



Imagine What
Down Payment
Assistance
Can Do for YOU!

Calaveras County
"Assist-to-Own" Program





## Relationship of County to GSFA



- California Joint Powers Authority (Public Entity)
  - Formed in 1993
  - Consists of 39-Member Counties
  - County Supervisor on Board of Directors
- Mission:
  - Support affordable housing and social and economic well-being of CA residents
- Provide financing for:
  - Residential home purchases & refinances
  - Combine standard Mortgage Loans w/ Down Payment Assistance (DPA)



## The Benefits of Homeownership

## Positive Impact on Families and Communities(1)

- Improves stability in neighborhoods
- Increases educational achievement
- Increases civic engagement
- Improves physical and psychological health
- Correlates to crime reduction

#### Financial Impact on Individuals

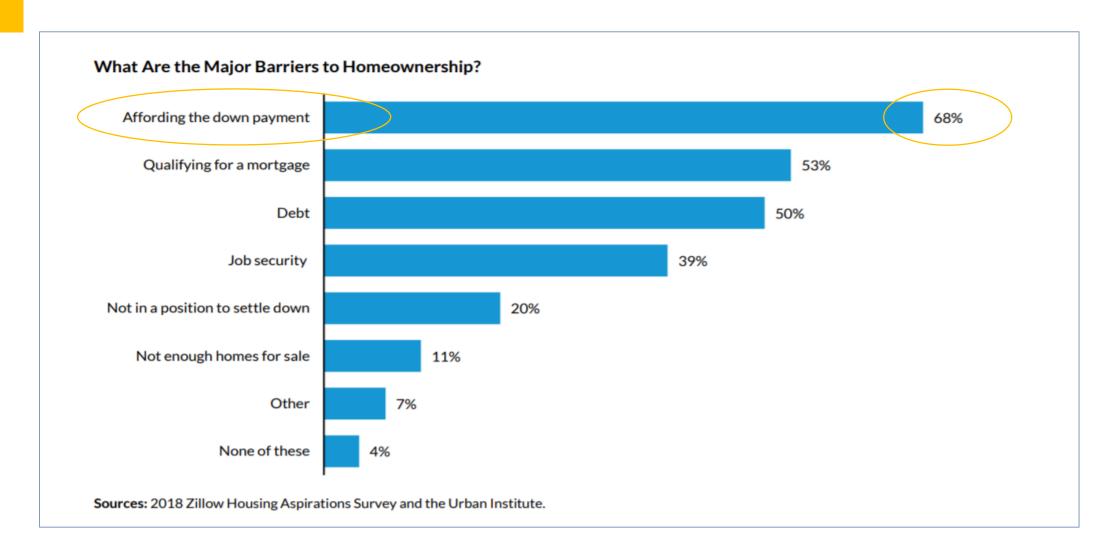
- Real estate is a large factor in net worth
- Median Homeowner 4oX more net worth

Homeownership Status	Median Net Worth <sup>(2)</sup>
Owns a home	\$255,000
Doesn't own a home	\$6,300

(1) 2016 study by the National Association of Realtors®

(2) Federal Reserve 2019 Survey of Consumer Finances

## Barriers to Homeownership



## Calaveras County "Assist-to-Own" Program





- For Employees of Calaveras County
- Provides DPA up to 5.5%
- Qualifying is easy
  - Don't have to have perfect credit
  - Don't have to be a first-time homebuyer
- Purchase or refinance anywhere in California



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#### Down Payment Assistance (DPA) – Amount & Terms

#### **Primary Assistance (3.5%)**

(To cover most, if not all, of the required down payment)

- 3.5% of 1st Mortgage Loan Amount
- Deferred 2nd Mortgage Loan
  - No monthly payments
  - o% note rate (accrues no interest)
  - Repaid upon sale, refinance or at end of 30-year 1st Mortgage Loan term

#### Additional Assistance (Up to 2%)

(Additional money, usually to help with closing costs)

- Up to 2% of 1st Mortgage Loan Amount
- Form of a Gift
  - This portion does not have to be repaid
  - Subject to market availability
  - Factored into rate of the 1st Mortgage Loan

<sup>\*</sup>This presentation contains program highlights only. See GSFA or a GSFA Participating Lender for complete program guidelines, interest rates, APR and loan applications.

