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Yes, I would like to support the Poweshiek Housing Assistance Fund and help prevent homelessness in Poweshiek County.

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Poweshiek Housing Assistance Fund

Mail gift & form to:

P.O. Box 284
Grinnell, IA 50112

Donations can also be made online at
www.ahrensfamilyfoundation.org

Advisory Committee Members

Nicole Brua-Behrens
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The diverse task force is made up of representatives from Greater Poweshiek Community Foundation, the Ahrens Foundation, and local social service agencies.



**POWESHIEK
HOUSING
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For more information about the
Poweshiek Housing Assistance Fund or
application process please contact us at:

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**SERVING
HOUSING NEEDS IN
POWESHIEK COUNTY**



WHO WE ARE

The Poweshiek Housing Assistance Fund was established in 2020 by the Claude W. and Dolly Ahrens Foundation after a Housing Coalition was formed in 2019 over growing concerns of homelessness in Poweshiek County.

PROGRAM CRITERIA

- 1 Assistance for rental deposits or back rent
- 2 Assistance for utility bills related to obtaining housing
- 3 Assistance for mitigating damage to a rental unit
- 4 Assistance to obtain legal documents in order to apply for other housing funding assistance in the county
- 5 Assistance for other extenuating circumstances related to obtaining housing

HOUSING NEEDS

A county-wide survey of landlords and others involved in housing revealed:

- An estimated 900 individuals need affordable housing (\$535 per month or lower).
- Only 40 affordable housing units currently exist.
- The annual unmet housing need is about \$100,000.

As a result of this need the 25-member housing coalition formed three task forces to:

- 1 Map available resources
- 2 Address transportation issues
- 3 Fundraise for anticipated needs



FUNDING GUIDELINES

- Funding will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- Funding will be paid directly to landlords or public entities such as utility companies.
- Annual cap of \$500 of funding per individual.
- All individuals that receive assistance remain anonymous.
- Applications/reimbursement forms must be completed by the Grinnell Housing Authority on behalf of individuals. A "Client #" must be assigned to each individual in order to maintain anonymity.
- Grinnell Housing Authority's rent subsidy program helps qualified families and individuals pay rent. This income based program's purpose is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing. Please contact to refer an individual in need:

Susan Hiner, Executive Director
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P: 641-236-2611 Fax: 641-236-9255
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday - Thursday
CUT-OFF DATE: 22nd of Each Month

**By appointment only due to COVID-19, no public access to the building