

HomeSaver



A Hardest Hit Fund Initiative

FACT SHEET

The **HomeSaver Program** is a U.S. Treasury Hardest Hit Housing Markets (HHF) Initiative administered by the District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency. The **HomeSaver Mortgage Payment Assistance Program** has two (2) components for **unemployed** and **underemployed** borrowers:

1. **Lifeline Assistance** – One-time payment of up to sixteen (16) months mortgage delinquency (PITIA); Applicant must be receiving unemployment benefits within twelve (12) months of application (unemployment) or have experienced an involuntary reduction of income of at least 10% within the past twelve (12) months (underemployment).
2. **Mortgage Assistance** – A maximum of \$60,000 (combined with Lifeline) of monthly payments through December 31, 2021 (PITIA); Applicant must be receiving unemployment benefits within twelve (12) months of application (unemployment) or have experienced an involuntary reduction of income of at least 10% within the past twelve (12) months (underemployment).

Borrower Eligibility Criteria:

- District of Columbia Homeowner(s) residing in the property as his/her primary residence;
- Homeowner named on the Note, Deed of Trust and/or Deed;
- Homeowner(s) who are receiving unemployment benefits at the time of application or have experience an involuntary reduction in income of 10% or more (Lifeline Assistance and Mortgage Assistance) ; and
- Homeowner(s) who are NOT in active bankruptcy.

Modifications:

- Applicants in the trial phase period of their modification **cannot** receive assistance from HomeSaver. Applicants in their permanent phase of modification **can** receive assistance from HomeSaver.

Duration of Assistance:

- No funds will be paid out after December 31, 2021

Structure of Assistance:

- Non-recourse and non-amortizing junior lien;
- Loans will be forgiven at a rate of 20% per year such that upon the fifth (5th) anniversary date of closing, the loan will be forgiven and the lien removed; and
- The loan will only be repayable if the program participant sells, refinances or no longer occupies the property prior to expiration of the lien period, and then only to the extent there is sufficient equity to repay.

Program Exclusions:

- Outstanding mortgage balances greater than \$729,750;
- Residential cooperative units
- Homeowners not receiving, or who have not received unemployment insurance payments in the past twelve (12) months or have not experienced an involuntary reduction in income of 10% or more;
- Active Bankruptcy - case by case basis
- Other program conditions may apply.



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