

Homeownership Program Bulletin

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To: CalHFA Approved Lenders

Annual Update to the School Facility Fee Down Payment Assistance Program Program #1 – Economically Distressed Area Effective August 05, 2011

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 #2010-12, dated October 28, 2010 and are effective August 05, 2011.

Program Summary: 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 qualify to receive either a partial or full rebate of the school facility fees paid by the builder, depending on which portion of the 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 and the mortgage insurer. If the homebuyers occupy their home for five years, the full amount of the grant is forgiven. If the home is owner-occupied less than five years, a portion of the grant must be repaid, calculated on a pro rata basis.

Annual County and Sales Price Updates: The following table lists current eligible counties and updated maximum sales price limits for Program #1 of the School Facility Fee Down Payment Assistance Program.

<u>County</u>	<u>Maximum Sales Price</u>		<u>County</u>	<u>Maximum Sales Price</u>
Calaveras	\$611,363		Merced	\$487,113
Fresno	\$493,500		San Joaquin	\$667,100
Imperial	\$438,725		Shasta	\$553,823
Kern	\$459,200		Stanislaus	\$592,375
Kings	\$474,425		Tulare	\$437,850
Madera	\$423,325			

Program #1 Details: Program #1 is for 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 county that has been designated as economically distressed; and the sales price of the home must be within the 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 Note: Program #2 of the School Facility Fee Down Payment Assistance Program is not affected by sales price changes listed above. Program #2 is available for eligible buyers of newly constructed single family homes. 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 on our web site at www.calhfa.ca.gov

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