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Homeownership Program

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HOMEOWNERSHIP PROGRAM

The South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority's (SC Housing) Homebuyer Program assists low-to-moderate income families and individuals by offering a competitive fixed interest rate mortgage loan. SC Housing also offers down payment assistance based on availability. These funds may also be used to pay closing costs.

NON-TARGETED COUNTIES:

The borrower must be a first-time homebuyer or not have had ownership interest in a principal residence in the three (3) years preceding the date on which the loan is closed in the following areas:*

Aiken	Anderson	Charleston	Greenwood	Greenville	Lancaster
Lexington	Oconee	Pickens	Richland	Spartanburg	York

*This requirement may be waived for single parents and disabled borrowers.

TARGETED COUNTIES:

The borrower must not own a home or have any ownership interest in a home at the time their loan is closed. This applies to the following targeted areas:

Abbeville	Allendale	Bamberg	Barnwell	Beaufort	Berkeley	Calhoun
Cherokee	Chester	Chesterfield	Clarendon	Colleton	Darlington	Dillon
Dorchester	Edgefield	Fairfield	Florence	Georgetown	Hampton	Horry
Jasper	Kershaw	Laurens	Lee	McCormick	Marion	Marlboro
Newberry	Orangeburg	Saluda	Sumter	Union	Williamsburg	

QUALIFICATIONS:

- FHA requires a 3.5 percent down payment. The maximum Loan-to-Value is 96.5 percent of the lesser of the sales price or appraised value. The minimum credit score is 620.
- 97% Conventional requires 3 percent down payment. Maximum Loan-to-Value is 97.0 percent of the lesser of the sales price or appraised value. Reduced mortgage insurance requirements and a minimum 640 credit score.
- 100% LTV USDA RHS loans are available. Minimum credit score 640.
- 100% LTV VA loans are available. Minimum credit score 640.
- Costs generally include: 1 percent origination fee, prepaid items and usual and customary closing costs.
- Loan Term is 30 years.
- Down payment assistance, second mortgage loans are available to qualified buyers.
- Credit score does not guarantee loan approval.

FIRST MORTGAGE REQUIREMENTS:

Borrowers must meet the qualifications for the first mortgage under SC Housing's programs to be eligible for any second mortgage product.

All funding is based on availability, so please contact a SC Housing approved lending partner to apply for loan approval and reserve funds. Programs and rates are subject to change without notice.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Prior to loan approval, all recipients of down payment assistance (DPA)* must complete a homebuyer training course. Your lending partner will set this up for you.

*See below for explanation of "forgivable down payment assistance."**

ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES:

Eligible properties include site built single-family dwellings, off-frame modular homes, patio/townhomes and FHA conventional approved condominiums. All properties must be located in South Carolina.

DOWN PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Forgivable Down Payment Assistance

SC Housing offers ***Forgivable Down Payment Assistance** (DPA) to all qualified borrowers. DPA may be used towards a borrower's down payment, closing costs and/or prepaid items only. Borrowers must meet sales price and income limits, in addition to SC Housing's first mortgage requirements. Available on new and existing homes.

This is a second mortgage with a fifteen (15) year term. The interest rate is zero and there are **no monthly payments**. The borrower must occupy the subject property for the term (15 years) of the lien for the assistance to be fully forgiven.



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