

Blue Earth County

Housing Resource Guide



Blue Earth County Housing Resource Services (507)304-4309
Blue Earth County Government Center 410 S. 5th St., PO Box 3526, Mankato, MN 56002

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Homeless or At-Risk of Homeless

Coordinated Entry System (CES)

The River Valleys Coordinated Entry System (CES) makes sure that all people having a housing crisis have fair and equal access to housing. People will be identified, assessed for, referred, and linked to housing and services based on their individual needs.

You can get connected to coordinated entry through any access site, either in person or on the phone. We have a housing assessment we do to help determine possible housing programs that might be a good fit for you. After the assessment you will then be placed onto the coordinated entry list that housing providers get names from when an opening becomes available. There are no wrong door access sites.

Blue Earth County CES Access Sites:

- Families with Children: 507-387-2115 (P4H) or 507-345-6822 (MVAC)
- Single Adults: 507-344-9266 (Salvation Army) or 507-345-6822 (MVAC)
- Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence: 507-625-8688 (CADA)
- Unaccompanied Youth (24 years old or younger): 507-381-6670 (The REACH)
- Veterans: 1-833-222-6228 (MACV)
- Connections Ministry/Shelter- 507-995-5732

For more information and other County access sites:

Coordinated Entry Participant Brochure at ThreeRiverscap.org

Minnesota Valley Action Council (MVAC)

706 N. Victory Drive
Mankato, MN 56001
507-345-6822

Energy Assistance Program (EAP):

EAP is a program to provide funds to help pay heating and energy bills. EAP is for: Wage Earners, Self-Employed persons, seniors, and other low-income households. Eligible Applicants include Homeowners, Renters who pay heating costs, and Renters with heat included, but pay electric.

The EAP Program is to assist eligible households with their energy bill. The assistance amount varies depending on household income and household size, heat type, and previous heating cost. This assistance is in the form of a direct payment to a fuel/utility vendor on behalf of the household. MVAC administers the program for residents in the 9-county area.

Homeless Prevention Programs:

MVAC provides problem solving assistance to person with a housing crisis. This can include:

- Assessment of strengths and needs
- Resource referrals

- Advocacy with landlords, host families and resource providers and/or
- Referral to budget coaching/financial planning

Funding for persons at-risk of losing their housing is available. Literally Homeless households must be referred through Coordinated Entry.

Eligibility:

- Meet income guidelines
- Be homeless, doubled up or facing homelessness within 2 weeks, have an eviction notice
- Be a MN resident
- Unable to resolve crisis on own
- Meet assessment criteria
- Be willing to participate in case management

Units may need to be within Fair Market Rents. Can have an annual lease, 6 months, or month to month.

MVAC's HUD Rapid Rehousing Program requires an annual lease and pass a housing safety inspection before household can move in.

Homework Starts with Home Program assists homeless families who are struggling to get into a unit. Can assist with deposit, portion of first month's rent, and rental subsidy going forward. Must have children enrolled in Mankato ISD 77.

MVAC is a Coordinated Entry assessment site. Call 507-345-6822 ext. 4 to schedule an appointment.

Shelters

Committee Against Domestic Abuse (CADA)

Crisis Line 1-800-477-0466

Text: 507-223-4200

Blue Earth County Shelter: 507-625-8688

CADA's mission is to provide safety and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence through education, advocacy, and shelter. CADA serves an eight-county region including, Blue Earth, Brown, Faribault, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan Counties. CADA operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to provide free and confidential services to all victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence. CADA provides emergency safety shelter to female-identifying survivors and their children who are experiencing domestic violence, sexual violence, or sex trafficking.

Partners for Housing

507-387-2115 ext.1

12 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 2145, Mankato

Operates three shelters that provide emergency housing for homeless families and individuals. Guests at the shelter work with a case manager identify and work through barriers to successful housing. The facility is secured and is staffed by many friendly and professional staff. Life skill workshops are offered on a weekly basis to improve knowledge of guests during their 90 day stay.

