

# Hamilton County Neighborhood Stabilization Program: Down Payment Assistance Application

## *Program Description*

The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) assists income-qualified buyers in the purchase of NSP-assisted homes. NSP-assisted homes are homes that have been rehabbed with NSP funds (to see a list of available homes, please visit <http://www.hamiltoncountyohio.gov/commdev/v2/NSPHomes.asp>). Approved applicants receive grants up to \$14,999 to be used as down payment assistance (grant amount is dependent upon income). The grants are in the form of a forgivable loan (soft second mortgage) at 0% interest, contingent upon the eligible homebuyer continuing to own, occupy as principal residence, and maintain the home for the full 5 year affordability period.

## *Qualifications and Requirements*

### 2009 Income Limits and Grant Amounts

Program participation is limited to households with adjusted gross income that is 120% or less than the area median income. Consult the table below to determine if you meet this requirement. Grants will be provided based on household income according to the ranges below:

----- Household Size-----								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>80% AMI</b>	\$38,750	\$44,300	\$49,800	\$55,350	\$59,800	\$64,200	\$68,650	\$73,050
<b>100% AMI</b>	\$48,450	\$55,400	\$62,300	\$69,200	\$74,750	\$80,300	\$85,800	\$91,350
<b>120% AMI</b>	\$58,150	\$66,450	\$74,750	\$83,050	\$89,700	\$96,350	\$103,000	\$109,650

Income Range	Grant Amount
Below 80% AMI	\$14,999
80% - 100% AMI	\$12,500
Over 100% - 120% AMI	\$10,000

### Affordability

The grant amounts indicated on the previous page are subject to a 5-year affordability period. This means that the forgivable loan (soft second mortgage) at 0% interest is contingent upon the eligible homebuyer continuing to own, occupy as principal residence, and maintain the home for 5 full years. If the property is **sold** during the affordability period, the repayment amount will be determined as specified in the table below (repayment is subject to available net proceeds). \*If the homebuyer **vacates** or **rents out** the home during the affordability period, then the **full** grant amount is subject to recapture.

Year of Affordability Period	Amount of Grant to be Repaid
Sell within 1 <sup>st</sup> year:	100% (full amount repaid)
Sell after completion of 1 <sup>st</sup> year:	80%
Sell after completion of 2 <sup>nd</sup> year:	60%
Sell after completion of 3 <sup>rd</sup> year:	40%
Sell after completion of 4 <sup>th</sup> year:	20%
Sell after completion of 5 <sup>th</sup> year:	0% (full amount forgiven)

### Homebuyer's Course

All NSP recipients must complete a 9-hour homebuyer class prior to closing on their home. Course work can be completed before or after submitting the NSP application. Hamilton County has a contract with the following agency to conduct this class. Class costs are \$750.00 a person and are covered through the NSP; Hamilton County will be billed.

The Home Ownership Center  
2820 Vernon Place  
Cincinnati, OH 45219  
513-961-2800

### Qualifying Jurisdiction

Approved applicants may receive down payment assistance towards the purchase of a NSP-assisted home (subject to funding and home availability) in any of the following NSP-targeted Communities:

- Cheviot
- Cleves
- Colerain
- Elmwood Place
- Forest Park
- Golf Manor
- Lincoln Heights
- Lockland
- Mt. Healthy
- North College Hill
- Norwood
- Silverton
- Springfield
- St. Bernard
- Woodlawn

### **Buyer Contribution**

Approved applicants are required to provide a minimum of 1% of the purchase price of the home as a contribution towards the acquisition. The contribution must be in the form of a cash payment and cannot be borrowed or gifted funds. Documentation verifying this contribution must be submitted to our office **prior to closing**. No cash may be received at closing.

### **Financing Restrictions**

NSP participants may obtain financing from the lending institution of their choice. The loan re-payment terms must meet FHA guidelines that specify that no more than 31% of monthly household income be devoted to principal, interest, taxes and insurance. Additionally, total household indebtedness cannot exceed 43% of monthly income. The loan must be fixed-rate.

