



Homeownership Program Bulletin

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To: CalHFA Approved Lenders

REVISION TO THE HOMEOWNERSHIP IN REVITALIZATION AREAS PROGRAM (HIRAP)

This Program Bulletin revises CalHFA Program Bulletin #2003-06, Homeownership In Revitalization Areas Program (HIRAP), dated February 26, 2003. Assembly Bill No. 304, Chapter 553, Statutes of 2003, amended Proposition 46, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2002. It is effective for all HIRAP reservations made on or after January 1, 2004.

- Effective January 1, 2004, fifty percent (50%) of the funds for the HIRAP program will be available for down payment and closing cost assistance to low-income first-time homebuyers in an amount not to exceed six percent (6%) of the home sales price. After twelve (12) months of such availability, CalHFA will reevaluate the continuance of the six percent (6%) maximum loan amount.

All other program parameters as set forth in Program Bulletin #2003-06 shall remain the same.

The HIRAP is intended to assist low-income first-time homebuyers who (1) receive homeownership counseling from a CalHFA-approved nonprofit organization that is certified and funded to provide homeownership counseling by a federally funded national nonprofit corporation, and (2) purchase homes located in a community revitalization area identified by the CalHFA-approved nonprofit organization. A listing of the CalHFA-approved nonprofit organizations for HIRAP is available on CalHFA's web site (www.calhfa.ca.gov).

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