

## Using the Internet to Find Local Subsidized Housing Resources

The Internet is a useful tool for finding subsidized housing resources in your community. Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), Illinois Department of Human Services (IHDS), Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (IDHFS) and Illinois Department on Aging (IDoA) are working on a statewide housing website to launch in Spring 2009. In the meantime, the following websites may help you.

### US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Web-site: [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov)

Click **Renting** on the left, which will bring you to the **Renting** page. All items **bold and underlined** are links to additional, useful information. A few types of Federally subsidized housing are:

1. **Privately owned subsidized housing.** Click **search for an apartment**, then choose IL from list of states. Select an area by city, county or zip code to list privately owned affordable properties.
2. **Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher Program** (aka Section 8 tenant-based rental assistance) Access to both programs is through local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) or administering agencies. Click **public housing agency**, then on Illinois from the list or the map to list all PHAs and agencies that administer Section 8 in the state. Find your city or town. More detailed profiles of each PHA, including numbers of public housing units and Section 8 vouchers, can be found by visiting <https://pic.hud.gov/pic/haprofiles/haprofilelist.asp>.

### Rural Housing Services (RHS) website: [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov)

RHS funds multifamily and elderly properties in rural communities. Elderly properties must serve persons with disabilities 18 and older. Go directly to [www.rurdev.usda.gov](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov). On the left side of the screen click **List of Apartment Complexes**. On the next screen you can search by town, zip code, property name or management company, or you can select Illinois on the map, then the county of interest. The resulting list of USDA developments links to property-specific information.

### Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) website: [www.ihda.org](http://www.ihda.org)

Click on **Statewide Resources**. From there you can select **Senior Developments**, **Family Developments** and/or **Special Needs Developments** under **All Rental Apartments Financed by IHDA**, then choose a county from the dropdown box on the right and click **Submit**. Those listed "Section 8" have project-based rental assistance. Once the household moves from the Section 8 Project-Based unit, it loses the assistance. The other developments on the list offer below-market rents, without additional rental assistance.

### Supportive Living Program: [www.sfillinois.com](http://www.sfillinois.com)

The Supportive Living Program is a 1915c home and community-based services (CCBS) waiver approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), that allows for certified providers to collect reimbursement on behalf of Medicaid-eligible persons receiving assisted living services in the community. This affordable assisted living model offers frail elderly (age 65 and over) or persons with physical disabilities (age 22 to 64) housing with additional services. For a list of operational sites, visit [www.sfillinois.com](http://www.sfillinois.com).