

# *Assistance Available Citywide!*

**HomeSaver**



A Hardest Hit Fund Initiative

# FACT SHEET

## HomeSaver Phase II —Restore Assistance Program

The **HomeSaver Program** is a U.S. Treasury Hardest Hit Housing Markets (HHF) Initiative administered by the District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency.

**Restore Assistance** – One-time payment, up to \$60,000, to “catch-up” on delinquent property related expenses. Applicant must be able to sustain future payments going forward.

### Program Components:

- One time assistance to eligible DC homeowners at risk of foreclosure or tax sale due to delinquent mortgage payments, real property tax, homeowner association fees, condo fees, hazard insurance, legal fees, etc.
- Maximum assistance is \$60,000.
- No funds will be paid out after December 31, 2021.

### Borrower Eligibility Criteria:

- District of Columbia homeowner(s) residing in the property as his/her primary residence;
- Homeowner(s) whose property related delinquency is greater than \$2,500;
- Homeowner(s) must have experienced an eligible involuntary financial hardship resulting in reduced income due to change in employment, medical hardship, death of a spouse/co-borrower, divorce or disability;
- If default is cured, must be able to afford future payments without additional assistance;
- Non- escrowed property taxes, such as in the case of reverse mortgage, may be paid through the remainder of the current billing cycle.
- Homeowner(s) gross income cannot exceed 120% Area Median Income (\$140,640); and
- Homeowner(s) total housing expense payment must be 45% of gross income or less.

### 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:

- Residential cooperative units;
- Homeowner(s) in active bankruptcy (case by case); and
- Other program conditions may apply.



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