- **Theresa House**
 - 507-387-4061
 - 423 S. Broad St, Mankato, MN 56001
- **Welcome Inn**
 - 507-387-4061
 - 419 S. Broad St, Mankato, MN 56001
- **Union Street Place shelter St Peter**
 - 507-931-3100
 - 221 Union Street, St Peter, MN 56082

Partners for Housing also owns and operates several site-based housing facilities that provide different housing options, including transitional and permanent affordable housing to homeless and/or at-risk individuals and families in the Mankato area.

- **Transitional Housing & Permanent Rentals**
 - 507-387-2115

Connections Ministry / Shelter

507-995-4952 (for shelter) or 507-995-5732 (for office)

220 E. Hickory St, Mankato

- Open early October through May
- All are welcome, including all genders and family configurations. Separate spaces are available for those who identify as men and those who identify as women, as well as designated family rooms.
- Shelter capacity is 40; 23 beds for men and other are flex.
- New guests looking to get into the shelter will need to contact the shelter at 507-995-4952 and schedule an in-person intake appointment. It is preferred that intake appointments occur outside of normal shelter hours.
- Shelter hours are 6pm-8am. Typical Intake will happen each night at the shelter from 6pm-6:30pm. New shelter guests should call before 6pm if possible. No new intakes will be taken after 10 pm.
- Guests will need to be out of the shelter by 8am every day.

The Salvation Army Emergency Day Shelter

507-344-9266

700 S. Riverfront Drive, Mankato (Use Door “E”)

The Day Shelter provides a safe place to rest for all people experiencing homelessness. Immediate care includes showers, laundry, WIFI, computer, and telephone. The Day Shelter advocates provide all the necessary items for showers and laundry. Long term care includes case management with coordinated entry assessments and referrals to outside supportive services.

The Day Shelter is open all year long with hours varying in the winter and summer months.

The REACH Resource Center

507-381-6670

125 E. Liberty St.

Mankato, MN 56001

The REACH supports youth who are at-risk, experiencing homelessness or have run away. Our mission is to create a safe, nonjudgmental place for young people that will empower and enhance their sense of self-reliance and community connection.

The REACH is a place where youth ages 16-24 can acquire the knowledge they need to be healthy, independent, and successful adults. Here, young people can look beyond their past and begin to plan for hopeful futures.

The REACH provides youth with a variety of services we center on each individual’s needs. Whether they need support meeting basic needs, securing an apartment, or finding medical care or mental health counseling, The REACH is here to listen and provide support.

Employees at The REACH are knowledgeable and trained to support youth dealing with issues such as homelessness, mental illness, chemical dependency, parenthood and sexual exploitation.

NUMAS HAUS Shelter

507-359-2202

hhulke@numashaus.org

PO Box 291

New Ulm, MN 56073

NUMAS Haus provides emergency shelter and support services to homeless single women and their children (ages 0-12) from the Brown County, Minnesota area. The program is designed to help these families find permanent housing within 90 days, while addressing the root causes of homelessness for each family through counseling, educational programs, and case management. The goal is to help these families develop the skills and resources they need to never be homeless again.

Board and Lodge Settings

Brothers Board and Lodge

Brothers Board and Lodge offers housing support designed to assist individuals with transitioning back into the community upon rehabilitation completion.

Brothers promotes a safe, sober, and comfortable living environment while encouraging independence. Residents must have 30 days of sobriety prior to admission.

Brothers Board and Lodge

P: 507-338-2326

Email: brothersblss@yahoo.com

www.brothersboardandlodge.com

Beyond Brink

Beyond Brink is a Minnesota nonprofit Recovery Community Organization. Our MISSION is to assist individuals seeking to improve their lives through the process of recovery. Our PURPOSE is to empower individuals who desire to maintain long-term recovery by creating avenues to support recovery. Our VISION is to provide tools to promote whole wellness.

