Research shows that services such as child care, education assistance, financial counseling, transportation, and employment all help families maintain stable housing situations.

To that end, all of the services provided by Community Action Organization are designed to help families address the affordable housing crisis in the areas we serve.

The New Venture Housing Program provides housing assistance to low income families and individuals facing foreclosures or evictions. In addition to assisting with agency and community resources to prevent homelessness – pending foreclosures or evictions, our services include:

- Counseling and case management to identify symptoms that lead to crises – aimed at establishing self-sufficiency.
- A grant for first month’s rent, one month past due rent (to prevent eviction), or one month past due mortgage payment (to prevent foreclosure) – when available through FEMA funds.

Information You Need to Submit to Receive Services

Before you can receive services, please call our office for an intake interview to determine your eligibility.

- Picture ID
- Social Security cards for all members in household
- Letterhead referral from shelter or referring Agency,
- Proof of Income (budget sheet, SSI or SSD award letter, pay stubs, child support),
- Eviction notice, shut off notice, or documentation from utility company
- Proof of Section 8 / Belmont Subsidy
RESTORE

RESTORE program is a senior owner occupied repair program, which is funded to support senior homeowners in areas located in the Fillmore and Ellicott Districts. You must be 60 or over in order to participate, own or occupy the home. The program is open as long as funds are available. Please call our office for more information on eligibility requirements for the program.

First Time Homebuyer

The process of buying a house can be difficult and costly if you don’t know what to look for. Learn firsthand from experts the process of purchasing your first home. CAO provides comprehensive educational advice from Bankers, Attorneys, Realtors and Credit Counselors. Learn how to repair your credit, budget for a new home, qualify for a home loan, know what to look for when searching for a home, what legal fees are involved and how much you can afford to purchase your new home.

AHC

Our AHC Program is geared toward proving grants to low - to moderate income homeowners to make health, safety and code violations repairs to their homes. Grants for this program are based on funding availability. Please call to see if grant funds are available and for additional eligibility requirements.

HIRP

The Home Improvement Resource Program helps you identify the resources to get you financed, help you complete the applications, provide you with a coach, assemble a home improvement team, and a case manager to help you to see your HIRP through to completion. Homeowners and renters can apply for NYERDA funding to lower their energy costs. Meetings are held every second Wednesday of the month at 564 Dodge Street - Building #400. For more information or to reserve your seat please call 716.881.6543.

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