

# **Homebuyer Assistance**

The City of Philadelphia wants you to be a successful homeowner!

We are offering a homebuyer assistance grant of up to \$10,000 (or 6% of the home's purchase price, whichever is lower) to assist first-time homebuyers to reduce the principal, cover down payment and loan closing costs.

To be eligible you must complete a FREE Cityfunded homeownership counseling program **before you sign an Agreement of Sale.** 

Homeownership counseling successfully prepares borrowers for this big life decision. In homeownership counseling, you will learn about:

- Purchasing a home within your budget
- Avoiding dangerous mortgages
- Rights and responsibilities of homeowners
- Mortgage application/purchase processes
- Improving credit, credit repair and credit maintenance
- Money management
- Home maintenance
- Avoiding foreclosure
- · Deeds and other legal housing documents

Call for City information, Program information is available in other languages.

# What type of property is eligible?

The property must be a single-family home or duplex located in Philadelphia (no condominiums).

#### Who is eligible?

- You must be a first-time buyer\*
- You must complete one-on-one homeownership counseling through a City-funded housing counseling agency before signing an Agreement of Sale
- You must be income-eligible (see chart below)

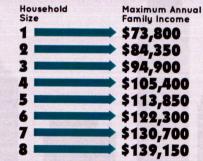
### How do I apply?

Contact a City-funded housing counseling agency (see reverse). They will need:

- Total annual family income
- Source of that income (employment, SSI, DPA, etc.)
- Number of family members who will live in the house

\* or have not owned a home in the past three years.

## Income guidelines



For households larger than eight, add approximately \$8,400 per person. (Income guidelines subject to change)
This program and grant is restricted to households at or below 100% of AMI

For additional housing information, visit www.phila.gov/dhcd or call 215-686-9749.





