

Potential Assistance Resources (Updated 04/21/2026)

FIRST: Call 211 | Visit 211.org or FindHelp.org

Rental & Utility Assistance (Those with a star do not help with water.)

* Aiken/Barnwell/Lexington Community Action Committee – (803) 794-6778. Call on Tuesdays 9 AM - 11 AM and talk to a receptionist to make an appointment (no voicemail!)

Salvation Army – (803) 765-0260 | nscmidlands.services@uss.salvationarmy.org

Rent Assistance

Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center – (803) 744-7943

Operation Round Up – <https://www.mcecoop.com/in-the-community/operation-round-up/> For catastrophic crisis (medical, house fires, natural disasters, etc.) Do not have to be a Midcarolina customer to apply. Can consider other expenses, but not utility.

Utility Assistance

- God's Helping Hands (**West Columbia/Cayce only**) (803) 791-4167
- *Corpus Christi Catholic Church (803)359-6927 once in a lifetime, \$250 max (**Batesburg, Gaston, Gilbert, Leesville, Lexington 29071-29072-29073, Pelion, Swansea**)
- *Our Lady of the Hills Catholic Church (803) 772-7400 **Irmo area only**
- We Care Chapin (803) 345-3244 **Chapin area only**
- Christian Ministry Center (803) 532-0033 for Lexington (29072), **Batesburg-Leesville, Gilbert, or Pelion** (\$150 max)
- *Sharing God's Love (electric only) **Irmo/Ballentine** (803) 732-3188 or sgl@sharinggodsllove.net

Mortgage Assistance (Contact your lender first!)

- Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA) (803) 255-0223

Mental Health & Senior Resources

Lexington County Community Mental Health Center – (803) 996-1500

On-call therapist: 1-833-364-2274

Lexington County Recreation & Aging Commission – (803) 356-5111

Meal on Wheels, Home Care, Medical Escorts, Equipment Loans, Daily Meals

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Medical, Housing & Recovery Support

SC Thrive – 1-800-726-8774 | SCThrive.org (SNAP, TANF, Medicare, Health Connections rental assistance for Pregnant Women on Medicaid),

HUD Housing Counseling – (800) 569-4287

Co-Pay Assistance – <https://tafcares.org>

Substance Abuse Recovery:

- Courage Center – (803) 369-3905
- LRADAC – (803) 726-9400

Pregnancy & Parenting Resources

Power in Changing – (803) 281-0013 | info@powerinchanging.org

Must be receiving social assistance

LaVie Pregnancy Care Center – (803) 996-4673 | Appointment Only

Provides free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, parenting classes, diapers, wipes, and pull-ups.

Birthright of Columbia – (803) 765-0165

1315 Richland Street, Columbia, SC 29201 (Habla Español!)

Provides health care items, baby and maternity clothes, and referrals.

Employment Resources

FindYourFuture.sc.gov

Goodwill Job Connections – www.goodwillsc.org

555 Saint Andrews Rd, Columbia, SC 29210 | (803) 731-1782

SC Works:

- 943 E Main St, Lexington, SC 29072 | (803) 996-2114
- West Columbia, SC 29170 | (803) 359-6131
- 700 Taylor St, Columbia SC 29201 | (803) 978-0190

People Ready – 2500 Millwood Ave, Columbia, SC | (803) 256-5544

State & Federal Jobs – www.careers.sc.gov | USAjobs.gov

Lexington County Jobs – <https://www.lexco.com/Applications/HROnline/INDEX.ASPX>

Lexington School District One – <https://www.applitrack.com/lexington1/onlineapp/>

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Potential Financial Assistance Resources for Veterans

Cars 4 Heroes has an opportunity to be selected for a car that was donated to this organization. Fill out an application at cars4heroes.org

Give an Hour offers free counseling services to veterans and their families virtually. Email info@giveanhour.org for more information

For HUD housing, contact a Housing Counselor at (800) 569-4287

Co-Pay Assistance for Medical: <https://tafcares.org/>

Diaper Banks/Baby Essentials:

- Power in Changing (803) 281-0013 info@powerinchanging.org
- LaVie Pregnancy Care Center (803) 996-4673 **Appointment Only**
- Birthright of Columbia (803) 765-0165 1316 Richland Street, Columbia SC 29201
 - Provides health care items, Baby and maternity clothes
 - Information/ referrals for prenatal care, medical assistance, parenting skills
 - Habla Espanol!

