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# **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 311 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.





Division of Housing and Community Development



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# Philly First Home Program Housing Counseling Agencies

#### **Affordable Housing Centers**

of Pennsylvania 846 N. Broad St. Phila., PA 19130 215-765-1221 www.ahcopa.org

# Affordable Housing Centers of Pennsylvania Northeast Office

6325 Frankford Avenue, Unit D Phila., PA 19135 215-624-0221 www.ahcopa.org

#### Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha (APM)

600 W. Diamond St. Phila., PA 19122 215-235-6070 www.apmphila.org

#### Center in the Park

5818 Germantown Ave. Phila., PA 19144 215- 848-7722

#### Clarifi

1635 Market St., Ste. 510 Phila., PA 19103 215-563-5665 www.clarifi.org (Call for more locations)

#### **Congreso de Latinos Unidos**

216 W. Somerset St. Phila., PA 19133 215-763-8870 www.congreso.net

#### Esperanza

4261 N. 5th St. Phila., PA 19140 215-324-0746 www.esperanza.us

#### **Greater Philadelphia Asian Social**

**Service Center (GPASS)** 4943 N. 5th St. Phila., PA 19120 215-456-1662 www.gpasspa.org

#### **Greater Philadelphia Community**

Alliance (GPCA) Dixon House 1920 S. 20th St. Phila., PA 19145 215-336-3511 www.ucsep.org

#### Greater Philadelphia Community Alliance (GPCA) Huston Center

2029 S. 8th St. Phila., PA 19148 215-468-1645 Ex. 7200 www.ucsep.org

#### **HACE: Central Office**

167 W. Allegheny Ave., Ste. 200 Phila., PA 19140 215-426-8025 www.hacecdc.org

#### **HACE:** Frankford Office

4907 Frankford Ave. Phila., PA 19124 215-437-7861 www.hacecdc.org

#### **Intercultural Family Services**

4225 Chestnut St. Phila., PA 19104 215-386-1298 www.ifsinc.org

#### **Mt. Airy USA**

6703 Germantown Ave., Ste. 200 Phila., PA 19119 215-844-6021 www.mtairyusa.org

#### **New Kensington CDC**

2771 Ruth St., Ste. 1 Phila., PA 19134 215-427-0350 www.nkcdc.org

#### **Norris Square Community Alliance**

174 Diamond St. Phila., PA 19122 215-426-8734 www.nscaonline.org

#### **Northwest Counseling Service**

6521 N. Broad St. Phila., PA 19126 215-324-7500 (dial 0) www.nwcsinc.org

#### **Philadelphia Chinatown CDC**

301-305 N. 9th St. Phila., PA 19107 215-922-2156 www.chinatown-pcdc.org

#### Southwest CDC

6328 Paschall Ave. Phila., PA 19142 215-729-0800 www.southwestcdc.org

#### **Unemployment Information Center**

112 N. Broad St., 11<sup>th</sup> Fl. Phila., PA 19102 215-557-0822 www.philaup.org

#### Urban League of Philadelphia

121 S. Broad St., 9th Fl. Phila., PA 19107 215-985-3220 www.urbanleaguephila.org

#### West Oak Lane CDC

1624 Wadsworth Ave. Phila., PA 19150 215-224-8339 www.westoaklanecdc.org

#### Note: agencies subject to change

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