2016-2017 Riverside County Homebuyer Programs

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Program Accomplishments

- Assisted 810 families with over \$20.3M in FTHB down payment assistance
- Provided over \$31.1M in tax credits to 1,327 families
- Since 1994, EDA has helped 3,324 families achieve homeownership with down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, and tax credits totaling over \$96.8M



FTHB

First Time Home Buyer Program





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The Riverside County Economic Development Agency (EDA) is launching the Neighborhood Stabilization Homeownership Program

FTHB – Type of Assistance

- EDA's original first time buyer program
- Provides up to 20% of the purchase price for down payment assistance not to exceed \$75,000
- Silent 2nd mortgage with no monthly payments at 0% interest forgiven after 15 years
- No resale restrictions or equity share component
- No minimum buyer contribution towards down payment required



FTHB – Property Requirements

- Maximum purchase price limits
- SFR, condo/townhouse/PUD or NEW manufactured home (on permanent foundation)
- No In-Ground Pools or Spas
- Minimum 2 Bedrooms
- If property was tenant occupied, tenant must have been given 90 days written notice to vacate prior to the execution of the purchase contract (exceptionwhen tenant is going to purchase the home they're renting)

FTHB- Eligible Locations

 Unincorporated Areas of Riverside County or within any Participating City

All Cities are Eligible **EXCEPT**:

Calimesa, Cathedral City, Corona, Hemet, Indio, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Perris, Rancho Mirage, Riverside, Temecula



FTHB – Buyer Qualifications

- Must be a first-time homebuyer: no ownership interest in real estate in the past 3 years
- Household income within limits
- Will occupy subject property as primary residence
- Has attended an 8 hour homebuyer education course from HUD approved provider
- Riverside County Programs have NO minimum credit score requirement
- Buyer must qualify for eligible 1st mortgage (30 year term, fixed rate fully amortized) through participating lender

FTHB – Income Limits

INCOME LIMITS		
Effective: June 6, 2016		
FAMILY SIZE	FTHB	
1	\$35,800	
2	\$40,900	
3	\$46,000	
4	\$51,100	
5	\$55,200	
6	\$59,300	
7	\$63,400	
8	\$67,500	



FTHB – Home condition

- A home will not be eligible for purchase under this Program unless it is in standard condition and suitable for occupancy upon purchase.
- Homes purchased through the FTHB program must meet applicable state and local codes.
- Home inspections are required on all homes.
- All health and safety issues on the home inspection report must be repaired prior to EDA drawing docs.



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Mortgage Credit Certificate Program





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MCC – Type of Assistance

- Not a down payment assistance program
- Entitles qualified homebuyers to a federal income tax credit in the amount of 20% of the interest paid on the primary mortgage
- Since the borrower's income taxes are being reduced by the amount of the credit, this increases the takehome pay by the amount of the credit.
- The amount of the MCC is taken into consideration by the 1st mortgage underwriter and may give the borrower more buying power.

MCC - Type of Assistance Cont.

- MCC may be combined with the FTHB program.
- Recapture tax may apply if borrower sells home at a profit before end of first 9 years and is over the income limit at time of sale.



MCC – Calculating the Annual Credit

- 1st Mortgage Loan Amount x Interest Rate x 20%
- Example:

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Loan Amount = $250,000
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Interest Rate = 4%

 $MCC = $250,000 \times 4\% \times 20\%$

 $= $2,000/year \div 12$

= \$166.67 per month



MCC - Tax Deduction vs. Tax Credit

- A tax deduction (such as mortgage interest or property taxes) is subtracted from adjusted gross income before federal income taxes are computed, decreasing taxable income.
- A tax credit entitles a tax payer to subtract the amount of credit from their total federal tax bill.



MCC – Buyer Qualifications

- Must be a first-time homebuyer: no ownership interest in real estate in the past 3 years
 - *Exception if buyer purchases property located in an MCC Target Area Census Tract
- Buyer within income limits
 - *Exception higher income limits apply within an MCC Target Area Census Tract
- Will occupy subject property as primary residence
- MCC has no minimum credit score requirement we defer to the first mortgage lender's credit underwriting

MCC - Income Limits

INCOME LIMITS			
Effective: March 28, 2016			
F AMILY SIZE	M Outside Target Area	CC Inside Target Area	
1	\$70,000	\$84,000	
2			
3	\$80,500	\$98,000	
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			



MCC – Property Requirements

- Foreclosed, Short Sale, or Private party sales are all OK
- Purchase price limits apply
- SFR, condo/townhouse/PUD or manufactured home (on permanent foundation)



MCC – Eligible Locations

• All areas in Riverside County are eligible for MCC assistance EXCEPT the following cities:

Eastvale, Hemet, Indian Wells, Murrieta,
Rancho Mirage, Wildomar,
and all unincorporated areas (areas outside a city limit)



Qualifying Process for FTHB & MCC

- Borrower works with approved loan officer
- Lenders go through rigorous corporate approval process and loan officers must attend annual training
- Loan officer pre-qualifies borrower simultaneously for 1st mortgage and County Assistance
- Loan Officer is responsible for informing buyer and realtor regarding program details
- Program form must accompany offer for seller's signature (FTHB 3)
- Buyer enters into purchase agreement, escrow opens, lender processes file and submits complete application package to EDA

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