## Settlement Assistance Grant



### Office of Housing and Community Development



### **Settlement Assistance**

- Provides up to \$500\* per household to help first-time Philadelphia homebuyers\*\* pay for closing costs.
- Includes free homeownership counseling. Note: The grant cannot be used toward a downpayment or other home-buying expenses. Eligibility requirements apply.

#### What type of property is eligible?

The property must be a singlefamily home or duplex located in Philadelphia.

#### Who is eligible?

- You must be a first-time buyer.
- You must complete homeownership counseling through an OHCD-funded housing counseling agency (list on reverse) **before** signing an Agreement of Sale.
- You must be income eligible (see below).





For households larger than eight, add \$5,044 for (Income guidelines subject to change)

#### Why is homeownership counseling required?

Buying a home is a big investment. Counseling teaches you:

- How to purchase within your
- How to avoid dangerous mortgages
- The rights and responsibilities of homeowners
- The mortgage application/ purchase process
- Credit repair and maintenance
- Money management
- Home maintenance
- Mortgage default prevention

#### How do I apply?

Contact one of the OHCDfunded housing counseling agencies listed on the reverse. Before you call, get the following information together so you can give it to the housing counselor:

- Amount of total annual household income
- Source of that income (employment, SSI, DPA, etc.)
- Number of people in your household

#### Other First-Time\*\* **Homebuyer Programs**

#### Homeowership **Assistance Grant**

The Homeownership Assistance Grant program offers up to \$10,000 (or 6 percent of the purchase price of the house, whichever is lower) to first-time homebuyers. Call 215-686-9749 for a list of eligible properties and information on how to apply.

#### **Pennsylvania Housing** Finance Agency (PHFA)

This state agency offers a variety of grants and loans for home purchases, home repairs and foreclosure prevention. For more information, call 1-800-822-1174.

Grants will be provided as long as funding is available.

The definition of first-time homebuyer varies by program. In some cases, a first-time homebuyer may have previously owned a home. Contact a housing counseling agency for

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### **Housing Counseling Agencies**

### Affordable Housing Center of Pennsylvania

846 N. Broad St. Phila., PA 19130 215-765-1221 www.ahcoa.org/offices.cfm?s=pa

### Asociación Puertorriqueños en Marcha (APM)

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

#### Clarifi

1608 Walnut St., 10th Fl. Phila., PA 19107 215-563-5665 www.clarifi.org

#### Concilio

705-709 N. Franklin St. Phila., PA 19123 215-627-3100 http://elconcilio.net

#### Congreso de Latinos Unidos

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

#### **Diversified Community Services (Dixon House)**

1920 S. 20th St. Phila., PA 19145 215-336-3511 www.dcsphila.org

#### 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

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

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

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

4660 Frankford Ave. Phila., PA 19124 215-437-7867 www.hacecdc.org

#### **Intercultural Family Services**

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

### Korean Community Development Services Center\*

6055 N. 5th St. Phila., PA 19120 215-276-8830 www.koreancenter.org

#### Mt. Airy USA

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

#### **New Kensington CDC**

2513-15 Frankford Ave. Phila., PA 19125 215-427-0350 x 0 www.nkcdc.org

### Norris Square Civic Association

149 W. Susquehanna Ave. Phila., PA 19122 215-426-8723 www.nscaphila.org

### Northwest Counseling Service\*

5001 N. Broad St. Phila., PA 19141 215-324-7500 www.nwcsonline.com

## Philadelphia Council for Community Advancement (PCCA)

PCCA Center City 1617 JFK Blvd., Ste. 1550 Phila., PA 19103 215-567-7803 www.pccahousing.org

#### **PCCA West**

5218 Master St. Phila., PA 19131 215-796-9979 www.pccahousing.org

#### **Southwest CDC**

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

#### The Partnership CDC

4020 Market St., Ste. 100 Phila., PA 19104 215-662-1612 www.thepartnershipcdc.org

### United Communities Southeast Philadelphia\*

2029 S. 8th St. Phila., PA 19148 215-467-8700 www.ucsep.org

#### Urban League of Philadelphia

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

#### West Oak Lane CDC

7300-02 Ogontz Ave. Phila., PA 19138 215-224-0880 Call for City information. Program information is available in other languages.

It is the policy of the City of Philadelphia to provide services without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, having AIDS or being perceived to have AIDS, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap or age.

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

Note: agencies subject to change \*Not wheelchair accessible