## The Impact of Down Payment Assistance

Example (\$450,000 Sales Price)



\$436,500 Conventional 1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage (97% Loan-to-value)

\$13,500 Down Payment Requirement (3% of Purchase Price)

\$15,277
Primary DPA from GSFA
(3.5% of 1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage)

Up to \$8,730 Additional DPA from GSFA (Up to 2.0% of 1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage) **\$24,007** (5.5% of 1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage)

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#### Use of DPA - Guidelines



- Eligible Uses for DPA Funds
  - Down Payment
  - Closing Cost
  - Applied toward the 1st Mortgage
- DPA can be combined with
  - Homebuyer's cash
  - Gift funds from family/friend
  - Other programs (subject to guidelines)

EXAMPLE ONLY	
Sales Price	\$450,000
Gift from family	\$5,000
Borrower's Cash	5,000
GSFA DPA	24,000
Total Down	\$34,000
1 <sup>st</sup> Mortgage Loan	\$416,000

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## Guidelines: Mortgage Loans / FICO & DTI

- 30-Year fixed rate 1st Mortgage Loans
  - FHA, VA, USDA
    - Purchases only
  - Conventional Freddie Mac HFA Advantage
    - Purchase or refinance
- Maximum 1st Mortgage Amount
  - \$647,200
  - No purchase price limits



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## Occupancy and Property Guidelines

- Occupancy
  - Owner-occupied only
  - No second homes or rentals
  - Non-occupant co-borrowers allowed with FHA financing
- Eligible Properties
  - 1-4 units, townhomes, condos
  - Manufactured homes w/ FHA
- Eligible Jurisdiction
  - Anywhere in California



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## Guidelines: Mortgage Loans / FICO & DTI



- FICO Score Requirement
  - All Loan Types = 640 minimum
- Maximum Debt-to-Income (DTI) Ratios
  - Conventional/FHA
    - 45% maximum for FICOs below 680
    - Up to 50% for FICOs 680 and higher
  - VA/USDA
    - 45% maximum

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## **Guidelines: Income Limits**

Mortgage Type	Limit/Info
FHA, VA loans	GSFA has no income limits
USDA Loans	GSFA follows Loan Agency guidelines
Conventional Loans	Approximately 180% of Area Median Income (AMI)
Income Limits are VERY flexible (Low-to-moderate).	Examples: Calaveras, Amador, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne Counties = \$182,880
Based on qualifying income only. Based on where the Property is located.	Note: Borrowers with income ≤ 80% AMI  • More attractive pricing  • Lower Mortgage Insurance Requirements/Cost

#### How to Get Started



#### Contact a **GSFA Participating Lender**

- Approved by GSFA
- Experienced in GSFA Programs
- Furnishes guidelines, interest rates and APRs
- Helps borrower determine which program/DPA is the best fit
- Processes applications
- Processes the loan

#### **Additional Resources**

- GSFA Website
  - www.gsfahome.org
  - Program Information
  - List of ALL Participating Lenders
  - Educational Videos
  - Educational Events (Virtual & Live)
- GSFA Client Relations
  - M-F 8:00 AM 5:00 PM PT
  - Toll-free: (855) 740-8422
  - Email: info@gsfahome.org

#### Our Goal is to Help Employees Build Financial Security Now



### DPA, a Tool to Buy Now

- Home prices continue to rise
- Interest rates continue to rise
- Rents continue to rise
- How long will it take to save up for a cash down payment?

GSFA DPA Example (from slide 6)		
Sales Price	\$450,000	
3% Down Required on a Conventional Loan	\$13,500	
If you saved \$300 per month length of time to save \$13,500 =	45 months or 3.75 Years	
Estimated Equity Increase <sup>(1)</sup> for 3.75 years	\$125,770	

<sup>(1)</sup> According to the California Association of REALTORS®, California's median home price is forecasted to rise 5.2 percent to \$834,400 in 2022, following a projected 20.3 percent increase to \$793,100 in 2021.

#### Don't Just Take Our Word...

""You are never too old to get into homeownership.

Sometimes we are hard on yourselves. It could be good to push you, or it could be bad, depending on how hard you are on yourself. Just keep going. Put one foot in front of the other," is her wisdom for others."

– Tanya Hildreth, Los Angeles County, October 2022



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"Having a home has opened so many doors and we are truly blessed with this miracle," recalls Edwin. My father always encouraged me to study, study, study, go for your goals, dream ahead, and he always said, 'whatever you want to do in life is what you make of it'."

– Edwin Miranda, San Joaquin County, March 2022



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