

How the Program Works

The City of Chico's Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) provides rental assistance and supportive services to Chico households. TBRA helps people get back on their feet after a job loss or other economic hardship. The program is a partnership between the City of Chico, the Housing Authority of the County of Butte, and a network of 11 local service providers.

Program participants follow these steps:

1. The participant contacts a TBRA committee member listed on the back of this brochure.
2. A case manager determines whether TBRA is the right fit for the participant. The participant and case manager develop a "Self-Sufficiency Plan" that includes specific, tangible goals in education, professional development, financial planning, and overcoming any personal obstacles.
3. The participant's "Self-Sufficiency Plan" and request for rental assistance is presented to the TBRA Committee, which consists of representatives from the program's service provider network. The TBRA Committee determines a participant's eligibility based on the feasibility of the "Self-Sufficiency Plan" and capability to maintain housing at the conclusion of the rental assistance period.
4. The case manager and the Housing Authority assist the participant in finding a home. The Housing Authority makes monthly rental payments directly to the landlord, similar to the Section 8 program. The case manager continues to meet regularly with the participant to follow up on achievement of "Self-Sufficiency Plan" goals.
5. Participants will receive rental assistance for up to 24 months. The TBRA Committee reviews the participant's progress every six months.



Landlord Benefits

A Steady, Dependable Source of Income

The Housing Authority makes regular, scheduled rental payments directly to landlords or property management companies. The program is supported by the City of Chico's HOME grant, which is a stable source of annual federal funding.

Tenants Are Pre-screened

Our community partners pre-screen rental applicants to determine capability to pay their share of the rent.

A Team Approach to Overcoming Challenges

A case manager meets regularly with program tenants to proactively address any housing problems before they become a lease compliance issue. Every six months during the assistance period, the TBRA Committee reviews the tenant's progress.

Access to Community Resources

The tenant's case manager can address any landlord questions or concerns about the tenant's housing situation. The case manager draws upon a wide array of community resources for support, including all of the support organizations listed on the back of this brochure.

Make a Difference

By participating in this program, you can play a key role in positively transforming lives.

The Results

"When my husband and I lived in Paradise, we often had to borrow money at the end of the month."



Transportation was difficult and very costly since my husband works in Chico. Since we have participated with TBRA, we are now in a better apartment and a more convenient Chico location. My husband has been able to work more hours and make over-time. We have been able to save money instead of borrowing.

Credit counseling services offered by TBRA have helped me get all of my credit issues resolved.

Participate

Let us answer any questions you have about participation in the TBRA program.

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The most important changes are in our son Joey, who now has his own bedroom. He is now in Head Start and they helped us receive medical assistance for his hearing problems. He has dramatically improved his speech in just eight weeks. He has many friends at our apartment complex and at school. With TBRA's help, we have become financially stable and will be able to stay in the apartment that has become our home when the rental assistance period is over. Joey will be able to grow up with the friends that he loves."

~ **Sherrie Ruggles**
Current TBRA Recipient

"As the owner and CEO of a local management company, as well as a property investor for the past 25 years, I am consistently introduced to many programs benefiting the needy.



I have found the TBRA program to be of great benefit to individuals and families that are in need of secure housing. As a landlord, it is extremely rewarding to contribute to an individual's destiny by providing housing through TBRA. I highly recommend the TBRA program to any property owner."

~ **Larry Ruby**, CEO,
Sheraton Real Estate
Management

"I was fortunate enough to receive TBRA at a time in my life that was grim and unforeseen.



With TBRA I was able to start focusing on the goals of gainful employment and school instead of spending all of my time and energy just trying to secure a home. Having a secure home enabled me to move forward and now my life is really positive, happy and productive."

(Torie is now an apartment manager.)

~ **Torie Baxter**,
Former TBRA Recipient

TBRA Committee Members

Butte County Behavioral Health
[www.buttecounty.net/
Behavioral%20Health.aspx](http://www.buttecounty.net/Behavioral%20Health.aspx)

Independent Living Services
of Northern California
www.ilsnc.org

Caring Choices
www.caring-choices.org

Northern Valley Catholic
Social Service
www.nvcss.org

Catalyst Domestic Violence
Services
www.catalystdvservices.org

Youth for Change
www.youth4change.org

Chico Community Shelter
Partnership
www.chicoshelter.org

Youth and Family Programs
www.youthandfamily.info

Community Action Agency
(Esplanade House)
www.buttecaa.com

Butte County
Children's Services
[http://www.buttecounty.net/Employment%20
and%20Social%20Services.aspx](http://www.buttecounty.net/Employment%20and%20Social%20Services.aspx)

Community Housing and Credit
Counseling Center
www.chiphousing.org/nodes/chccc/

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