## FOR CONSUMERS

# NJHMFA Down Payment Assistance (NJHMFA DPA)

#### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Accumulating the funds for down payment and closing costs is a common barrier to potential homeowners. The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (NJHMFA) Down Payment Assistance (DPA) Program provides qualified homebuyers with \$10,000 toward down payment and/or closing costs. The DPA program is only available to participants in NJHMFA's first mortgage lending programs.

#### LOAN TERMS

The interest rate on the NJHMFA DPA program second mortgage is 0%. If the Borrower continuously resides in the premises as his/her principal residence for five years from the loan closing date, the DPA second mortgage will have been deemed satisfied.

#### **ELIGIBLE BORROWERS**

- Borrower(s) must purchase and occupy a residential home in New Jersey.
- Borrower(s) must qualify and meet all requirements for an NJHMFA first mortgage loan originated through a participating lender.
- Borrower(s) must be a first-time homebuyer, defined as someone who has not had an ownership interest in their primary residence during the previous three years.
- Borrower(s) must have a FICO score of 620 or greater and meet debt-to-income requirements.

• Borrower(s) may not possess enough liquid assets to close a mortgage loan at 80% LTV or less.

#### **INCOME LIMITS**

Income limit is based on household size, location of the property and the funding source of the first mortgage. In no event will the maximum allowable household income exceed 140% of area median income.

#### **PROPERTY ELIGIBILITY**

- Must be a single-family home, condominium, townhome, manufactured or mobile home, which is permanently affixed to real property owned by the Borrower.
- Two-to four-family dwellings are eligible if one unit is occupied by the Borrower as his or her primary residence.
- Property is subject to purchase price limits, which are based on family size and location. Please see Statewide Limit charts at www.njhousing.gov/homeownership/buyers/first/.
- The property must meet the respective guidelines for the NJHMFA's first mortgage loan originated through a participating lender.

#### HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply for the NJHMFA DPA Program, please contact a participating NJHMFA lender. The list of participating lenders can be found online at www.theroadhomenj.com.

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