# HAMILTON COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM

## Down Payment Assistance Application

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION IN ITS ENTIRETY. FAILURE TO PROVIDE TRUE AND COMPLETE INFORMATION MAY DELAY THE PROCESSING OF YOUR APPLICATION. ***DO NOT*** LEAVE ANY SPACES BLANK.

### **PART A: HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION AND CHARACTERISTICS**

<b><u>Applicant:</u></b>		
Last Name / First Name / M.I.	Date of Birth / /	Marital Status (circle) Single Married Divorced
Address (City / State / Zip)	Daytime Phone #	Social Security #
<b>Are you a U.S. citizen? (YES / NO) If NO, provide documentation of legal residence with application.</b>		
<b><u>Spouse/Co-Applicant</u></b>		
Last Name / First Name / M.I.	Date of Birth / /	Marital Status (circle) Single Married Divorced
Address (City / State / Zip)	Daytime Phone #	Social Security #
<b>Are you a U.S. citizen? (YES / NO) If NO, provide documentation of legal residence with application.</b>		

<b><u>Race</u></b> (you may circle more than one race):
1. White    2. Black / African-American    3. American Indian / Alaska Native    4. Asian    5. Hawaiian Native / Other Pacific Islander
6. Other: _____
<b><u>Ethnicity</u></b> (circle one):
1. Hispanic or Latino    2. Non-Hispanic or Latino

*Other Household Members - List requested information for all other members of household. Attach separate sheet if necessary.*

Last Name / First Name / M.I.	Relationship to Applicant(s)	Date of Birth	Social Security #
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**PART B: HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT**

**DOES ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBER:** (circle YES or NO and fill in applicable information)

1. Work full-time, part-time, seasonally, or on call – including wages, fees, tips, bonuses, money for services? (YES / NO) If yes, provide the following information:

Household Member Name	Employer Name & Full Address	Fax # for Employment Verification	Start Date	Position Held	Gross Earnings (circle interval)
		( ) ( )			\$ wkly/bi-wkly/mnthly/yrly
		( ) ( )			\$ wkly/bi-wkly/mnthly/yrly
		( ) ( )			\$ wkly/bi-wkly/mnthly/yrly
		( ) ( )			\$ wkly/bi-wkly/mnthly/yrly

2. Work for someone who pays cash? (YES / NO) If yes, provide the following information:

Household Member Name	Employer Name & Full Address	Fax # for Employment Verification	Start Date	Position Held	Gross Earnings (circle interval)
		( ) ( )			\$ wkly/bi-wkly/mnthly/yrly
		( ) ( )			\$ wkly/bi-wkly/mnthly/yrly

3. Receive unemployment benefits, workers compensation, or severance pay? (YES / NO) If yes, provide:

Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Benefit: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_ How often received? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Receive child support from the Child Support Enforcement Agency? (YES / NO) If yes, provide:

a. Minor's Name:	c. Minor's Name:
Name of Absent Parent:	Name of Absent Parent:
Child Support Amount:	Child Support Amount:
How often Received?	How often Received?
b. Minor's Name:	d. Minor's Name:
Name of Absent Parent:	Name of Absent Parent:
Child Support Amount:	Child Support Amount:
How often Received?	How often Received?

5. Receive child support directly from the absent parent? **(YES / NO)** If yes, provide:

a. Minor's Name:	b. Minor's Name:
Name of Absent Parent:	Name of Absent Parent:
Child Support Amount:	Child Support Amount:
How Often Received?	How Often Received?

