly the churches can provide referrals to other agencies, non-profits, and government programs. Serves homeless and needy persons in Fairfax County.
  - They can also help with job searches.
- **American Red Cross National Capital Region**
  - **(877) 272-7337**
  - May have assistance in very limited circumstances for members of the armed forces. It is offered in places where Red Cross workers are deployed with America's military. Information and referral, financial aid, and resources for veterans are available.
- **James Mott Community Assistance Program (JMCAP)**
  - **(703) 591-1600**
  - May have limited funds to help Fairfax County families with paying their rent or utilities.
- **AHC Inc.**
  - **(703) 486-0626**
  - Offers homebuyer assistance. Resources are available for low- and moderate-income residents. Low interest loans can assist with down payment and closing costs as well.

- **Koinonia Foundation, Inc.**
  - **(703) 971-1991**
  - is a non-profit that provides Emergency Financial Assistance and grants with partial payment of utilities (electric, gas, water), rent/mortgage, and even prescription medications.
- **Falls Church, Hispanic Committee of Virginia.**
  - **(703) 671-5666**
  - A program of Hispanic Committee of Va./ Comite Hispano de Virginia. Staff, which is bilingual, may be able to assist low income clients with providing direct social services and information on government assistance programs, case management, mental, dental and physical health referrals, crisis intervention, emergency services, domestic violence and provides referrals for financial assistance for emergencies such as housing and energy bills.
- **Catholic Charities**
  - **(703) 548-4227**
  - Assistance programs focus on the low income, seniors, children, and single parents in Fairfax County. Seniors can receive free food, meals, or transportation. Financial assistance, shelter, and housing is offered from a resource known as Christ House. The agency also provides the needy with information and referrals to other government assistance and public aid, including assistance for utility bills, rent, and medications. This is one of the leading organizations to call for help.
- **Fairfax County Department of Family Services**
  - **(703) 324-7500**
  - Programs and financial aid can help pay for installation of cooling equipment, free fans, room air conditioners, utility and electric security deposit or back utility bills. Assistance is offered for families and individuals that meet the income requirements and include an individual who is permanently and totally disabled, age 60 or over, or families with children under age 6. They also have extensive information on federal government and state of Virginia financial assistance programs, such as health care, low-income housing, rent help, and more. Several other resources are offered from Family Services. The organization can process applications for cash assistance from TANF or SNAP food stamps. They also offer In-Home Care for seniors and free income tax preparation. Or learn about government assistance to pay for rent, moving expenses, or even security deposits in Fairfax County.
- **Fairfax Area Agency on Aging**
  - **(703) 324-7948**
  - Assists low-income senior households with providing cooling equipment or money for the payment of electric bills.

- **Help at Christmas**
  - [http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/fairfax\\_county\\_free\\_christmas.html](http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/fairfax_county_free_christmas.html)
  - is provided to children from low income families as well as seniors. There may also be assistance at other holidays, such as Thanksgiving. Meals, food boxes, free toys, games, and other aid is provided to the less fortunate.
- **Fort Myer Soldier and Family Assistance Center**
  - **(703) 696-3510**
  - This not for profit center can provide emergency financial assistance for paying bills and expenses to active duty and their immediate family members, reservist and national guard personnel, and retired military who are in need due to non receipt of pay; medical, dental or hospital expenses; loss or delay of funds or paychecks, funeral expenses for immediate family members; travel for emergencies; and free food and utilities for emergencies only.
- **Human Services and Social Services**
  - **(703) 222-0880**
  - Various government and public aid programs are offered by Fairfax county. Services range from food stamps, LIHEAP energy assistance, free health care, and Head Start to cash assistance.
- **United Community Ministries, Inc.**
  - **(703) 768-7106**
  - Another local charity organization/not for profit. Low income, unemployed, or those who need help can apply for financial assistance grants to put towards heating and cooling bills. Must have cut off notice to be eligible for funds from the church. Some money may be offered to prevent an eviction from an apartment or home too.
- **Fort Belvoir Army Community Service**
  - **(703) 805-3130**
  - Another agency that can help military members, veterans, and/or their family members.
- **Transitional housing, shelter, and low income apartments**
  - [http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/fairfax\\_county\\_short\\_term\\_hous.html](http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/fairfax_county_short_term_hous.html)
  - May be provided to certain income qualified families. The shelters in Fairfax County tend to be for anyone that is struggling or homeless, while low income housing will be for families that are working towards self-sufficiency and stability. There are units for veterans as well as other at risk residents, such as single parents or the increasing number of seniors in northern Virginia.

- **Clothing distribution centers**
  - [http://www.needhelp-payingbills.com/html/fairfax\\_virginia\\_free\\_clothing.html](http://www.needhelp-payingbills.com/html/fairfax_virginia_free_clothing.html)
  - Are located across Fairfax County. Some of the locations (such as a clothing closet) will distribute the items for free. Others, including thrift stores, are open to the general public and sell goods at a low cost. Depending on the site, what may be offered includes clothes, furniture, diapers, furniture, school supplies and Christmas toys.
- **Social Services and Referrals**
  - [http://www.needhelp-payingbills.com/html/fairfax\\_emergency\\_assistance.html](http://www.needhelp-payingbills.com/html/fairfax_emergency_assistance.html)
  - The county is supported by a social services agency that can refer low income individuals to financial assistance programs. The non-profit Coordinated Services Planning can advise people on housing and rent issues. Learn about medical bill assistance and free prescriptions. Other services include utility assistance, clothing, food, and more.
- **LINK**
  - **Referrals are always needed from a social service agency, so dial 703-222-0880 in Fairfax County**
  - Provides basic needs to only a small portion of Fairfax County. Whether it is food from a pantry or gasoline vouchers to a job interview, services may be offered. They also help locate clients into both transitional and permanent housing, offer clothing for work, and more.

