City of Cleveland Heights
DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE LOAN PROGRAM
FOR ELIGIBLE OWNER-OCCUPANT APPLICANTS

Facilitated by: Home Repair Resource Center

This program is available city wide within the City of Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

- Up to $30,000 Down Payment Assistance for a Single-Family Home*
- Up to $50,000 Down Payment Assistance for a Two-Family Home**

*Sales Price Limit for property is up to $ $313,500
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This is a deferred payment, zero-interest (0%) second mortgage.

- 50% forgivable over 5 years for households under 80% AMI
- 50% forgivable over 5 years for households under 120% AMI in qualified census tracts
- For households under 120% AMI outside a qualified census tract, the loan is to be repaid immediately at the time of resale, transfer, or if the property is no longer owner-occupied.

Eligible Applicants:

Applicant(s) must be at or below the following income guidelines for their household size:

	2026 Gross Income Limit	
Household Size*	**80% AMI**	**120% AMI**
1	$58,800	$88,200
2	$67,200	$100,800
3	$75,600	$113,400
4	$84,000	$126,000
5	$90,750	$136,100
6	$97,450	$146,150

*call (216) 381-6100 for additional income limits if your household size is not shown

Applicants must also meet the following requirements:

1 Receive certification of completion of pre-purchase and home maintenance counseling from a H.U.D. approved agency.
2 Contribute a minimum of 3.50% of the sales price towards the home purchase (gift funds also eligible).
3 Applicants may contribute additional funds toward the down payment, including eligible gift funds. However, the Cleveland Heights Down Payment Assistance Program is intended to provide assistance based on the applicant's financial need to complete the home purchase. When the applicant's total down payment contribution, including

personal funds and eligible gift funds, exceeds 10% of the purchase price, the applicant's calculated DPA benefit will be reduced dollar-for-dollar by the amount exceeding 10%.

4 Receive approval and first mortgage commitment for the purchase of the home from a mortgage lender.

5 Applicant(s) must have First-Time Homebuyer Status. Borrower is either a first-time homebuyer or has not owned residential housing in the three (3) years immediately preceding the approval of the DPA.

The mortgage rate and other possible fees (such as broker fee, origination fee and points) must not be excessive for the type of mortgage obtained by the buyer: conventional, FHA, VA. No prepayment penalties or balloon payments.

The Property Must Be Inspected for Code Violations and Defective Paint

- The property must be occupied by the seller or vacant for a minimum of 90 days.
- Defective paint issues must be satisfied prior to application and initial inspection by the City of Cleveland Heights.
- Health and safety code violations must be satisfied before the owner can receive approval to occupy the home.

MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE

The maximum amount of down payment assistance available varies, based on the income of the qualified applicant, specifically as follows:

- 17% of sales price or $30,000 (whichever is less) for borrowers at or below 80% AMI,
- 17% of sales price or $30,000 (whichever is less) for borrowers at or below 120% AMI located inside of a qualified census tract
- 13% of sales price or $30,000 (whichever is less) for borrowers at or below 120% AMI located outside of a qualified census tract

The borrower's income will be calculated at the time of application. Regarding Two-family purchases, potential rental income will be added to the borrower's monthly income. The calculated total income must not exceed set income guidelines. The maximum amounts available will be based on the sliding scale above, with no more than $5,000 or 6 months of PITI, whichever is greater, of liquid assets after buyer contribution.

It is strongly recommended that applicants obtain a 60-day funding reservation before entering a purchase agreement.

To request an application, please compete our questionnaire at https://hrrc-ch.org/?page_id=3367 or call 216.381.6100.

When you are ready to return your application with your supporting documentation, you may scan/ email (costrom@hrrc-ch.org), drop off (2520 Noble Rd. Cleveland Hts. M-F, 10-4) or mail it in. Please scan all documents as Adobe PDFs. Pictures of the documents will not be accepted.

Please call at (216) 381-6100 if additional information is needed.
Please be advised that the program and its guidelines are subject to change without notice.