Our services include:

1. Board and Lodge with Special Services- Men's Housing Program, Women's Housing Program, and Pre-Treatment Housing Program. Serving individuals with substance use disorder (SUD) and co-occurring disorders.
2. Recovery Community Center- Providing Peer Recovery Support, Recovery Support, Resource Navigation and supportive services to persons and families affected by Substance use and co-occurring disorders. (A Minnesota Health Care Provider of Behavioral Health Services)

For more information on any of these services or to make a referral please contact us at:

314 Chestnut Drive

Mankato, MN 56001

P: 507-779-7091

F: 507-779-7092

email: wecovery@beyondbrink.com

www.beyondbrink.com

New Hope Board and Lodge

New Hope Board and Lodge offers housing support to both men and women struggling with mental illness and/or chemical dependency. We provide safe, sober, and comfortable living environments while encouraging independence and self-sufficiency. We do not provide 24/7 onsite supervision, but all of our homes have 24/7 surveillance to ensure safety and curfew compliance. We conduct random observed alcohol and drug screenings to ensure sobriety throughout our residents' stay.

Individuals must be 18 years of age or older with a mental illness diagnosis and/or a dual disorder such as chemical dependency. *We do require 30 days of sobriety prior to intake.* Typically, referrals are made by Adult Mental Health Case Managers or other providers, but given certain circumstances, we do accept self-referrals if client's meet our criteria and can provide the requested documentation.

New Hope Board and Lodge residents sign a contract upon admission that states specific rules and guidelines that are to be strictly followed. New Hope Board and Lodge thoroughly screens potential residents by performing background checks and reviewing Diagnostic Assessments that are completed by a licensed Mental Health Professional.

Referral process:

Complete the Resident Application located on our website newhopeboardandlodge.com. Must include a Diagnostic or Functional Assessment. Email completed documents to heather@newhopeboardandlodge.com or fax to 507-299-9181. Upon receiving, we will reach out to you and let you know if the applicant meets New Hope Board and Lodge criteria and is approved for intake.

New Beginning Board and Lodge

507-381-0139

Anne's House- a women's home located on Mankato's hilltop. Space available for 11 women.

Dean's House- a men's home located in downtown Mankato. Space available for 8 men.

Call the number above to inquire about openings and the referral process.

County Assistance

- Emergency Assistance - one time per 18 months.
- Food Assistance - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Cash Assistance - GA or MFIP
- Housing Support - formally known as Group Residential Housing (GRH):
 - Income supplement to eligible persons to pay for rent and food in specified licensed or registered settings
 - Paid directly to providers on the behalf of clients
 - All of those supported by the program are at risk of institutional placement or homelessness
 - Individuals who are aged, blind, or disabled (Must meet GA or SSI disability requirements)

Apply for Programs in Blue Earth County:

There are multiple ways for you to receive and return an application for assistance.

To receive an application:

- Call 507-304-4335 to request an application to be sent to you by mail, fax, or email.
- Pick up one at 410 South 5th Street in Mankato.
- Apply online at MNbenefits.mn.gov

To return the application:

- Email it to fa@blueearthcountymn.gov
- Fax them to 507-304-4336
- Drop off or mail to 410 South 5th Street, PO Box 3526, Mankato MN 56002

Once the application is received, an appointment will be set up, and an interview will be required.

City of Mankato

10 Civic Center Plaza

Mankato, MN 56001

507-387-8600 or

[City of Mankato Housing \(www.mankatomn.gov/city-services-a-z/city-services-a-m/housing\)](http://www.mankatomn.gov/city-services-a-z/city-services-a-m/housing)

The Mankato /Blue Earth County Economic Development Authorities (EDA) provides affordable housing options through the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) and Public Housing programs.

Applications are accepted online using the following links:

Public Housing: <https://mankatoph.hdswaitinglist.com>

Housing Choice Voucher: <https://mankatos819.hdswaitinglist.com>

If you have a disability or language barrier you may request accommodations to apply by contacting the EDA at 311 or 507-387-8600.

Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8):

The Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8), administered through the Blue Earth County and Mankato EDAs, provides rental subsidy to make housing costs more affordable for households with income below 50% of area median income. Under the program, participants pay approximately 30% of adjusted monthly income for rent and utilities. Participants under the program choose their own affordable housing from existing rental housing in Mankato and Blue Earth County. Chosen units must meet rent guidelines and minimum housing quality standards set by the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#) (HUD). This program encourages opportunities for economic self-sufficiency and homeownership. The EDA maintains a wait list of interested applicants by date and time of application and eligibility preferences. Applications are accepted online using this link: <https://mankatos819.hdswaitinglist.com> . As program openings become available, an applicant is notified by mail with an intake packet to complete and return to determine program eligibility and must meet with agency staff for a program briefing to receive their voucher of participation. Applicants need to keep contact information updated for the EDA to contact them when their name reaches the top of the list. The wait list is currently open to households that meet residency requirements.

Public Housing

The Public Housing program provides rents based on household income for specific rental housing units owned by the Mankato or Blue Earth County Economic Development Authority. Rent and utilities are based on 30% of household adjusted income. Units are located throughout Mankato, Eagle Lake, Lake Crystal, Madison Lake and Mapleton. One, two, three, four- and five-bedroom units are available. The EDA maintains a wait list of interested applicants for these units by date and time of application, occupancy, and eligibility for preferences. As rental units become available, an applicant is notified and meets with staff to determine eligibility lease a rental home. Applications are accepted online using this link: <https://mankatoph.hdswaitinglist.com>. Applicants need to keep contact information updated for the EDA to contact them when their name reaches the top of the list. The wait list is currently open to all households.

South Central Minnesota Multi-County HRA

422 Belgrade Ave, Suite 102
North Mankato, MN 56003
Telephone: 507-345-1977
Email: scmmchra@hickorytech.net
Website: <https://www.scmmchra.org/>

The mission of the South Central MN Multi-County HRA (SCMMCHRA) is to provide residents with the opportunity to obtain quality, affordable housing in the counties of **Martin, Nicollet, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan**.

Multi-County Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher

The purpose of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program is to provide rental assistance to eligible low-income individuals and families according to HUD rules and regulations. The Section 8 HCV programs lessens the burden on the family's budget for housing costs and allows greater choice in selecting a rental unit. The program works off a waiting list. When the family's name reaches the top of the waiting list and is determined eligible for the program, they will be offered a Section 8 HCV. When the family finds suitable housing the SCMMCHRA will enter a contract with the owner of the rental housing and the family will sign a lease with the owner of the rental housing. Program participants pay about 30% to 40% of their gross income (income before taxes) for rent.

Link to waitlist application: [Waitlistcheck | South Central MN Multi-County HRA](#)

Rental Assistance Program (RAP)

- Minnesota Housing established the Housing Trust Fund (HTF) rental assistance program to provide affordable housing opportunities to prevent and end homelessness for low-income persons and families.
- Housing Trust Fund rental assistance is intended to be temporary in nature and to provide assistance to an individual household. Eligible participants will pay approximately 30% of their income towards their rent.

- Eligible participants must meet the definition of high priority homeless and are referred to the HRA through the Rivers Valleys Continuum of Care (CoC) Coordinated Entry System (CES).
- Eligible household's income must not exceed maximum household income limits for the services area. Households must choose a rental unit that meets HUD Housing Quality Standards. Households will transition to the Housing choice Voucher Program if/when eligible.
- As a Housing Navigator, the HRA will assist household in accessing services and collecting documentation required to obtain the most suitable housing resources for their needs.

Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV)

MACV – Mankato
 724 Madison Avenue
 Mankato MN 56001
 507-345-8258

MAC-V provides assistance to veterans throughout Minnesota. Mankato Programs include:

Permanent Supportive Housing (*Radichel Townhomes*):

In 2006, 11 units of permanent supportive housing were opened in Mankato. The Permanent Supportive Housing program provides long-term community-based housing and supportive services for homeless veterans with disabilities.

Outreach

Our outreach efforts bring us to every county across the state – to food shelves, shelters, community centres and clinics providing services to individuals and families.

Emergency Assistance

MACV assists homeless veterans and provides supportive services to prevent homelessness (for veterans and their families). Services include direct payments to assist with rental/mortgage assistance; transportation; utilities; food/clothing; car repairs, etc.