## Vehicles

- **Vehicles for change**
  - **(410) 242-9674**
  - The **Vehicles for Change** program was created to assist low and moderate income individuals in the local community as these families and individuals strive to become self-reliant. This program receives donations of used cars from local businesses and the community and then prepares these cars to be "road ready" for distribution to eligible recipients. So people can receive a fairly decent quality car, for little money or maybe even for free.

## Help with paying energy bills

- **Fuel Assistance Program**
  - Call **Fairfax County** at **(703) 324-7604**
  - Will provide help to eligible low and moderate income Fairfax households. The funds provided will help them with the costs of heating or cooling their homes. The application period runs from late October to late November.

- **Crisis Assistance Program**
  - **(703) 324-7604**
  - This will assist households that are facing an emergency situation by providing primary with money to pay their bills if they are facing a disconnection. Money is also available for funding the repair or replacement of heating equipment and heat security deposits. The application period for a crisis grant runs from November to March of each year. You may also request an application by calling.
- **Summer assistance**
  - **Call social services at 703-787-3100**
  - The Fairfax Virginia area can experience extreme heat and humidity during the summer. Low income families may struggle with paying their cooling bills during the summer as the amount of electricity they use will typically increase. Several programs, including financial and free fans or AC units, are administered.

### Family and Children

- **Child care assistance and referral program**
  - **(703)449-8484**
  - This program offered in Fairfax county provides financial assistance to help families in need pay for child care. Assistance is offered to both low and moderate income families that reside in Fairfax County Virginia. The program supports families who are in education or job training programs, and families who are working in they need assistance with paying for the cost of child care. The child care assistance program pays for child care costs in family child care homes, child care facilities, or School-Age Child Care.
- **Rent help from FAMILY PRESERVATION and Strengthening Service (Family PASS)**
  - **(703) 242-6474**
  - This organization provides a three-year rental assistance program, and they combine it with intensive case management, budgeting, debt management, and other resources. The Family PASS program requires that families be in the U.S. legally and adults also need to be working but are just struggling to stay current with their monthly rent. Many of the applicants need skills to find better employment, and to meet this need educational training is one of the organization's ways of support. Some of the other services offered include intense counseling, from money management, debt management, and planning to housing assistance and access to grants. The **Family PASS program** works with landlords who will accept its rental assistance and cash grants to help clients qualify for approval. In the assistance formula that the organization uses, no more than 31 percent of a family's total household income will go towards paying rent. Family PASS subsidizes the rest by paying the landlord directly.

### Low cost or free health and medical care

- **The County of Fairfax Virginia**
  - **(703) 237-3446**
  - offers several affordable health care programs. Some of the services provided to children and others includes primary care and urgent care, prescription drugs, dental care, vision services, immunizations, and more.
- **Fairfax County Community Health Care Network (CHCN).**
  - **<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/pcs/hdchcn.htm>**
  - Low income and uninsured residents of Fairfax and Falls Church and Falls Church can turn to the Patients who can't afford to pay medical and hospital bills can contact this organization of local doctors and medical professionals.
- **Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic**
  - **(703) 481-8160**
  - offers free medical care for children, and some adults may also qualify if they have certain conditions.
- **Alexandria, Queen Street Clinic.**
  - **(703) 299-9701**
  - They offer free medical care.

### Debt elimination and credit repair

- **Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services**
  - **(703) 768-9404**
  - Debt reduction and financial education for low-income families and individuals of Fairfax County. Can clean up the credit history, money management skills, reduce debt payments and interest rates, and gain financial independence.

### Food/ Food pantries

- **Food for Others**
  - **(703) 207-9173**
  - They provide food that is vitally needed by our unemployed and low-income people who live in northern Virginia.
- **Vienna Committee for Helping Others**
  - **(703) 281-7614**
  - Offers emergency food aid.
- **Columbia Center for Missions,**
  - **(703) 534-5700**
  - In the Falls Church Virginia area, provides bags of groceries to those in need of assistance.

- **McLean, Share, Inc.**
  - **(703) 284-2179**
  - Provides emergency food and groceries to families in need.
- **Fairfax County Salvation Army**
  - **(703) 385-8700**
  - Distributes food to the needy
- **Several other churches, charities, and agencies**
  - **[http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/fairfax\\_food\\_pantries.html](http://www.needhelppayingbills.com/html/fairfax_food_pantries.html)**
  - Provide free food in the Fairfax County region to the low income, senior citizens, and disabled.

#### Government programs and crisis assistance

- **Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning (CSP)**
  - **(703) 222-0880**
  - Provides low to moderate income, the unemployed, and others who are struggling assistance with basic needs issues, such as emergency food, utility help, clothing, housing and rent, furniture, and transportation to medical appointments, screening for emergency shelter, and access to other social services.