



Homeownership Program Bulletin

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To: CalHFA Approved Lenders

Revision to Program #1 – Economically Distressed Area of the School Facility Fee Down Payment Assistance Program

The School Facility Fee Down Payment Assistance Program is a conditional grant program that provides assistance to buyers of newly constructed homes throughout California. Eligible applicants receive either a partial or full rebate of the school facility fees paid by the builder, depending on which program they qualify for. The assistance can be used for down payment, closing costs, or any costs associated with the buyer's first mortgage loan, subject to acceptance by the mortgage lender or the mortgage insurer. If the homebuyer owner occupies their home for five years, the full amount of the grant is forgiven. If the home is owner-occupied less than five years, the grant must be repaid on a pro rata basis.

This bulletin is to announce the annual changes to the list of eligible counties and maximum sales price limits under Program #1-Economically Distressed Area of the School Facility Fee Down Payment Assistance Program. This bulletin supersedes the eligible counties and maximum sales price limits provided in Program Bulletin #2005-14, dated April 15, 2005.

Effective immediately, for Program #1 of the School Facility Fee Down Payment Assistance Program, the current eligible counties and maximum sales price limits are:

<u>County</u>	<u>Sales Price Limit</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Sales Price Limit</u>
Fresno	\$382,585	Monterey	\$443,950
Imperial	\$308,525	San Joaquin	\$573,913
Kern	\$334,250	Shasta	\$394,363
Kings	\$340,638	Stanislaus	\$507,535
Madera	\$309,050	Tulare	\$313,128
Merced	\$409,570		

Program #1 provides for the needs of homebuyers of newly constructed single family homes or condominiums in economically distressed counties. Interested applicants must be purchasing a newly constructed home with a building permit issued on or after January 1, 2002: the home must be within an eligible designated economically distressed county; and sales price of home must be within School Facility Fee Program maximum sales price limit for that county. Under Program #1, applicants are not required to be first-time homebuyers. Assistance will be calculated based on a portion of the eligible school facility fees paid by the builder.

Reminder: Program #2 – First-Time Homebuyer-Moderate Income Limits of the School Facility Fee Down Payment Assistance Program is still available for buyers of newly constructed homes

if eligibility requirements are met. Program #2 is not affected by sales price changes listed above. Under Program #2, interested applicants must be purchasing a newly constructed home with a building permit issued on or after January 1, 2002; be first-time homebuyers; and be within the program's moderate income limits. Assistance will be calculated using the total eligible school facility fees paid by the builder.

Application packages with instructions are available by calling Homeownership Special Programs at 916.445.8616 or by logging onto our web site at www.calhfa.ca.gov.

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