Pickens County Assistance Programs

Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources, Inc. (or SHARE) – A local community action agency. They have a wide variety of resources and services available for low to moderate income residents. They are a non-profit organization that is committed to both helping people through short term difficulties, and also ensuring they become self-sufficient over the long term. They offer several services including mortgage assistance, help with energy, and medical bills. 1725 E. Main St., Easley, SC 29641 (864) 859-2989 or 254 S Pleasantburg Dr., Greenville, SC 29607 (864) 269-0700 https://www.sharesc.org/

United Christian Ministries - This agency is part of the Good Samaritan Alliance and offers services including emergency financial assistance for clothes, rent assistance, money to pay utilities-including security deposits, heat assistance, fuel oil, and life-sustaining medications. In addition, access the on-site food pantry and get school supplies. 303 Dacusville Hwy. Easley, SC 29640 https://www.ucmpc.org/ (864)671-1134

Salvation Army - Provides numerous forms of assistance for individuals and families with documented emergency. For example, the applicant may have utility shutoff notice, layoff notice, or a medical emergency. The non-profit agency provides clothing, free food, housing and mortgage payment assistance, rent payment assistance, school uniforms and supplies (accepts and distributes), run an on-site thrift shop, and provide utilities assistance. They offer heating oil, propane gas, however they do not have gasoline for cars. In addition, they run after school programs, provide children's character-building program, offer Christmas and holiday assistance for children ages 0-13. 102 Stewart Drive, Easley, SC 29640 https://www.salvationarmycarolinas.org/ (864) 855-7198

Urban League of the Upstate - A housing and foreclosure counseling agency for homeowners that offers numerous programs, counseling, job finding services, etc. While financial aid is very limited, there may be some limited financial aid or loans for housing costs, including rent. https://urbanleagueupstate.org/ (864) 244-3862

5 Point Church Food Pantry - Provides free food for people in an emergency. 1039 S. Pendleton Street, Easley, SC 29642 https://www.5point.tv/ (864) 850-0580

Catholic Charities - While funds are limited, they can help with utilities and rent and mortgage payments. There is also access a program known as SAVE A SMILE (restorative dental care dentures for low-income families with no health insurance). They can also refer people to local charities and South Carolina government programs.

https://charitiessc.org/piedmont (864) 242-2233 or (864) 331-2628

Housing Authority of Easley (Section 8) – provides the low income, elderly, and disabled residents of Pickens affordable housing. 101 Wallace Drive, Easley, South Carolina 29641 **864-855-0629**

MARYS (Ministry Alliance for Regaining Your Safety) House - This is a shelter for women of children facing domestic violence. https://www.maryshouse.com/ (864) 855-1708 or 24/7 Hotline: (864) 859-9191

Clemson Community Care - Provides aid for the Clemson, Central and Pendleton communities. Their services include food programs, SNAP application, utility bill assistance, homeless support, holiday program, back to school supplies, home repair, and referral service. 105 Anderson HWY Clemson, SC 29631 https://clemsoncommunitycare.org/ (864) 653-4460

South Carolina Upstate Continuum of Care (United Housing Connections) – Provides homeless assistance for the entire upstate.

135 Edinburgh Ct. Ste 201, Greenville, SC https://www.unitedhousingconnections.org/
(864) 241-0462

American Red Cross—Disaster Relief –509 S. Lewis Street, SC 29671 (864) 878-0131 Upstate Chapter - 940 Grove Road Greenville, SC 29605 (864)-271-8222 https://www.redcross.org/local/south-carolina.html

United Way of Pickens County- A non-profit that provides emergency food, shelter, utility and other assistance. 201 S 5th St, Easley, SC 29640 https://www.uwpickens.org/ (864) 850-7094 or Statewide: https://sc211.org/ or 211 from any phone.

Golden Harvest Food Bank – Provides resources for food in your area. https://goldenharvest.org/ 1-866-484-6829

Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina – (704) 376-1785 https://www.secondharvestmetrolina.org/file/facts/2020-counties/Pickens_facts.pdf

Department of Social Services (DSS) – Administers economic assistance programs including federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and Medicaid. 212 McDaniel Ave, Pickens, SC 29671 https://dss.sc.gov/ (864) 898-5810

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Welvista - Helps uninsured and underserved South Carolinians gain access to prescriptions

and pediatric dentistry. 1-800-983-3339 or (803) 933-9184 https://www.welvista.org/

South Carolina Drug Card - A free statewide discount prescription assistance program to help uninsured and underinsured residents afford their prescriptions. https://southcarolinadrugcard.com/ **South Carolina Legal Aid Services** - Provides free legal assistance in a wide variety of civil (non-criminal) legal matters to eligible low-income residents of South Carolina.

Greenville Office: (864) 679-3232 or Intake Line: 1-(888) 346-5592 https://sclegal.org/

State Representatives – Contact your state representative or state senator for any issues, programs, or agencies that fall under their jurisdiction. www.scstatehouse.gov