

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Down Payment Assistance program is to provide low-moderate first time homebuyers with down payment and closing cost assistance to subsidize the cost of home ownership and make it more affordable. For many potential homebuyers the biggest barrier to homeownership is the down payment and closing costs. While they may have a steady income that would allow them to make monthly payments, they do not have the means to save for the upfront costs of purchasing a home.



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TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP TO



HOME OWNERSHIP

DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Community Building Partnership Down Payment Assistance Program

The Down Payment Assistance Program provides 50% of required down payment and up to 100% in closing cost assistance in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 to low-moderate income First Time Homebuyers within the Canton City limits as a 0% interest rate deferred loan forgiven at the end of 5 years.

This program is provided in partnership by the City of Canton and Community Building Partnership.

Interested homebuyers should contact Community Building Partnership at 330-458-0962.

Income Eligibility

- Eligibility to receive the down payment assistance is dependent upon the annual gross income, per household. Households cannot exceed 80% AMI unless home being purchased is in NRSA area.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	80% AMI INCOME	120% AMI INCOME *NRSA
SINGLE	\$36,350	\$54,480
TWO PERSONS	\$41,550	\$62,400
THREE PERSONS	\$46,750	\$70,200
FOUR PERSONS	\$51,900	\$77,880
FIVE PERSONS	\$56,100	\$84,120
SIX PERSONS	\$60,250	\$90,360
SEVEN PERSONS	\$64,400	\$96,600
EIGHT PERSONS	\$68,550	\$102,840

* NRSA (Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area) includes the following census tracts 7001, 7015, 7017, 7018, 7021 & 7023

Property Eligibility

- Property must be a single family unit that will be owned in fee simple title.
- The home must be located within the City of Canton Corporation limits.
- Housing must meet the Residential Code of Ohio. An inspection will be performed by a City of Canton Construction Coordinator.
- Properties with peeling, flaking, chipping paint will not qualify due to HUD Lead paint regulations.



General Requirements

- Applicants may not have assets of more than \$10,000 (Assets are liquid assets such as cash, checking, savings, cd's, stocks, bond, and mutual funds).
- Applicants must be a first time homebuyer by HUD's definition or not have owned a home in the previous 3 years.
- Applicants must own and occupy the property that is being purchased as their principal residence during the five-year affordability period as required by HUD.

- PITI (sum of monthly principal, interest, taxes and insurance) cannot exceed 30% of applicant's gross monthly household income.
- Applicants are required to obtain hazard insurance.
- Applicants will be required to attend a certified housing counseling certificate course.
- Applicants must be pre-approved for a mortgage loan.
- Applicants who received prior down payment assistance are not eligible.**
- Applicants who have received prior rehabilitation assistance through the CDBG program are not eligible to participate.**
- Applicants are not eligible for a refund at closing.**

