

# CHAPTER 10



# Housing

**N**onthembisa Makhaya lives in a shack in Atlantis. When she heard of the government housing subsidy, she also wanted a subsidised house. But she was not sure how one qualifies. She said to her neighbour: “I am so tired of living in a box. The rats eat their way through my walls and they are going to bite my baby. My older daughter was assaulted a few weeks ago when she went to the pit toilet. I want my own house with an inside toilet. My baby doesn’t ever stop coughing. Perhaps a new house will help to strengthen his lungs. We would also not have to keep worrying that something will catch fire.”

The Department of Housing let her know that she does qualify for a subsidy because she has dependents and earns less than R1500 a month. However, she will have to add some of her own savings and may have to wait a few years until a site is available. Nonthembisa knows that it will be

hard to get her own subsidised house but she is prepared to work for it. She will be able to leave the house to her children in her will so that they will have a better life after her death than she has had. The Development Action Group has told Nonthembisa and the other members of her group that they will help her to set the process in motion.



## WESTERN CAPE

### **Development Action Group (DAG)**

101 Lower Main Road, **Observatory**, 7925

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Fax: (021) 447 1987

E-mail: [antheah@dag.org.za](mailto:antheah@dag.org.za)

Contact: Ms Houstom

### **Non-governmental organisation—training:**

This organisation helps people who want to have a house of their own. It helps with initiating the process, the planning and the design of the house itself and the implementation of the plans. DAG creates the opportunity for the community to train itself. Those members of the community who have received training order the material they will need themselves and they monitor the building process themselves. The Kuyasa Fund is a housing loan scheme set up by DAG, which offers savings-linked loans. The programme is for families with an income of less than R1 500 per month.

(Area covered: *Western Cape*)

### **People's Dialogue—uTshani Fund**

12 Barrington Road, Observatory, **Cape Town**, 8000

PO Box 34639, Groote Schuur, 7937

Tel: (021) 447 4740

Fax: (021) 447 4741

E-mail: [admin@dialogue.org.za](mailto:admin@dialogue.org.za) / [cathy@utshani.org.za](mailto:cathy@utshani.org.za)

Contact: Ms C Glover

### **Non-governmental organisation—information and support—land and shelter:**

This programme offers members of the public the opportunity to begin a housing savings scheme with between 10 and 20 members. The members are then eligible for a loan from the uTshani Fund. Members who want to own their own homes have to repay a certain amount of the loan every month, but only what they can afford. People's Dialogue also helps communities and groups to obtain land.

(Area covered: *Western Cape*)

### **Provincial Department of Housing—Housing Subsidies**

27 Wale Street, ISM Building, **Cape Town**, 8000

Private Bag X9053, Cape Town, 8000

Tel: (021) 483 4037

Fax: (021) 483 8797

Helpline: (021) 483 2342

Contact: Ms N Oosterwyk

**Provincial department—information:** This department deals with housing subsidies and provides information on the application process, where to apply and who qualifies for which subsidy.

(Area covered: *Western Cape*)



## Boland District

### Municipal Housing Offices

#### Breede River/Winelands Municipality

- 22 Main Road, **Ashton**, 6715  
Private Bag X2, Ashton, 6715  
Tel: (023) 615 1100  
Fax: (023) 615 1563  
E-mail: admin@breeland.gov.za  
Contact: Ms G Mvunge
- Main Street, **Bonnievale**, 6730  
PO Box 10, Bonnievale, 6730  
Tel: (023) 616 2105  
Fax: (023) 616 2937  
E-mail: munbon@lando.co.za  
Contact: Ms J Louw
- Piet Retief Street, **Montagu**, 6720  
Private Bag X2, Ashton, 6715  
Tel: (023) 614 1112  
Fax: (023) 614 1841  
E-mail: montagumun@breeland.gov.za  
Contact: Ms A Mohamad
- Church Street, **Robertson**, 6705  
Private Bag X2, Ashton, 6715  
Tel: (023) 626 3112  
Fax: (023) 626 2426  
E-mail: robmun@intekom.co.za  
Contact: Ms H Jenika

#### Breede Valley Municipality

Civic Centre, Baring Street, Worcester, 6850  
Private Bag X3046, Worcester, 6849  
Tel: (023) 348 2620  
Fax: (023) 347 3671  
E-mail: gggreenhalgh@breedevallei.gov.za  
Contact: Mr G Greenhalgh  
(Area covered: Worcester, Rawsonville, Touws River, De Doorns)