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- SC Works: [943 E Main St, Lexington, SC 29072](http://943EMainSt.com) (803) 996-2114
Or (803) 359-6131, West Columbia SC 29170
Or (803) 978-0190 700 Taylor St, Columbia SC 29201
- People Ready: 2600 Millwood Ave, Columbia, SC 803-256-5544
- State Jobs: www.careers.sc.gov or Federal jobs: USAjobs.gov
- Lexington County Jobs: <https://www.lex-co.com/Applications/HROnline/INDEX.ASPX>
- Lexington School District One: <https://www.applitrack.com/lexington1/onlineapp/>

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For 60 years old or older/for social opportunities and more:

Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission (803-356-5111)

- Meal on Wheels
- Home Care assistance for the homebound
- Medical Escort to appointments
- Medical Equipment Loans
- Daily Weekday meals (including transportation, if you are within area)

Your local churches are also a wonderful source to avoid isolation!

The Big Red Barn

focuses on helping military, veteran, and first responder communities live the life they desire full of purpose, joy and positive relationships.

Retreat offers Post-Traumatic Growth Based Training and Services for Active-Duty Military members, Veterans, and First Responders, including

- Yoga & Tai Chi
- Healing Art Programs
- Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning
- Peer to Peer Groups
- Gardening
- Meditation
- Farm to Table Cooking Classes
- Career Camps (7 day lodging/classes designed to identify career path options to thrive)

<https://thebigredbarnretreat.org/contact-us/>

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Food Pantry List Lexington (3/2/26 Updated)

<p align="center">Beulah United Methodist Gaston 1577 Old State Road, Gaston 803-794-0783</p>	<p>3rd Saturday of every month 11 am to 12:30 pm Apply Online https://beulahumcsr.com/event/feeding-families/</p>
<p align="center">Brookland Lakeview Empowerment Center 1218 Batchelor Street, West Columbia 803-753-0611</p>	<p>Food Pantry is in the rear of the northeast campus building Tuesday 11:00 – 3:00 pm Fill out application https://brooklandlakeview.org/community-food-table-program</p>
<p align="center">Calvary Chapel Fellowship of Lexington 1156 Barr Road, Lexington 803-951-2197</p>	<p>Tuesday and Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Once a month pick up</p>
<p align="center">Christian Life Church 2700 B Bush River Road, Columbia 803-798-4488</p>	<p>Mondays 12:30-3:30 pm Every other week for Lexington/Richland County Need Picture ID</p>
<p align="center">Christian Ministry Center 1408 Summerland Av, Batesburg-Leesville 803-532-0033</p>	<p>Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am -11:30 am Need picture ID Closed on holidays, follows Lex3 closure schedule</p>
<p align="center">Congaree Baptist 101 Pine Ridge Dr, West Columbia 803-755-9556</p>	<p>Last Friday of each month, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm Friday before Thanksgiving and Christmas Need picture ID to fill out application</p>
<p align="center">Corpus Christi Catholic Church 2350 Augusta Highway, Lexington 803-359-4391</p>	<p>Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 -11:00 pm Will ask for ID, but not required</p>
<p align="center">Crossroads World Outreach Center 2606 Emanuel Church Road, West Columbia 803-755-0246</p>	<p>Drive through 3rd Wednesday every month Bring photo ID, Monthly bill providing current address, proof of income, and current phone number</p>
<p align="center">Dixiana Baptist 3516 Charleston Hwy, West Columbia 803-397-7598</p>	<p>Wednesday and Thursday 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Need an ID</p>
<p align="center">Ebenezer Pentecostal Holiness 953 Colonial Drive, West Columbia 803-755-2883</p>	<p>Call ahead by noon on Friday. Leave message 2nd Saturday and 4th Saturday of the month between 8-10 am</p>
<p align="center">Emmanuel Lutheran Church 2491 Emmanuel Church Road, West Columbia 803-755-9857</p>	<p>3rd Tuesday 10:00 am –12:00 pm Walk-in, no ID necessary</p>
<p align="center">First Calvary Baptist Church 2320 Cedar Cedar Grove Road, Leesville 803-490-7150</p>	<p>Located behind church Every Tuesday 9:00-11:30 am/1:00-4:00 pm Closed every 5th Tuesday, Picture ID Required</p>

