

CLARK COUNTY DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Please see Section 13 (Downpayment Programs) of the Home Advantage and House Key manual for all other terms and conditions that also apply to this Downpayment Assistance program. Before originating this program, loan officers are HIGHLY recommended to attend training specifically for the specialty DPAs. Sign up [here](#).

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Clark County Down Payment Assistance (DPA) is a down payment assistance program offered with the Commission first mortgage programs. Clark County DPA was created from a partnership between the Commission and Clark County.

\$1.33 million in funds assisting approximately 22 households is available starting April 3rd, 2023 on a first-come, first-served basis.

Listed below are additional requirements for the Clark County DPA program:

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

1. The subject property must be within Clark County.
2. The Borrower(s) must be a first-time homebuyer, not having owned and occupied a primary residence in the last 3 years. Additionally, Borrower(s) may not own an investment property.
3. The Borrower(s) must attend a Commission-sponsored homebuyer education class.
4. The Borrower must attend a one-on-one pre-purchase counseling session with an approved counseling agency. A post-purchase one-on-one counseling session is also encouraged within 30 days of closing.
5. Clark County Second Mortgage loans may not be combined with any other of the Commission's down payment assistance programs.
6. Lenders to determine the DPA loan amount using the [Needs Assessment Form](#).

MORTGAGE DETAILS

Interest Rate - 2% simple interest, payment deferred

Loan Term - 30 years

Repayment – Due at the time of sale, transfer, refinance, no longer occupy as primary residence or in 30 years

Assumptions - Clark County DPA loans are NOT assumable

Loan Amount - Up to \$60,000 towards down payment and closing costs

Source of Funds – Clark County General Funds

MAXIMUM INCOME LIMITS

To be eligible for the program, an applicants' annual Qualifying Income cannot exceed ninety (90) percent of the area median income for a household of four in Clark County, updated each year in April.

As of April 2024 the limit is \$105,210.

FRONT DTI MINIMUM

Borrower's front-end DTI must be *at least* 25.00%. If under, DPA Loan Amount must be reduced until ratio is equal to or over 25.00%.

PROPERTY

The purchase price may NOT exceed \$600,000.

First Mortgage Note: House Key first mortgages have a maximum acquisition cost of \$495,000 in non-targeted areas ([Targeted Areas](#) are allowed up to \$550,000 with House Key). Above the House Key limit but below the \$600,000 DPA program limit, the first mortgage must be Home Advantage.

HOMEBUYER EDUCATION AND COUNSELING

In addition to a Commission sponsored Homebuyer Education Seminar, all Borrower(s) **must also attend one-on-one pre-purchase counseling**. A counseling certificate issued by an approved housing counseling agency must be provided with the pre-closing compliance package to Commission. One-on-one post-purchase counseling for the Borrower(s) is also encouraged within 30 days of closing, with the same agency that conducted the pre-purchase one-on-one counseling.

The Borrower(s) will be charged up to \$260 for the one-on-one counseling session. The fee will include both pre & post-purchase counseling and can be paid for from the proceeds of the second mortgage as an allowable closing cost. **Please instruct escrow to pay the fee directly to the housing counseling agency at closing.**

The Borrower must contact an Approved Housing Counseling agency to schedule an appointment with a counselor for counseling.

| Agency | Phone | Email |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| African American Alliance for Homeownership | (503) 595-3517 | info@aaah.org |
| Evergreen Habitat for Humanity | (360) 737-1759 | melissa@ehfh.org |
| HomeSight | (206)760-4228 | brooke@homesightwa.org |
| Native American Youth and Family Center | (503) 288-8177 | rosew@navapdx.org |
| Parkview Services | (509) 861-3330 | loretta@parkviewservices.org |
| Proudground Community Land Trust | (503) 493-0293 | info@proudground.org |

CLOSING DOCUMENTS

The Note and Deed of Trust for the Clark County DPA are provided here through Lender Online. [Instructions to access them are here](#). Sample Loan Estimates and Closing Disclosures are provided for the Clark County DPA [on this page](#).