Civil Legal Assistance

Our employment and civil legal assistance programs often work in conjunction. Through the Vetlaw program, MACV can provide information and referral to legal resources on several topics such as family law guidelines, expungement procedures, criminal/civil court procedures, unlawful detainer guidelines and more. Legal concerns with the most critical impact on a veteran's employability are served first.

Disability Housing Resources

The Arc – Minnesota Southwest

501 South 2nd Street

Mankato, MN 56001

Contact: Cheryl Hutchens at 507-345-4223 or cherylhutchens@arcminnesota.org

507-513-7553 Zoom

Housing Access Services (HAS):

Housing Access Services helps eligible Minnesota adults with disabilities seek and locate suitable, affordable, accessible housing.

Who is eligible for Housing Access Services?

Adult Minnesotans who have been assessed as eligible for Minnesota Medicaid home care or waiver services and who want to move into a home or apartment of their own.

Housing Stabilization Services (HSS): A Medicaid benefit designed to help seniors and those with disabilities find and keep housing. More on page 14.

Southern Minnesota Independent Living Enterprises & Services (SMILES)

Mankato Office

709 S. Front St. Suite 7

Mankato, MN 56001-3804

507-345-7139

507-345-8429 fax

SMILES is a Center for Independent Living supporting people with disabilities to realize their full potential. SMILES offers advocacy in finding housing among other things, independent living skills training, information and referral, peer mentoring, transition for youth from school to community, and transition from institutional settings to community living.

Supportive Housing Facility

Salvation Army - Maxfield Place

324 Maxfield Street

Mankato, MN 56001

507-345-2055

Maxfield Place serves single adults who are long-term chronically homeless and have disabilities. There are 10 individual apartments for single adults which include a bed with onsite supports. Residents cook and prepare their own meals and do their own laundry. Maxfield Place is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and employs a fulltime social worker and a part-time case worker, who helps residents develop a long-term plan and collaborates with other service providers. Residents often have gaps in their employment history and need support to learn job skills or to search for jobs. Staff work to assist the residents to overcome barriers in their lives, such as criminal history, legal or poor rental history, credit issues, mental health, substance use, and many other barriers. Our residents

must be able to live independently, and to self-manage personal care, medications, cooking, and other activities of daily living. We provide person centered case management and develop individual service plans with each resident, which focus on what the resident needs to remain stable in housing. Maxfield Place does not maintain a waiting list. All units are filled through a referral system with the local Continuum of Cares/Coordinated Entry System.

Supportive Housing Services

Blue Earth County Supportive Housing

Blue Earth County Government Center
410 S. 5th St
Mankato MN 56001
507-304-4335

The Blue Earth County Human Services offers housing triage services and supportive housing case management to Blue Earth County community members. Housing triage provides information and referral to various community resources and is not housing case management. Supportive housing programs and services are available to individuals and families in Blue Earth County who are experiencing varying degrees of homelessness to gain access to and maintain housing of their choice in Blue Earth County. Supportive Housing offers case management services paired with rental assistance subsidies to enrolled households. Referrals to these supportive housing programs and services are currently only through the coordinated entry system. For more information about housing triage and supportive housing programs and services, contact Blue Earth County Human Services 507-304-4335. Also visit the Blue Earth County website for more information.

<https://www.blueearthcountymn.gov/484/Supportive-Housing>

Other Housing Support Supportive Housing:

Blue Earth County also has agreements with providers to offer similar housing support-LTH programs in the community. These programs and providers are also required to select their referrals from the Coordinated Entry System. Additional authorized providers of housing support-LTH in Blue Earth County include:

- Skyline Inc.
- CommonBond Communities
- Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership

Housing Stabilization Services

Housing Stabilization Services (HSS) is a new housing program funded by federal Medicaid (Medical Assistance) dollars. Eligible adults can receive help searching and applying for housing, understanding a lease, maintaining housing, etc. Eligibility criteria requires applicants to either have a waiver, or a disability, MA, and housing instability. List of current HSS providers available upon request. Call or email the Housing Resource Specialist, (507) 304-4309, Sarah.ONeil@blueearthcountymn.gov

