**Affordable Housing Resources**

The Fair Housing Act (FHA) prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of housing, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, and disability. The Fair Housing Act prohibits types of action, regardless of actor, thereby covering a broad range of persons and entities that provide housing or engage in housing-related transactions. Landlords, resettlement agencies, shelters, housing programs, and other housing providers are covered insofar as they assist people in identifying and obtaining housing as a housing program provider. Under a federal law known as Title VI, housing providers who receive federal funding must at least provide interpretation so you can access their housing services.

**Housing Resource List**

**Boise City Ada County Housing Authority** (Boise and Ada County Area)

Phone number: 345-4907

Address: 1276 W River St #300, Boise, ID 83702

<http://www.bcacha.org/index.html>

**Section 8 Choice Voucher Program** check with BCACHA regarding the application process.

**Other housing complexes:**

**Public Housing** is housing administered by federal, state and local agencies to provide [subsidized](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Subsidy) assistance for [low-income](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Low-income) households.

**Section 8 New Construction (Housing Complex)**

**Other housing vouchers/programs:**

Shelter Plus Care Voucher

CHOIS Vouchers

Homeless Vouchers

Vouchers for Victims of Domestic Violence

Housing for Persons with AIDS/HIV Vouchers

Family Self-Sufficiency Program

Families must have a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher to enroll in the program. The money stays in the account and earns interest until the family finishes the program. If the family successfully completes the program, they get to keep the money. They can use the money to make a down payment on a house, buy a car, pay for college, or for any other purpose.

**Idaho Housing and Finance Association** (for housing outside of Boise/Ada County)

Phone: 208-331-4877

**Section 8 Choice Voucher Program**

The **Housing Choice Voucher Program** provides "tenant-based" rental assistance, so a tenant can move from one unit of at least minimum housing quality to another.

**Supportive Housing Vouchers**

**Nampa Housing Authority** (located in Nampa)

Phone: 466-2061

Address: 211 19th Ave. North, Nampa, ID 83687

Affordable housing located on 9 scattered sites in Nampa, Idaho, is 142 units owned and operated by Nampa Housing Authority. These units are leased to low-income families, seniors, and disabled applicants that pre-qualify for housing.

**Caldwell Housing Authority**

Phone: 459-2232

Address:22730 Farmway Road, Caldwell, Idaho 83607

<http://chaidaho.org/eligibility.html>

The Caldwell Housing Authority provides rental housing to eligible ***farm labor*** families (priority) and to ***non-farm*** families or individuals with limited income.

**Southwestern Idaho Housing Cooperative**

Phone: 585-9325

Address: 377 Cornell Street, Middleton, ID 83644

<http://www.sicha.org/Public/Section8Vouchers/ProgramFAQ.htm>

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program

Southwestern Idaho Cooperative Housing Authority (SICHA) administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance program for Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Washington and Valley counties in Southwest Idaho.

Voucher Home Ownership

Family Self-Sufficiency Program

**Rural Development Housing**

Phone and Address:

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| BOISE SUB-AREA OFFICE |
| 9173 W BARNES DR |
| BOISE, ID 83709-1573 |
|  |
| (208) 378-5600 |
|  |
| CALDWELL SERVICE CENTER-RD |
| 2208 E CHICAGO ST |
| CALDWELL, ID 83605-4495 |
|  |
| (208) 378-5600 |
|  |

<http://eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov/eligibility/welcomeAction.do>

**Section 8 Project Based Housing** (All over Idaho)

[www.housingidaho.com](http://www.housingidaho.com)

1-877-428-8844

208-331-4877

Section 8 also authorizes a variety of "project-based" rental assistance programs, under which the owner reserves some or all of the units in a building for low-income tenants, in return for a Federal government guarantee to make up the difference between the tenant's contribution and the rent in the owner's contract with the government. A tenant who leaves a subsidized project will lose access to the project-based subsidy.

**Section 42 Housing**

[www.housingidaho.com](http://www.housingidaho.com)

1-877-428-8844

208-331-4877

Section 42 tax credits provide incentives to develop affordable housing created for low-income persons.

**Homebuyer Resources:**

**TALK TO A HUD-APPROVED HOUSING COUNSELOR:** If you have a question about buying a home, owning a home, or renting an apartment, you may want to talk to a “HUD-approved housing counselor.”  Whether in person or on the phone, they can help you get the answers and the help you need.  And, best of all, their services are usually free. For a HUD-approved housing counselor in Idaho, please visit. <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=ID>

**Individual Development Account** (IDA) enables [low-income](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Low-income) [families](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Family) to save towards a targeted amount to help buy a home, pay for college, or start a small business. For more information contact Marcia Munden of Catholic Charities at 345-6031.

**Homebuyer Education Classes** Boise Neighborhood Housing Services: (208) 258-6225 or email at [home@nhsid.org](mailto:home@nhsid.or); website: <http://www.nhsid.org/what-we-do/homebuyer-education>

**Habitat for Humanity**

For more information contact Marcia Munden of Catholic Charities at 345-6031.

Canyon County Habitat for Humanity (208-463-0864) or Boise Valley Habitat for Humanity (331-2916) builds simple, decent, affordable homes in partnership with volunteers, donors, and sponsors for families. We all work in support of families who invest hundreds of hours of “sweat equity” labor in preparation for successful homeownership.

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