<p>Mission of Hope 1819 Middleton Street, Cayce 803-605-5877</p>	<p>Thursday 9:00 am -11:30 am First come, first serve; SC residents only</p>
<p>Northside Mission Columbia 1320 Leaphart St, West Columbia 803-926-3020</p>	<p>Call for appointment Monday-Thursday 8:00- 11:00 am Need ID, can only visit once a month</p>
<p>Round Hill Baptist at Manna House 863 Smith Pond Road, Lexington 803-359-3504</p>	<p>3rd Saturday 9:00- 10:30 am Can call ahead for special circumstances</p>
<p>St. James Lutheran 1358 South Lake Drive, Lexington 803-359-2122</p>	<p>3rd Thursday, 10:00 am -11:00 am First come, first serve; Photo ID Required</p>
<p>Asbury Memorial UMC 1005 Ashbury Drive, Columbia 803-776-7237</p>	<p>Tuesday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Call Ahead Blessing box at Driveway entrance</p>
<p>God's People in Service 4512 Fish Hatchery Road, Gaston 803-955-9251</p>	<p>Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Need to be SC resident, must have household income, birthdays and IDs for everyone in household Can only go once every 28 days</p>
<p>Harvest Hope 2220 Shop Road, Columbia 803-254-4432</p>	<p>Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm; Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Call ahead Need Photo ID for all in household</p>
<p>Mount Pleasant Swansea 505 South Church St, Swansea 803-568-2722</p>	<p>Last Wednesday of each month 8:00 am – 1:00 pm Gaston and Swansea Residents only</p>
<p>Nazareth Lutheran Church 1800 Nazareth Road, Lexington 803-359-7993</p>	<p>2nd Tuesday of every month ID with Lexington County address</p>
<p>Three Angels Adventist Church 236 Line Street Batesburg-Leesville 803-317-6333</p>	<p>2nd Sunday of Every Month 3 pm to 5 pm Food, Clothes, Medical Batesburg/Leesville area only</p>
<p>Wittenberg Lutheran Church 233 N Lee Street, Leesville 803-532-4636</p>	<p>Friday & Saturday 9:00 am -12:00 pm Bagged lunches 10:00 am until gone on 1st/2nd/3rd Saturdays of the month Hot meal 10:30-12:00 pm usually the 4th Saturday of the month</p>
<p>Living Waters Assembly of God 2034 Augusta Hwy 803-957-4445</p>	<p>Second and fourth Wednesday and third Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.</p>

Updated Shelter Resources 2/18/26

Agency	Focus
Families	
Homeless No more 803-602-6379 St. Lawrence's Place Live Oak	Serving Families
Family Promise of the Midlands 803-8324765 133 Omarest Drive	803-832-4765 leave name and number Support families by providing temporary shelter and help with eviction \Bridge gap between homelessness and permanent housing
Women and Children	
Chris Meyer 803-960-9954 803-971-6690	Women with children (no single females) No boys over the age of 14
Christ Central Ministries Samaritans Well 129 Gibson Court 405-595-9979	Open again Women and children Call to make an appointment
Hannah House Jody – 803-873-7277	Serves: Adult women \$50.00 a week will be charged after the initial intake week
Toby's Place 803-254-6470 X 1020	Serves: Women and Women with children
Women Only	
Women's Shelter 803-779-4706	Provides resources for the women as well as shelter An appointment is needed Client calls (we cannot call on their behalf)
Killingsworth 1831 Pendelton Street Columbia, SC 29201 803-771-6359	Women only, transitional home Interview required by phone or in person \$25 application fee
Men and Women	
Oliver Gospel 803-254-6470	Shelters for men and women , Call to obtain a bed
Transitions 803-708-4871	Shelters for men Need to call and complete an application
Providence Home 803-779-2927	Transitional Housing for Men Men in recovery Weekly \$125 fee Covers room, food, and laundry

Men Only	
Veterans After Care Contact: Mike Wyman, Director Mgwcardinals79@gmail.com	serves veterans only
Alston Wilkes Society 803-799-2490 Contact number for veterans 803-995-8429	Men only - Veterans and Former Offenders. NO emergency housing is available rent, utilities, childcare, housing Living facilities operated by
Rapid Shelter Comet Central 1745 Sumter Street 803-255-8158	5:45-7:00 pm Columbia for pick up to shelter Drop off from shelters 6:30 am- 7:30 pm
Word of God Church Ministries 803-799-3535	Levi House serving those who are released from incarceration
Nancy K Perry 803-359-8595	Serving Children
Roomies.org	

Services for Those with Special Concerns (2/25/2026)