Affordable Housing Options

Autumn Wind Townhomes 2 & 3 bdrms
651 Maple Lane, **Eagle Lake**
507-995-3099

Cherry Ridge Apt Studio 1, 2 & 3 bdrms
101 Glenwood Ave., **Mankato**
507-387-5250 *Lower Rent, sec. 8*

Colonial Square 1 & 2 bdrms
300 Ramsey St., **Mankato**
507-345-1321 *Income Based*

Deldona Apts. 1 & 2 bdrms
425 Deldona Drive, **Mankato**
507-345-1491 *Lower rent*

Dublin Crossing 1, 2, & 3 bdrms
1440 Patriot Drive, **Mankato**
507-225-2029 *Lower Rent*

Dublin Heights 1, 2, & 3 bdrms
1010 Patriot Ct, **Mankato**
877-302-6228 *Accepts Sec. 8*

Dublin Road Townhomes 2 & 3 bdrms
306 Dublin Court, **Mankato**
507-345-3351 *Lower Rent*

Durham 1 & 2 bdrm-Disabled
621 S. 2nd St., **Mankato**
507-345-1400 *Income Based*
Wheel Chair Accessible

Eastport Apts. 1, 2 & 3 bdrms
1001 Eastport, **Mankato**
507-345-5141 *Income Based*

Gus Johnson Plaza 1 & 2 bdrms
Elderly/disabled
413 North 4th St., **Mankato**
507-345-1497 *Income Based*

Highland Apts 1 & 2 bdrms
311 4th Ave. SE, **Mapleton**
507-257-3762 *Income Based*

Hilltop Lane Apts. 1 & 2 bdrms
50 Hilltop Lane, **Mankato**
507-388-9158 *Lower rent*

Hilltop North & South Apts. 1 & 2 bdrms
Holly Lane, **Mankato**
507-345-1491

Homestead Apts. 1, 2 & 3 bdrms
140 Homestead Rd., **Mankato**
507-625-8550 *Lower Rent*

Lake Crystal Towers 1 & 2 bdrms
Senior 62+/Disabled
203 S. Main St., **Lake Crystal**
507-726-6516 *Income Based*

Lakeview I, II, III Apts. 1 & 2 bdrms
101 Le Ray Ave, **Eagle Lake**
507-451-8524 *Income Based*
E: info@lifestyleinc.net

Meadow Bloom Apts 1 & 2 bdrms
100 Meadow Bloom Lane, **Amboy**
507-332-2282 *Income Based*

Mankato Townhomes 2 & 3 bdrms
348 Bunting Ln, **Mankato**
507-386-1433 *Lower Rent*

Orness Plaza 1 & 2 bdrms
900 Hope St., **Mankato**
507-387-8600 *Income Based*

Riverfront Court 1, 2, & 3
115 S Riverfront Drive, **Mankato**
507-226-4792 *Lower Rent*

Rosa Place I & II 1, 2, & 3 bdrms
510 Timberwolf Dr. Mankato
612-243-3111 *Lower Rent*

Schalow Apts. 1 & 2 bdrms
408 Main St. **St. Clair**
507-451-8524 *Income based*

Sibley Park Apt 1, 2, & 3 bdrms
410 Sibley Parkway, **Mankato**
507-386-7094 *Lower Rent*

Sinclair Flats 1, 2, & 3 bdrms
210 Dewey St. **Mankato**
507-550-2330 *Lower Rent*

Timberbrook Properties 1 & 2 bdrms
820 Sherman St., **Good Thunder**
507-278-4207 *Lower Rent*

Thomas Apartments 1 & 2 bdrms
202 E Main Street **Vernon Center**
Bert St., **Lake Crystal**
300 Hopp Ave, **Nicollet**
507-451-8524 *Lower rent/Income Based*

Walnut Towers 1 bdrm Elderly/Disabled
105 E Walnut St., **Mankato**
507-388-8764 *Income Based*