

Community Housing



Community Housing is run by members of the community rather than real estate agents, private landlords or Housing SA. Most community housing associations have fairly long waiting lists (at least 12 months) and you may need to keep in touch with them during this time to stay on the waiting list. Community Housing organisations usually have very affordable rent as they are designed to provide safe and affordable housing for people on low incomes or with special needs. Often rent is fixed at a certain percentage of people's total income.

Community housing associations are often for particular groups of people, for example, there is a community housing association for people who are in wheelchairs and one for people who are gay or lesbian. It's probably worth getting a list of different organisations from the Community Housing Council of SA to see which ones you are eligible to apply to. You can contact them on 8362 1022 or on the web at www.chcsa.org.au

Developing Alternative Solutions to Housing (DASH)

ph 8272 3777

DASH is managed by Metro Housing and is for young people aged up to 25 years who are exiting the Supported Accommodation Assistance Program (SAAP). This means you have to be moving out of a supported accommodation service or outreach accommodation.

DASH has several types of housing from Gawler to Morphett Vale. They house families, friends, couples and single people with or without children.

Red Shield Housing Association Inc.

ph 8368 6800

This housing association is for families on low incomes, who are in immediate financial need. The Salvation Army runs the Association and you need to be referred by a support worker.

Lutheran Community Housing Support Unit Inc

ph 8332 4899

For people who are unable to access private rental

Properties are located across the metropolitan area and in some rural areas

Multi Agency Community Housing Association (MACHA)

ph 8237 8777

This association works with people over 18 years of age who are chronically homeless in the inner city area

Housing Co-operatives are groups of community minded people who administer the housing that they live in. The co-op owns the housing rather than the individuals that make up the co-op. This usually means that the landlord of the properties is usually all of the tenants as a group. Living in co-op housing may place some additional expectations on you, compared to living in private rental. For example, you may have to attend group meetings or do a job like sweep or maintain a communal garden area.

Here are some housing co-ops that you can apply to by mail;

ONKHA Housing Cooperative – PO Box 483 Noarlunga Centre SA 5168

For single women and single parents wishing to live in the southern metropolitan area

Porridge Bowl Housing Cooperative – PO Box 758 Noarlunga Centre SA 5168

For people 16-30 years of age

Glasshouse Housing Cooperative – PO Box 6531 Halifax Street Post Office Adelaide SA 5000

Offering a respectful and safe environment for gay men and lesbians – Metropolitan area

House One Housing Cooperative – PO Box 10034 Gouger Street Adelaide SA 5000

For gay and bisexual men – all suburbs

PEACH Housing Cooperative Inc – PO Box 845 Prospect East SA 5082

People on low income willing to contribute appropriately to management of the co-op