

HELP with RENT

Below is a list of programs/grants anyone can avail classified according to county:

Erie County:

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- **Rent Freeze Programs (SCRIE & DRIE)**: The Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) freeze rent for eligible seniors (62+) and persons with disabilities, exempting them from certain legal rent increases.
Website: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/rentfreeze/apply/apply-renew.page>
- **Catholic Charities**: Provides application assistance for state programs like ERAP and direct emergency financial aid through various borough-based branches.
Website: <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>
Phone: 703-549-1390
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- **Partnership to End Homelessness**: Operates the **Save Homes** program, which provides rental arrears grants to immigrants and citizens regardless of employment status.
Website: <https://partnershiptoendhomelessness.org/>
Phone: 212-645-3444
Email: info@thepartnershipnyc.org
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- **The Bridge Fund**: Offers interest-free loans and grants to low-to-moderate income working individuals and families who are facing temporary financial crises and eviction.
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- **Integrated Care - the Western New York Social Care Network (WNYIC):** Extra benefits under New York State Medicaid such as food, housing support, utilities and more.
Website: <https://wnyscn.org>
Phone: 716-431-5100 ext 1
- **Oxford House for Men - Regent:** self-managed and self-sustaining recovery home for recovering alcoholics and drug addicts, where shelter, food, case management, individual counseling and group support are provided. Funds may be available to cover the first month's rent and the security deposit.
Website: <http://www.oxfordhouse.org>
Phone: (716) 551-0994
- **716 Ministries:** Non-profit organization that screens tenants for arrears /1st month & SD - for Buffalo Urban League, Catholic Charities, Girard Place.
Website: <https://716ministries.org/>
Phone: (716) 828-8681
Email: info@716ministries.org
Contact Person: Tammy Hayes - thayes@716ministries.org +17163241903

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- **Forward Leading Independent Provider Association (FLIPA):** FLIPA describes itself as an “integrated delivery network” combining primary care, behavioral health, and social care for underserved populations.
Website: <https://forwardleadingipa.org/programs#garage>
Phone: 888-808-1845
Email Add: contact@forwardleadingipa.org

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