6. Receive alimony? **(YES / NO)** If yes, provide:

Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
How often? \_\_\_\_\_ Former Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Receive public assistance (TANF/OWF/ADC/DA)? **(YES / NO)** If yes, provide:

Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Receive Social Security or SSI benefits? **(YES / NO)** \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, provide:

Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Receive income from a pension or annuity? **(YES / NO)** If yes, provide:

Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Pension/Annuity: \_\_\_\_\_  
Claim #: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Receive income from assets including interest on checking or savings accounts, interest and dividends from certificates of deposit, stocks or bonds, or income from rental property? **(YES / NO)** If yes, provide:

Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Asset: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Income/Interests Received: \_\_\_\_\_

11. Own a business or self-employed? **(YES / NO)** If yes, provide:

Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount of Income: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount of Business Expenses: \_\_\_\_\_

12. Receive any type of military pay/allotment (including the Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserve Units)? **(YES / NO)** If yes, provide:

Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Source of Pay/Allotment: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Receive \$\$ to pay bills or buy food from an organization or someone outside of your household **(YES / NO)**?  
If yes, provide:

Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Address of Party Paying the Bills: \_\_\_\_\_  
How often received within a year? \_\_\_\_\_

14. Receive Veteran benefits? **(YES / NO)** If yes, provide:

Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Receive Grants, Scholarships, Loans for school? (**YES / NO**) If yes, provide:  
 Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amounts: Grants \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships \_\_\_\_\_ Loans \_\_\_\_\_
16. Other income received in household? (**YES / NO**) If yes, list income \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**PART C: ASSETS** (only income from assets is counted towards Gross Household Income)

**DOES ANY HOUSEHOLD MEMBER:**

1. Own or have an interest in any property (real estate, mobile home, and/or land)? (**YES / NO**) If yes, provide:  
 Household Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Real Estate Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Value: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Has any household member sold or given away any property (real estate, mobile home, and/or land) in the last two years? (**YES / NO**)
3. Own any stocks or bonds? (**YES / NO**)
4. Do you or any household members have a banking account? (**YES / NO**) If yes, provide:

Acct. in Name Of:	Name, Address & Phone # of Financial Institution	Type of Instrument (checking, savings, C.D., stock, money market, etc.)	Balance/ Value

5. Have any type of retirement account (Company, IRA, Keogh)? (**YES / NO**)
6. Have any inheritances, lottery winnings, or lump sum payments? (**YES / NO**)
7. Have any whole life insurance policies? (**YES / NO**) If yes, provide:

a. Household Member Name:	b. Household Member Name:
Insurance Agency Name:	Insurance Agency Name:
Policy Number:	Policy Number:
Cash Value:	Cash Value:

**PART D: NSP ELIGIBILITY**

*Total Household Income – Include gross income for ALL family members in the household.*

Number of Persons in Household	Gross Family Income	# of Persons in Household Earning Income

**1. Does the applicant’s total household income fall below the applicable Maximum Income limit listed below? (YES / NO)**

	----- Family Size -----							
120% AMI Maximum Income:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	\$58,150	\$66,450	\$74,750	\$83,050	\$89,700	\$96,350	\$103,000	\$109,650

**2. Are you, the applicant, preapproved or prequalified by a lending institution? (YES / NO)**

**3. Do you understand the following: Initial next to each item.**

- The home must be owner-occupied for a period of 5 years (if sold during 5-year affordability period, amount to be repaid is pro-rated and indicated on page 2 of this application). \_\_\_\_\_
- The applicant must complete the 9-hour home ownership course offered by the Home Ownership Center and submit completion certificate. \_\_\_\_\_
- The applicant must contribute a minimum of 1% of the home purchase price towards acquisition costs. \_\_\_\_\_
- The applicant’s first mortgage must be a fixed rate loan and not exceed front and back end ratios of 31% and 43%, respectively. \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT/PARTICIPANT CERTIFICATION:**

I/we certify that the information given to Hamilton County Community Development on household composition and characteristics, income, assets, and NSP eligibility is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I/we understand that false statements or information are punishable under Federal Law and grounds for denial of housing assistance.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Co-Applicant / Spouse Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail completed application to:

**NSP  
c/o Hamilton County Community Development  
138 East Court Street, Room 1002  
Cincinnati, OH 45202**

**Application Submission Checklist**

**Failure to enclose all necessary documentation will cause delays in the processing of your application. Have you enclosed all of the following?**

- **Signed and dated application.**
- **Supporting documentation for ALL income sources.**
- **Properly initialed and signed Eligibility Release form.**

**Items to be submitted before Closing:**

- **Copy of purchase contract**
- **Copy of first mortgage loan approval (with ratio verification)**
- **Copy of HUD-1 Statement**
- **Copy of Homeownership counseling certificate**

