

Purpose:

HOMEBUYER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROGRAM SUMMARY

The Homebuyer Assistance Program is intended to encourage expanded homeownership by low income persons in the City of Chester. It has a dual focus of encouraging existing renters in the city to become homeowners and encouraging new residents to buy a house in the city.

Program Benefits: The Homebuyer Assistance Program is designed to help those who have the financial capability to handle a mortgage and who are ready to accept the responsibilities of owning a home, but who have had difficulty in assembling the significant lump sum of cash that is necessary to cover the downpayment and closing costs associated with buying a home.

Program Basics: The Homebuyer Assistance Program will provide 50% of the downpayment needed to purchase a home in the city of Chester and \$5,000 in closing costs as a zero percent (0%) interest loan. Applicants interested in applying for the Homebuyer Assistance Program must submit an application to the Chester Economic Development Authority (CEDA).

Eligibility: Prospective home purchasers must meet HUD's income guidelines as listed on the back of the Summary, must be a first time homebuyer (no home owned for previous three years) or meet other special eligibility criteria and must complete a certified mortgage counseling program.

Loan Amount: Downpayment assistance: 50% of downpayment to a maximum of \$5,000; Closing costs maximum of \$5,000.

For More Information Contact CEDA at (610) 447-7850

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2014 INCOME LIMITS

Household Size	<u>Income Limit</u> *
1 Person	\$44,150
2 Persons	\$50,450
3 Persons	\$56,750
4 Persons	\$63,050
5 Persons	\$68,100
6 Persons	\$73,150
7 Persons	\$78,200
8 Persons	\$83,250

* If your income is above the amounts listed above, you may still qualify for the Chester Economic Development Authority's (CEDA) Moderate Income Homebuyer Assistance Program. Please contact CEDA at 447-7850 for additional information on this program.

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