

# LEGAL AID, LANDLORD ISSUES & RENTAL ASSISTANCE



## Lakeshore Legal Aid

A non-profit law firm providing a range of free civil legal services to low-income people and seniors in the community. Can assist with eviction protection, income tax, states and guardianships, expungements/removals on records, etc.

**Address:** 2727 2nd Avenue, Suite 301 Detroit, MI 48201

**Phone:** (313)-362-0124

**Toll Free:** (888)-783-8190

**Website:** <https://lakeshorelegalaid.org>



The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) is a nonprofit that offers energy and utility assistance to Michigan households. THAW works in partnership with agencies across the state of Michigan to distribute utility assistance. THAW programs are open to income-eligible Michigan residents. Check out the their webpage "Community Resources" to learn more about the partnerships and assistance provided by THAW.

**Website:** <https://thawfund.org/resources/>

**Main Phone Number:** (313)-226-9465

**Office Address:** The Heat and Warmth Fund, 535 Griswold Street, Suite 200 Detroit, MI 48226

## THAW



## Michigan Legal Aid

Michigan Legal Aid has tools and information to help you understand and manage your legal problems and [provides a guide to legal help](#) to find the best resources and referrals for your legal problem. Provides housing support specifically for: Eviction, Subsidized Housing (including vouchers and public housing), Home Ownership, Tenant's Rights, and Foreclosure.

**General Website:** <https://michiganlegalhelp.org/>

**Housing Resources Website:** <https://michiganlegalhelp.org/resources/housing>



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## Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

**State Emergency Relief (SER) for Housing:** Provides housing assistance which may include money for rent, rent arrearage, security deposits, utility security deposits and moving expenses for individuals and families

**How to Apply:** To apply for SER, submit an application to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). The application process takes around 10 days to complete. One way to apply is online through the MDHHS website, [MI Bridges](https://www.michiganbridges.org).

However, if you need immediate help you can also apply in person at your [local MDHHS office](#). Your local MDHHS office will give you an [application form](#), but it may be easier to print an application form and fill it out completely before going to MDHHS. Explain your emergency to your MDHHS specialist. The MDHHS specialist is the only person who can determine whether you are eligible for SER.



**Email:** [mdhhsweb@michigan.gov](mailto:mdhhsweb@michigan.gov)

**Website:** <https://newmibridges.michigan.gov>

## City of Detroit



Allows you to file complaints about rental properties, dangerous buildings, or other complaints regarding building safety or property maintenance.

**Form:** <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/efa41296fdc646dcadc3cbca2d6fd6ac>

**Website:** <https://detroitmi.gov/departments/detroit-health-department/programs-and-services/environmental-health-and-safety/file-complaint>



## Detroit Housing Network

Detroit Housing Network (DHN) supports homeowners, homebuyers, and renters by providing resources for one-on-one housing counseling and group educational workshops. For homeowners Detroit Housing Network may refer you to home repair and maintenance services, property tax assistance, and utility and energy assistance.

**Eligibility:** In order to access Detroit Housing Network's services you will need to complete one of their intake forms. More information about their intake forms can be found here: <https://detroithousingnetwork.org/services/homeowner/>



**Phone Number Helpline:** (866)-313-2520

**Website:** <https://detroithousingnetwork.org/>