# Neighborhood Stabilization Program: Down Payment Assistance Eligibility Release Form

Hamilton County Community Development Department  
 138 East Court Street, Room 1002  
 Cincinnati, OH 45202  
 513-946-8234

**PURPOSE:** YOUR SIGNATURE ON THIS ELIGIBILITY RELEASE FORM, AND THE SIGNATURES OF EACH MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD WHO IS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AUTHORIZES THE ABOVE-NAMED ORGANIZATION TO OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM A THIRD PARTY RELATIVE TO YOUR ELIGIBILITY AND CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE:

NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM: DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

**PRIVACY ACT NOTICE STATEMENT:** THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) IS REQUIRING THE COLLECTION OF THE INFORMATION DERIVED FROM THIS FORM TO DETERMINE AN APPLICANT'S ELIGIBILITY IN A CDBG PROGRAM AND THE AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE NECESSARY USING NSP FUNDS. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE USED TO ESTABLISH LEVEL OF BENEFIT ON THE CDBG PROGRAM; TO PROTECT THE GOVERNMENT'S FINANCIAL INTEREST; AND TO VERIFY THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION FURNISHED. IT MAY BE RELEASED TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL AGENCIES WHEN RELEVANT, TO CIVIL, CRIMINAL, OR REGULATORY INVESTIGATORS, AND TO PROSECUTORS. FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN A DELAY OR REJECTION OF YOUR ELIGIBILITY APPROVAL. THE DEPARTMENT IS AUTHORIZED TO ASK FOR THIS INFORMATION BY THE NATIONAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT OF 1990.

INFORMATION COVERED: INQUIRIES MAY BE MADE ABOUT ITEMS INITIALED BY APPLICANT.

	VERIFICATION REQUIRED	INITIALS
INCOME (ALL SOURCES)	X	
ASSETS (ALL SOURCES)	X	

**INSTRUCTIONS:** EACH ADULT MEMBER OF THE HOUSEHOLD MUST SIGN A CDBG PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY RELEASE FORM PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF BENEFIT AND ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO ESTABLISH CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY. ADDITIONAL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED FROM NEW ADULT MEMBERS WHENEVER THEY JOIN THE HOUSEHOLD OR WHENEVER MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD BECOME 18 YEARS OF AGE.

**NOTE:** THIS GENERAL CONSENT MAY NOT BE USED TO REQUEST A COPY OF A TAX RETURN. IF A COPY OF A TAX RETURN IS NEEDED, IRS FORM 4506, "REQUEST FOR COPY OF TAX FORM" MUST BE PREPARED AND SIGNED SEPARATELY.

**AUTHORIZATION:** I AUTHORIZE THE ABOVE-NAMED CDBG PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION AND HUD TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD THAT IS PERTINENT TO ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NSP PROGRAM.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT:

- (1) A PHOTOCOPY OF THIS FORM IS AS VALID AS THE ORIGINAL.
- (2) I HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVIEW THE FILE AND THE INFORMATION RECEIVED USING THIS FORM (WITH A PERSON OF MY CHOOSING TO ACCOMPANY ME).
- (3) I HAVE THE RIGHT TO COPY INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE AND TO REQUEST CORRECTION OF INFORMATION I BELIEVE INACCURATE.
- (4) ALL ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WILL SIGN THIS FORM AND COOPERATE WITH THE OWNER IN THIS PROCESS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD-SIGNATURE, PRINTED NAME AND DATE:**  
**HOUSEHOLD MEMBER-HEAD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER-SIGNATURE, PRINTED NAME AND DATE: **HOUSEHOLD MEMBER #3**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 OTHER ADULT MEMBER OF HOUSEHOLD-SIGNATURE, PRINTED NAME AND DATE: **HOUSEHOLD MEMBER #2**

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 OTHER ADULT HOUSEHOLD MEMBER-SIGNATURE, PRINTED NAME AND DATE: **HOUSEHOLD MEMBER #4**