

Resources that can help you locate, move into, and maintain permanent living

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Adult Protective Services

740-687-6812

Can assist eligible adults age 60 and older in locating housing.

City of Lancaster

Community Development Department

Community Development Block Grant

Entitlement Program

111 South Broad Street, Suite 217

Lancaster, OH 43130

740-687-6663

Homebuyer Acquisition Assistance Program

The Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program has a homebuyer acquisition assistance program to assist low-and-moderate income households in purchasing a single family dwelling unit within the city of Lancaster. Financial assistance in the form of a \$5,000 deferred loan is to be utilized for mortgage buy down. This loan is to help eligible persons qualify for a conventional or insured mortgage loan through a participating bank, saving and loan association, credit union or other private lending institution.

Homeowner Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program

The Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program offers a homeowner housing rehabilitation assistance program which upgrades single family dwelling units within the incorporated area of the city of Lancaster. The applicant must be the owner and occupant of the dwelling. It provides low and moderate income households with a safe, decent, sanitary, and sound place to live and it preserves our most valuable material asset – our homes. These deferred/direct loan funds are available to rehabilitate structures to meet Housing Rehabilitation Standards. Homeowner housing rehabilitation assistance is limited to a maximum of \$24,000 per structure.

Fair Housing

The Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program oversees fair housing. The city of Lancaster provides an on-going program of fair housing services through its Community Development Department. The program consists of fair housing counseling, mediation, complaint referral, public education and outreach, fair housing compliance monitoring and public policy analysis.

Lancaster-Fairfield County Community Action

1743 East Main Street (P.O. Box 768)

Lancaster, OH 43130

740-653-4146

www.faircaa.org

Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Housing and Utility Assistance

The **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** offers heating bill assistance during the winter heating season. Whether an eligible household heats with electric, gas, firewood, coal, propane, fuel oil or kerosene, this program can help. Customers who receive services from AEP or Columbia Gas may also be referred for the **Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)**.

HEAP offers the **Summer Crisis Program** to assist low-income households with residents who are age 60 and over and for Ohioans with a qualifying medical condition – people who are the most vulnerable to serious health problems during summer’s extreme temperatures. Eligible households may receive electric bill payment assistance.

Applicants for HEAP, SCP or PIPP must provide income verification from all household members for the preceding 13 weeks.

LFCOA is committed to assisting low- and moderate-income households with their needs for safe and affordable housing. Eligible households may receive **rent or mortgage assistance** to prevent homelessness as funding resources are available.

We can help qualifying home owners with many types of emergency repairs, rehabilitation and down payment assistance as funds are available from the **Fairfield County Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP), Rural Development Home Preservation Grant (HPG) and the Housing Assistance Grant.**

We assist with home weatherization to help home owners lower the cost of utility bills through the **Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP).**

Through **Housing Opportunities for Persons Living With AIDS (HOPWA)** and in partnership with The Woodlands AIDS Task Force, LFCOA assists eligible households with rental payments where a member of the household is living with AIDS or is HIV Positive.

Applicants for all types of assistance must provide proof of household income and other documentation according to the specific program requirements.

Fairfield County Job and Family Services (JFS)

239 W. Main Street
Lancaster, Ohio 43130
1-740-652-7889
1-800-450-8845
www.fcjfs.org
Office hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC)

PRC is short-term assistance offered by Community Services to help families overcome emergencies that prevent them from maintaining employment or may cause the loss of a stable home environment. Assistance may be available for utilities, car repair, rent or deposit and other needs that would help a person gain employment or prevent a family from becoming homeless.

JFS has other programs that will help eligible families and individuals obtain stability and maintain housing: Ohio Direction Card (formerly called food stamps), Healthy Start/Healthy Families (medical assistance), Ohio Works First, WorkNet (job locator & employment training), and transportation to medical appointments. Success coaches offer case management and supportive services to customers in these programs.

Fairfield County Transitional Housing Program (THP)

Lutheran Social Services
1681 East Main Street
Lancaster, OH 43130
740-653-2265
Office hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

THP provides a supportive system for families with minor children to move from homelessness to self-sufficiency. THP services include case management, life skills training opportunities, community information and referral, assistance with housing and

transportation, limited housekeeping supplies not covered by food stamps, and clothing when available. This program also offers a family success class that operates two times a month.

Fairfield County 2-1-1

aka Information & Referral

108 West Main Street, Suite C

Lancaster, OH 43130

740-687-0500

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm; 24 Hour Services are available

www.informationreferral.org

Mental Health Crisis Line 740-687-TALK (687-8255)

Fairfield County 2-1-1 links people with community resources. Examples of referrals are food, financial, medication, eyeglass, Christmas, and school clothes assistance. 2-1-1 also maintains the housing locator, "Project HouseCall".

Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living (SOCIL)

418 South Broad Street

Lancaster, OH 43130

Voice/TTY (740) 689-1494

Toll Free 1-888-957-6245

Email: socil@sbcglobal.net

Contact SOCIL for a list of accessible apartments within the community. SOCIL may also be able to assist with ramps or other modifications that will enable a individual with a disability to stay in their home. Supportive services are also available to individuals transitioning from a nursing facility back into their community.

Social Security Administration

252 Venture Place

Lancaster, Ohio 43130

1-740-654-2645

1-800-772-1213

TTY : 1-800-325-0778

Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

www.socialsecurity.gov

Social Security (SS) helps not only older Americans, but also workers who become disabled, and families in which a spouse or parent dies. Some SS benefits include retirement benefits, retirement benefits for widows and widowers, disability benefits and survivor benefits. If you receive SS benefits, but have limited income and resources SSI maybe able to help. SSI makes monthly payments to people who are age 65 or older or who are blind or disabled.

Southeastern Ohio Legal Services, Lancaster office

123 South Broad Street

Lancaster, OH 43130

Phone: 740-653-7705

Email: lancaster@oslsa.org

Southeastern Ohio Legal Services provides legal assistance to low-income persons in civil cases, including family, health care, education, consumer, utilities, right to counsel, landlord/tenant, and public benefit cases. Eligibility is established by income and resource guidelines established by the Legal Services Corporation.

Veterans Service Commission Office

227 E. Main Street

Lancaster, OH 43130

Phone: 740-689-6202

The VA may be able to help qualifying veterans with utility, rent, or mortgage payments, especially to avoid a homeless situation. Other programs, such as health benefits, home loans, transportation and food may be available to help the veteran maintain stable housing.