

Public Housing Resources for Families in the Valley

Public Housing provides **safe, long-term, income-based rental housing** for low-income families. Rent is typically calculated as 30% of adjusted household income. Below are local agencies and resources in Maricopa County and surrounding Valley cities.

Public Housing Authorities in the Valley

1. City of Phoenix Housing Department

- Offers over 1,500 public housing units across Phoenix.
 - Includes family communities with on-site support services.
 - **Website:** [Phoenix Housing](#)
 - **Phone:** (602) 534-1974
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2. Mesa Housing Authority

- Provides public housing for families in Mesa.
 - Includes supportive services and referrals for employment/education.
 - **Website:** [Mesa Housing](#)
 - **Phone:** (480) 644-3536
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3. Chandler Housing and Redevelopment Division

- Manages family public housing and voucher programs.
- Works with families to maintain long-term stability.

- **Website:** [Chandler Housing](#)
 - **Phone:** (480) 782-3200
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4. Tempe Housing Services

- Offers public housing units for families and collaborates with local nonprofits for wraparound support.
 - **Website:** [Tempe Housing](#)
 - **Phone:** (480) 350-8950
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5. Scottsdale Housing Agency

- Provides a limited number of public housing units and Section 8 vouchers.
 - **Website:** [Scottsdale Housing](#)
 - **Phone:** (480) 312-7717
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6. Maricopa County Housing Authority (MCHA)

- Covers unincorporated parts of the county.
 - Provides public housing for families, seniors, and disabled individuals.
 - **Website:** [MCHA](#)
 - **Phone:** (602) 744-4500
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Application Process for Public Housing

1. Check Eligibility

- Income must be at or below 30–50% of Area Median Income (AMI).
- Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible immigrant.
- Families, elderly, and persons with disabilities are prioritized.

2. Prepare Documents

- Birth certificates and Social Security cards for all household members
- Photo IDs for adults
- Proof of income (pay stubs, benefits, child support, etc.)
- Rental history and references

3. Apply Online or In-Person

- Most housing authorities allow online pre-applications.
- Some have limited waitlist openings, check websites regularly.

Application Tips for Families

-  Apply to **multiple housing authorities** to increase your chances.
-  Keep all documents ready and organized in a folder.
-  Respond quickly to letters/emails from housing authorities to avoid being removed from waitlists.
-  Update your contact information immediately if it changes.
-  Be patient, waitlists can be long, but staying active on them is key.