#### Drakenstein Municipality

- Van der Stel Street, **Paarl**, 7620  
PO Box 1, Paarl, 7620  
Tel: (021) 862 6166  
Fax: (021) 862 7174  
E-mail: hillmerf@drakenstein.gov.za  
Contact: Mr H. Fortuin
- Pentz Street, **Wellington**, 7655  
PO Box 12, Wellington, 7655  
Tel: (021) 873 1121  
E-mail: aeyshakamalie@drakenstein.gov.za  
Contact: Ms G Mattheze

#### Stellenbosch Municipality

Drukkers Avenue, **Stellenbosch**, 7600  
PO Box 17, Stellenbosch, 7599  
Tel: (021) 808 8121  
Fax: (021) 808 8492  
E-mail: lesters@stellenbosch.org  
Contact: Ms C Cornelsen  
(Area covered: Stellenbosch, Franschoek, Pniel, Kylemore, Jamestown)

#### Swartland Municipality

Church Street, **Malmesbury**, 7300  
Private Bag X52, Malmesbury, 7299  
Tel: (022) 487 9400  
Fax: (022) 487 9440  
Contact: Mr S Arendse  
(Area covered: Malmesbury, Abbotsdale)

#### Witzenberg Municipality

50 Voortrekker Street, **Ceres**, 6835  
PO Box 44, Ceres, 6835  
Tel: (023) 316 1854  
Fax: (023) 316 1877  
E-mail: charlotte@witzenberg.gov.za  
Contact: Ms C McKenzie  
(Area covered: Ceres)

**Municipal departments—information:** Members of the public who earn a net salary of less than R3500 are eligible for subsidised housing. They can contact the housing office to obtain information on how to apply and where they can be placed on the waiting list.

## Eden District

### Municipal Housing Offices

#### Kannaland Municipality

Main Street, **Zoar**, 6656  
PO Box 32, Zoar, 6655  
Tel: (028) 561 1332  
Fax: (028) 561 1332  
E-mail: kannalandz@telkomsa.net  
Contact: Mr W Baartman

#### Knysna Municipality

Queen Street, **Knysna**, 6570  
PO Box 21, Knysna, 6570  
Tel: (044) 302 6418  
Fax: (044) 302 6339  
Contact: Mr D Lombaard  
(Area covered: Knysna, Rheenendal, Sedgfield, Brenton, Knoetzie, Belvidere Estate)

#### Langeberg Municipality

Corner of Mitchel and CR Swart Streets, **Riversdale**, 6670  
PO Box 29, Riversdale, 6670  
Tel: (028) 713 8063  
Fax: (028) 713 3203  
Contact: Mr C Onrus  
(Area covered: Whole Langeberg area, Still Bay, Gourits, Heidelberg, Slangrivier, Albertinia, Witsand)

#### Mossel Bay Municipality

101 Marsh Street, **Mossel Bay**, 6500  
PO Box 25, Mossel Bay, 6500  
Tel: (044) 693 1507  
Fax: (044) 691 2920  
Contact: Ms Matwa  
(Area covered: Mossel Bay)



### **Oudtshoorn Municipality**

Voortrekker Street, **Oudtshoorn**, 6620  
PO Box 255, Oudtshoorn, 6620  
Tel: (044) 272 2221  
Fax: (044) 279 1812  
E-mail: anita@oudtmun.co.za  
Contact: Mr H Coerecius  
(Area covered: Oudtshoorn)

### **Plettenberg Bay Municipality**

Suwell Street, **Plettenberg Bay**, 6600  
Private Bag X1002, Plettenberg Bay, 6600  
Tel: (044) 533 2050  
Fax: (044) 533 3485  
E-mail: sthompson@plett.gov.za  
Contact: Mr A Fourie  
(Area covered: Kranshoek, New Horizons, Hillview, Greenvalley, Kurland)

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## ■ **Overberg District**

### **Municipal Housing Offices**

#### **Cape Agulhas Municipality**

Dirkie Uys Street, **Bredasdorp**, 7280  
PO Box 51, Bredasdorp, 7280  
Tel: (028) 425 1919  
Fax: (028) 425 1019  
E-mail: bredmin@intekom.co.za  
Contact: Ms D Stapelberg  
(Area covered: Napier, Bredasdorp, Struisbaai)

#### **Overstrand Municipality**

Still Street, **Hermanus**, 7200  
PO Box 20, Hermanus, 7200  
Tel: (028) 313 8000  
Fax: (028) 312 3998  
Contact: Mr B von During  
(Area covered: Hermanus, Rooiels, Hangklip, Betty's Bay, Kleinmond, De Kelders, Stanford, Stanford South, Gans Bay, Zwelihle, Blompark, Masikane, Mount Pleasant, Kleinbaai, Sandbaai, Franskraal, Onrust, Pearly Beach, Elopselweni, Die Damme, Fisherhaven, Hawston, Vermont)

