



ReCoverCA Homebuyer Assistance Program

Homebuyer Workshop

Presented by
Golden State Finance Authority



Today's Agenda

- » Program Features
- » Eligibility Requirements
- » How to Get Started



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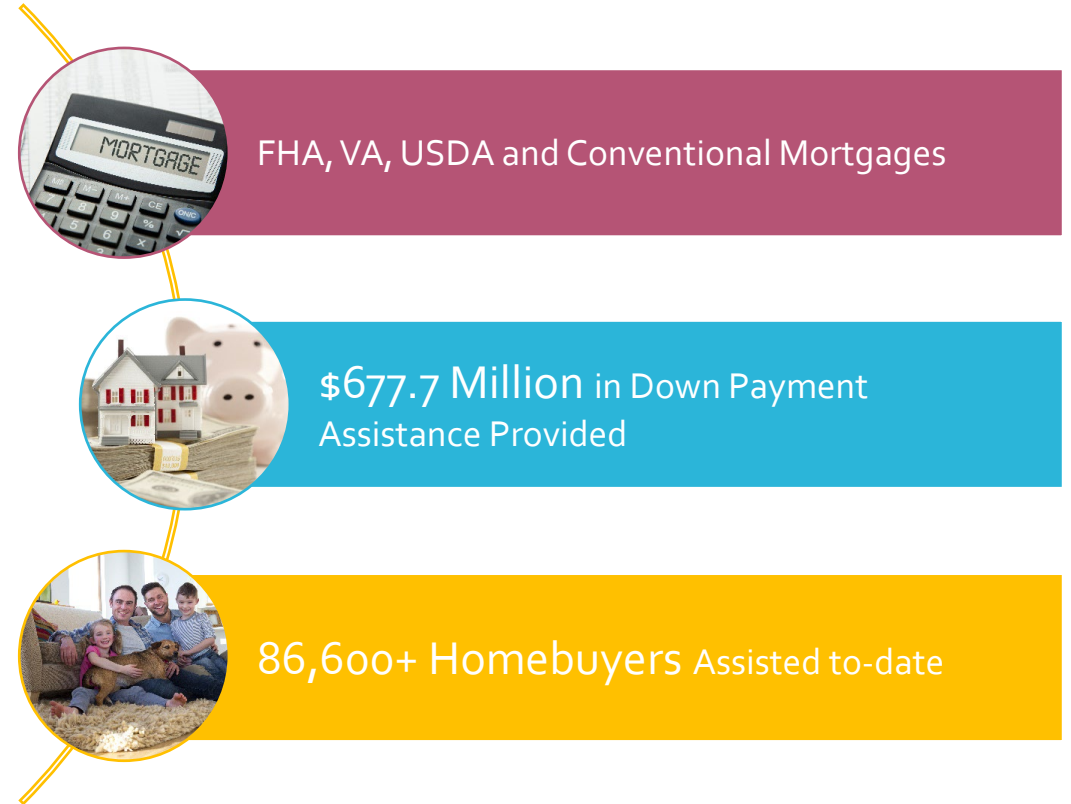
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Supporting California Homebuyers for Over 32 Years

- » Public Entity and Agency in California
- » Organized in 1993
- » Affordable Housing Programs
 - Provide a source of financing
 - Network of Lenders to originate loans
 - Ensure borrower ability to pay



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The Benefits of Homeownership

» Impact on Families/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

- Median Homeowner 38X more net worth

Homeownership Status	Median Net Worth ⁽²⁾
Owens a home	\$396,200
Doesn't own a home	\$10,400

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

(2) Federal Reserve 2022 Survey of Consumer Finances

ReCoverCA Homebuyer Assistance (HBA)

- » For Low-to-Moderate Income Households Impacted by 2023 and 2024 CA floods
- » HBA up to \$300,000 per household
- » Assist with home purchase in CA outside Special Flood Hazard or High Fire Severity Zones



HBA Structure and Terms

» HBA Amount:

- Up to \$300,000

» HBA Structure/Terms:

- Forgivable 2nd Mortgage, 5-Year Term
- Note rate 0% percent, deferred
 - No monthly payments, no interest accrual

» HBA Forgiven

- After 5 years of ownership and occupancy
 - 20% forgiven each year, pro-rata
- Default on occupancy will result in recapture

» Use of HBA Funds

- Down payment
- Closing costs (including prepaids)
- Homebuyer education fees



How the Program Works



Applicant Eligibility

- » Primary residence was in Qualifying Disaster Area
 - » Low-to-Moderate Income Households
 - ≤80% AMI (Based on Household Size)
 - » First-time Homebuyer Requirement
 - No ownership in past 3 years
 - Exception for ownership during disaster but no longer own property
 - » Must not own any real estate at application through close of escrow
 - » Must not be in contract at time of application
- » 2023 Qualifying Disaster Areas:
 - Hoopa Valley Tribe (ZIP code 95546) in Humboldt County
 - Monterey County
 - San Benito County
 - Santa Cruz County
 - Tulare County
 - Tuolumne County
 - » 2024 Qualifying Disaster Area:
 - San Diego County

