Tarrant County Resources

1.Community Action Partners (CAP program): (817)392-5790 <u>http://fortworthtexas.gov/cap/</u> Rent/mortgage assistance will qualified people and provide help with paying rent and mortgage for Tarrant County residents. Locate additional mortgage programs.

2. An eviction prevention program is run by the **Catholic Charities of Fort Worth**. The organization has rent assistance for select zip codes within the Tarrant County region. For more information call 817.534.0814 or visit https://sites.google.com/a/ccdofw.org/services/ to learn more about the housing programs.

3. **Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (known as CEAP)** provides grants and financial assistance with utility bills electric, gas, and heating bill fuel assistance. In addition the CEAP program will also repair or replace an existing heater, propane tank, air conditioner, central air unit and/or heat unit, hot water heater and/or refrigerator. To apply for services, please contact the local subrecipient agency. From a landline, call toll free at 1-877-399-8939 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The toll free number will directly connect you with the CEAP service provider in your county. Or, visit <u>Texas Department of Housing and</u> <u>Community Affairs</u> and select "Utility Bill Payment Help."

4. Get access to the Atmos Energy "Share the Warmth", which provides assistance to Atmos Energy customers whose income is at or below 200% of Federal Income Guidelines or with extenuating circumstances. Assistance from Atmos is limited to once per year. There are other Atmos assistance programs. Contact the customer service line at 888-286-6700.

5. Water Bill Utility/Plumbing Assistance: The agency will assist with past due water bills and pressurized water leak repair for families and households that pay for water from the Fort Worth Water Department. Program income eligibility is 175%-200% of Federal Income Guidelines depending on the exact funding source.

6. The Area Agency on Aging of Tarrant County (AAATC) can help both seniors and the disabled. Resources include free meals both on site and home delivered. Get help in applying for Medicaid, HMOs insurance, Food Stamps, QMB/SLMB, and get assistance with disputes over hospital bills. Other assistance includes transportation, help for caregivers, and other resources. 1500 N. Main, Fort Worth, Texas 76164-0448, phone 817-258-8081, or more on <u>Texas senior assistance</u>.

7. Broadway Baptist Center only covers the zip code of 76104. They are based in Fort Worth Texas and phone (817-336-5761 ext 8239, provides food, clothing, and emergency assistance with paying for rent and utilities.

Contact a non-profit organization such as the Broadway Baptist Church. A number of services are offered, as funding allows. The grants from the charity will be made available to individuals who are facing a crisis situation. When possible, money can be used to pay rent, utility bills, security deposits, and other housing costs.

The agency only serves residents of certain zip codes and an application process is in place. In addition to providing emergency financial and rent assistance, the organization can help clients build other skills and offers services such as career counseling, employment assistance, resume review and more. They also offer free food from the Feed His Lambs service, holiday support, and other resources. The main office is at 305 W Broadway Ave, Fort Worth, Texas 76104, phone :(817)336-7464. Click here more details <u>Broadway Baptist Church</u>.

Some local churches that can provide financial assistance include the Baptist Center ((817) 336-7464), Northwest Christian Community Center (817-491-4451), Arlington Urban Ministries ((817) 861-8585), Christian Connection ((817) 283-1908). All of these churches can provide aid that ranges from free food, to funding for rent, utility bills, medicines, car repairs, and more. Funding is usually limited.

Bus passes and gasoline vouchers may also available must meet guidelines for medical/social service agency appointments, transportation to job for limited time, and job search.

9. **TXU energy Aid** provides utility and cooling assistance to TXU customers whose income is at or below 200% of Federal Income Guidelines or with extenuating circumstances. Utility assistance is limited to once per year. Contact 877-742-0504.

10. Other local non-profits that may provide financial assistance for bills, rent, offer free food, prescription medications, money for utilities, and more include:

- Good Shepherd Catholic Community Christ Care Ministry The agency is located in Colleyville. Phone (817)488-5689.
- Grace Grapevine Relief and Community Exchange Grapevine. Dial (817)488-7009.
- Matin United Method Church, based in Bedford Texas. (817)734-7057
- Mission Arlington (817)277-6620
- Hurst Texas based Peace Lutheran Church. (817)284-1677
- Saginaw United Methodist Church (817)232-0390
- Forth Worth located South Central Alliance of Churches. Call the agency at (817)923-0486
- St. Johns Outreach St. John The Apostle Catholic Church, located in North Richland Hills. (817)284-5912
- St. Phillip Presbeteryian Church (817)282-9181
- Wesley Mission Center only supports the Mansfield Independent School District are. The non-profit is located in Mansfield Texas. Dial (817)473-6650.
- Get a listing of Texas <u>Section 8 housing</u> agencies.

11. Food assistance

Dozens of churches in Tarrant County, known as the **North East Emergency Distribution West** (N.E.E.D. West), serve as the emergency aid arm for a coalition of about 40 churches in Northeast Tarrant County. The charity organization N.E.E.D. West serves people in North Richland Hills, Haltom City, Richland Hills, Watauga and Fort Worth's Riverside area, is among one of the numerous charities helping people during this difficult recession. Dial 817.759.1506.

Another aid organization in Tarrant County that provides food assistance is the **Tarrant Area Food Bank's**. They help residents and provide meals, and they partner with other pantries. Just from January through May 2009 they have assisted almost 21 percent more families than the number served during the same period in 2008. (817) 332-9177

St. Andrew Catholic Church is another local pantry, which is tucked among affluent and working-class neighborhoods. The pantry has been used by people who were once donors, which shows just how great the need of people is today. Phone (817) 927-5383

12. Free or low cost health care in Tarrant County and Fort Worth

There are several clinics that offer free or low cost health care to low income, the working poor, and to those patients who either have no or limited health insurance. Patients may be able to access dental services, prescription medications, eye exams, general health check ups. There may be <u>free insulin for diabetics</u> and numerous other medical services.

- Forth Worth Northside Community Health Center Dial (817)625-4254 to make an appointment. No patient is rejected.
- Crowley House of Hope Offers free medical treatment. Phone (817)297-6495
- JPS Health Network, which is based in Fort Worth and can be reached at (817)852-8380, is a medical clinic that provides services for children and adults in the community.
- Mission Forth Worth provides health care to the uninsured. (817)207-0229.
- Find more free community clinics in Tarrant County Texas.