#### **Swellendam Municipality**

49 Voortrekker Street, **Swellendam**, 6740  
PO Box 20, Swellendam, 6740  
Tel: (028) 514 1100  
Fax: (028) 514 2694  
E-mail: info@swellenmun.co.za  
Contact: Mr P du Toit  
(Area covered: Swellendam)

### **Theewaterskloof Municipality**

Plein Street, **Caledon**, 7230  
PO Box 24, Caledon, 7230  
Tel: (028) 212 3300  
Fax: (028) 214 1289  
E-mail: caledon@mweb.co.za  
Contact: Ms Malamba  
(Area covered: Caledon, Botrivier, Grabouw, Villiersdorp, Genadendal, Greyton)

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## ■ **Central Karoo District**

### **Beaufort West Municipality**

15 Church Street, **Beaufort West**, 6970  
Private Bag X582, Beaufort West, 6970  
Tel: (023) 415 2121  
Fax: (023) 415 1373  
E-mail: bwesmun@intekom.co.za  
Contact: Mr J Strydom  
(Area covered: Beaufort West)

### **Laingsburg Municipality**

Van Riebeeck Street, **Laingsburg**, 6900  
Private Bag X4, Laingsburg, 6900  
Tel: (023) 551 1019  
Fax: (023) 551 1019  
Contact: Ms M Louw  
(Area covered: Laingsburg)

### **Prince Albert Municipality**

23 Church Street, **Prince Albert**, 6930  
Private Bag X53, Prince Albert, 6930  
Tel: (023) 541 1320  
Fax: (044) 541 1321  
Contact: Mr September  
(Area covered: Prince Albert)

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## ■ City of Cape Town District

### **Communicare: Foreshore**

12 Roggebaai Square, Foreshore, **Cape Town**, 8000

Tel: (021) 421 6008

Fax: (021) 421 6094

Contact: Mr A Hill / Mrs Y Blom

### **Non-governmental organisation—information:**

This organisation offers financial help and subsidies to underprivileged people to provide shelter in the form of low-cost housing.

(Area covered: *Cape Town and surrounding area*)

### **Oceanview Development Trust**

1 Buffalo Road, Atlantic Heights, **Ocean View**, 7975

PO Box 25, Ocean View, Cape Town, 7925

Tel: (021) 783 4178

Fax: (021) 783 2552

E-mail: obovrpd@yahoo.com

Contact: Mr T Edwards

### **Community-based programme—training:**

Low-income residents are given access to a number of financial sources, which will place them in a position to own their own homes and to build. They are also given ongoing technical support and advice.

(Area covered: *Cape Town*)

### **Matzikama Municipality**

37 Church Street, **Vredendal**, 8160

PO Box 98, Vredendal, 8160

Tel: (027) 213 1045

Fax: (027) 213 3238

E-mail: headoos@matzikama.co.za

Contact: Mr T Ntsinyi

(Area covered: *Vredendal and surrounding areas*)

### **Saldanha Bay Municipality**

2 Main Street, **Vredenburg**, 7380

Private Bag X12, Vredenburg, 7380

Tel: (022) 701 7000

Fax: (022) 715 1518

E-mail: alexd@saldanhabay.co.za

Contact: Mr Johann Veldsman

(Area covered: *Saldanha Bay, Paternoster, St Helena Bay, Hopefield, Langebaan, Vredenburg*)

### **Municipal departments—information:**

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## ■ West Coast District

### **Municipal Housing Offices**

#### **Berg River Municipality**

13 Church Street, **Piketberg**, 7320

PO Box 60, Piketberg, 7320

Tel: (022) 913 1126

Fax: (022) 913 1380

E-mail: bergmun@elkomsa.net

Contact: Mr G Leo

(Area covered: *Piketberg, Redelinghuys, Aurora, Velddrif, Porterville*)

#### **Cederberg Municipality**

1. 12 Miller Street, **Citrusdal**, 7340

Private Bag X5, Citrusdal, 7340

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Fax: (022) 921 2186

Contact: Mr Pypers.

2. Voortrekker Street, **Clanwilliam**, 8135

Private Bag X2, Clanwilliam, 8135

Tel: (027) 482 8000

Fax: (027) 482 1933

E-mail: pieterj@cederbergraad.co.za

Contact: Mr P Jantjies

(Area covered: *Clanwilliam, Elandsbaai, Graafwater*)

3. 42 Church Street, **Lamberts Bay**, 8130

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Contact: Mr N Keizer

