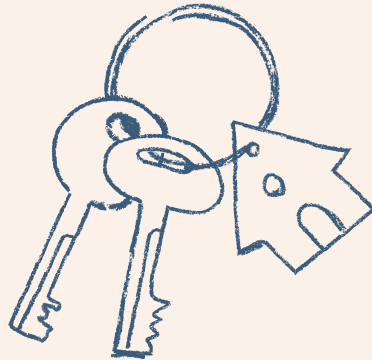


Requirements to Participate

- Must be a Washtenaw County resident.
- Already have a Housing Choice Voucher or been approved to receive a housing choice voucher.
- Someone living in the household who is or has been justice-impacted.



For more information

Or to see if you qualify for support:

Contact Washtenaw Housing Alliance
lapidess@washtenaw.org

RIISING HOPE FOR HOUSING

Providing assistance for justice-impacted households with Housing Choice Vouchers



Rising Hope Partners

- Ann Arbor Housing Commission (AAHC)
- A Brighter Way
- Catholic Charities of Washtenaw Co. (CCWC)
- Shelter Association of Washtenaw Co. (SAWC)
- SOS Community Services
- Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA)

What is Rising Hope?

The City of Ann Arbor has directed funding to help Washtenaw County households who have Housing Choice Vouchers and are justice-impacted to increase housing stability and self-sufficiency.

"We received a call from a tenant that we assisted as a team with both WHA and CSSW. She wanted to thank everyone for their help. Her arrears were paid, and she is continuing to do better."

-A Brighter Way

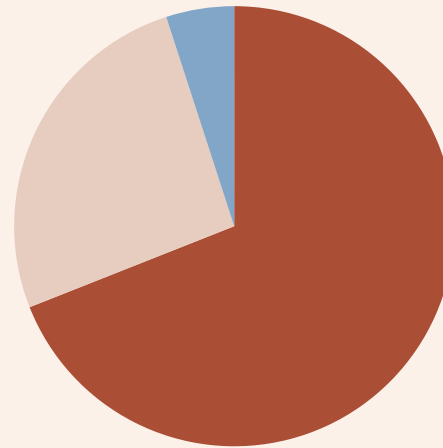
Background

The **Rising Hope** program assists **Washtenaw County** households avoid eviction and improve housing stability and self-sufficiency through services such as trauma-informed, case management, peer support/mentorship, move-in assistance, security deposit, rent arrears, utility shutoffs, and much more in conjunction with various non-profit organizations based in the Washtenaw County area.

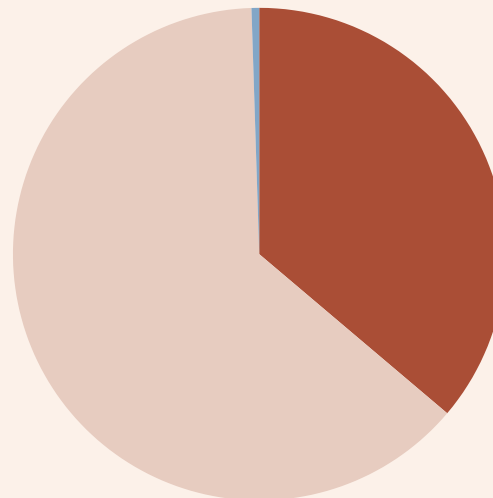
Rising Hope **offers a wide range of services through referrals** for those who qualify.

During the program's first year, we assisted numerous households in the county:

69% Rent Arrears Paid
26% Utility Shut offs paid
5% Other Rental Assistance Paid



36% Applications, admin, holding fees paid
63% Security deposit/moving costs paid
1% Other assistance



Why the need for Rising Hope?

- Since marijuana disproportionately impacts people of color and those with lower economic status, the money made from its criminalization is used towards helping those impacted.
- The housing shortage forces households to use a larger share of their income on housing, which reduces the amount available for other necessities.
- 79% of participants in a 2015 survey said they were denied housing because they or a family member was incarcerated.
- Housing has been shown to decrease recidivism.
- *This collaborative initiative fills a gap in the local housing services by serving a targeted demographic that the default system does not sufficiently support.*