<p>Vocational Rehabilitation 1400 Boston Ave., West Columbia 29170 803-896-6040 or 800-422-6240</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive evaluation - Disability benefits counseling - Job training and placement - Rehabilitation and assistive technology
<p>Able SC 720 Gracern Rd #106, Columbia, 29210 803-779-5121</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employment programs - Work training - Assistive technology - Savings plan program - Help with finances
<p>SCWorks Disabilityservicesofamerica.com 1-888-689-6760 Ticket to work program (working while maintaining SSDI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Protects disability benefits while returning to work - Helps apply for disability - Career counseling
<p>SC Dept of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities 400 Otarre Parkway, Cayce, 29033 803-898-9600</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Serves ASD, TBI, intellectual disabilities, and traumatic spine injuries - Early intervention, respite services, at home services - Supported and supervised residential services - Day support services - Employment services
<p>DHHS Babynet 1801 Main St., Columbia, 29201 803-898-0463</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anyone can refer a child under age 3; the earlier the help the better - Resources for babies and children with special needs
<p>Family Connections of SC 1800 St Julian Pl, Columbia, 29204 1-800-578-8750</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Helps with education concerns - IEP/504 plans - Early childhood + preschools - Parent rights - TEFRA (child Medicaid) application - Summer camps - Programs and family support
<p>Babcock Center 2725 Banny Jones Ave., West Columbia, 29170 803-799-1970</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Empowers people with lifelong disabilities - Offers residential support - Employment/vocational services - Respite services

<p>HASCI Supports 225 South Pleasantburg Drive #C15, Greenville, 29607 864-982-4590</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Helps with support after head/spinal cord injuries
<p>Applying for Disability Benefits Ssa.gov/applyfordisability 1-800-772-1213</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Process time is several months- Initial approval rate is 37%- Medical condition must be documented and expected to last at least 12 months or result in death and a complete inability to do any type of work. Must be 18.

Income-Based Housing Lexington County, SC

Serving: Seniors

- Pebble Creek 136 Library Hill Ln Lexington 803 520 6481
- Wescott Place 5608 Wescott rd Lexington 803 731 7607
- Hampton's Crossing 515 Northwood Rd Lexington 803 520 4379
- Cinnaberry Pointe 1424 Fork Ave Irmo 803 834 3838
- Villas at Northlake 198 Citizens dr Lexington 803 520 0619
- Scarlett Oaks 200 Old Chapin Rd Lexington 803 951 7396
- Asbury Arms 100 Asbury Ln West Cola 803 794 8052

Serving: Families

- River Oaks 5324 Bush River Rd Irmo 803 798 8280
- Autumnwood Crossing 207 Topsider Ct Lexington 803 520 6483
- Cooper's Trace 1411 Lake Murray Blvd Lexington 803 828 3245
- Clemons Greene 1028 Hwy 378 Lexington 839 223 2317
- Abbott Arms 2011 Wilkinson Dr Cayce 803 796 3456
- Town and Country 301 Roberts St Lexington 803 951 7396
- Waters at Berryhill 18 Berryhill Rd Lexington 803 772 4814
- Ramblewood 131 Pinewood Dr Batesburg 803 532 2500
- Leesville Gardens 120 South Lee St 803 532 5775
- Irmo Village 700 Chipwood Ct Irmo 803 781 8040
- Park North 200 Brookhill Rd 803 359 9083
- Abbott Arms 2011 Wilkinson St Cayce 803 796 3456
- New Ramblewood 131-1 David St 803 532 2500
- Oak Forest, Phase 1 and 2 142 Railroad dr Lexington 803 356 0542
- Wessinger Square 610 Wessinger Dr W Cola 803 771 0050
- Summer Cove Phase 3, 4, 5 and 6 142 Railroad Dr 803 356 0542
- North Ave Four 1622 North Ave W. Columbia 803 256 9000
- Leapheart Place 2815 Leapheart Rd W Columbia 803 791 0634

- Pleasant Place 1409 Pisgah Church 803 359 9571
- Fern Hall and Fern Hall Crossing 600 Fern Hall 803 951 1874
- West Vista 100 Riverbend Dr W Cola 877 817 9729
- Sandwood 1151 Comanche Trail W Cola 803 799 1970
- Quail Hollow 2700 Feather Run Trail W Columbia 866 357 3198

Multi-Family Rentals

- Creekside 131 Pinewood Dr Batesburg 803 532 2500
- Peppertree 322 Howard St Batesburg 803 604 0554
- Ramblewood 131 David St Batesburg 803 532 2500
- Churchwood 144 Old Chapin Rd Lexington 803 957 4908

Section 8 Apartments

- Creekview 221 Willis Rd Batesburg 803 307 0028
- Otarre Point 1137 ft Congaree W Columbia 803 675 7988
- The Vue 86 Fox run Lane Columbia 404 487 8507
- Ovation 3500 3500 Fernandina Rd Columbia 478 259 2101

Continue to check all housing lists (HUD website) and add name as the waitlists open!!!

How much rent can you afford?????!!!!!!

**Rent should be NO more than 35% of total NET (after tax)
income!!!!!!!!!!**

That is \$350 for every \$1000 you make. For example, if you make \$2000 a month, rent should be \$700.

See what rent you can afford at:

Schousingsearch.com/affordability-calculator