How the Program Works



1st Mortgage Guidelines



» Eligible Mortgages

- Purchases only
- 30-Year fixed-rate loans
- FHA, VA, USDA and Conventional

» Loan Limit is the Lesser of:

- \$806,500, or
- Loan limit for county/loan type

» Household Income Limits

- $LMI \leq 80\%$ AMI ([Defined by HUD](#))
- Household income
- County of property being purchased

» Minimum FICO = 640

- Manufactured Homes 660 FICO

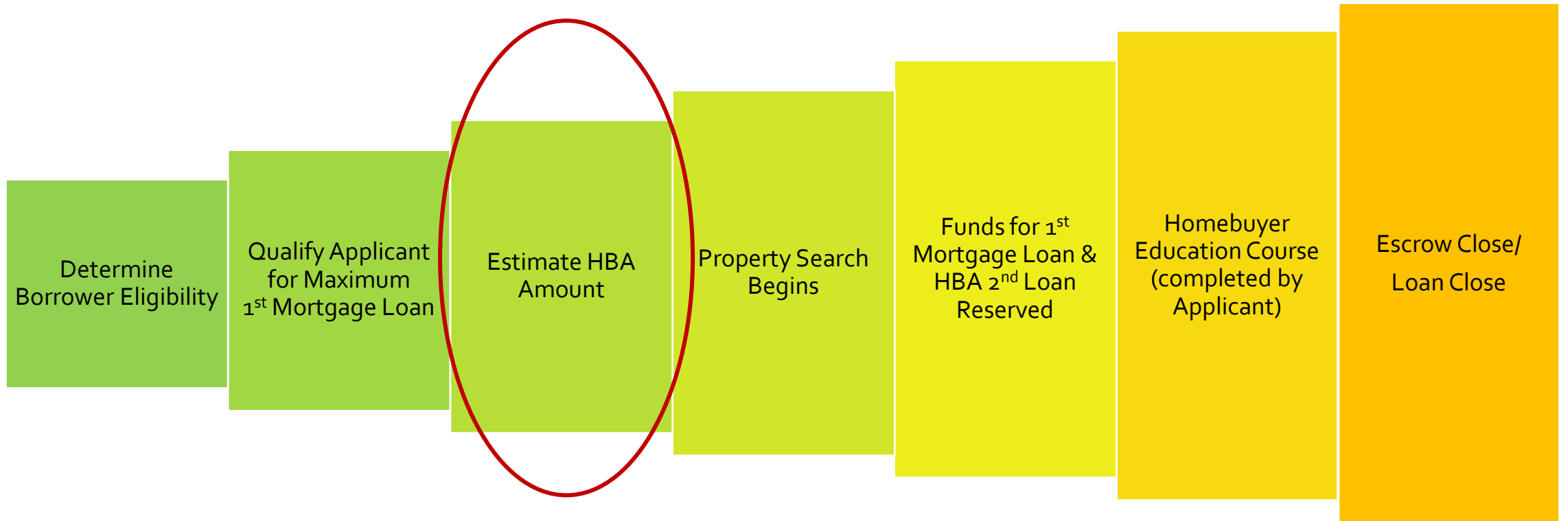
» Debt-to-Income (DTI) Ratios

- Minimum DTI = 42%
- Maximum DTI = 45%

» [Homebuyer Education](#)

- At least 1 borrower to complete
- 8-hr online course + 1:1 consult

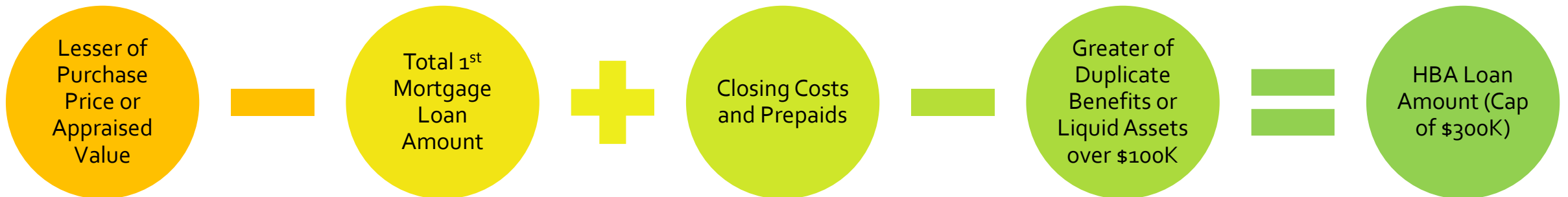
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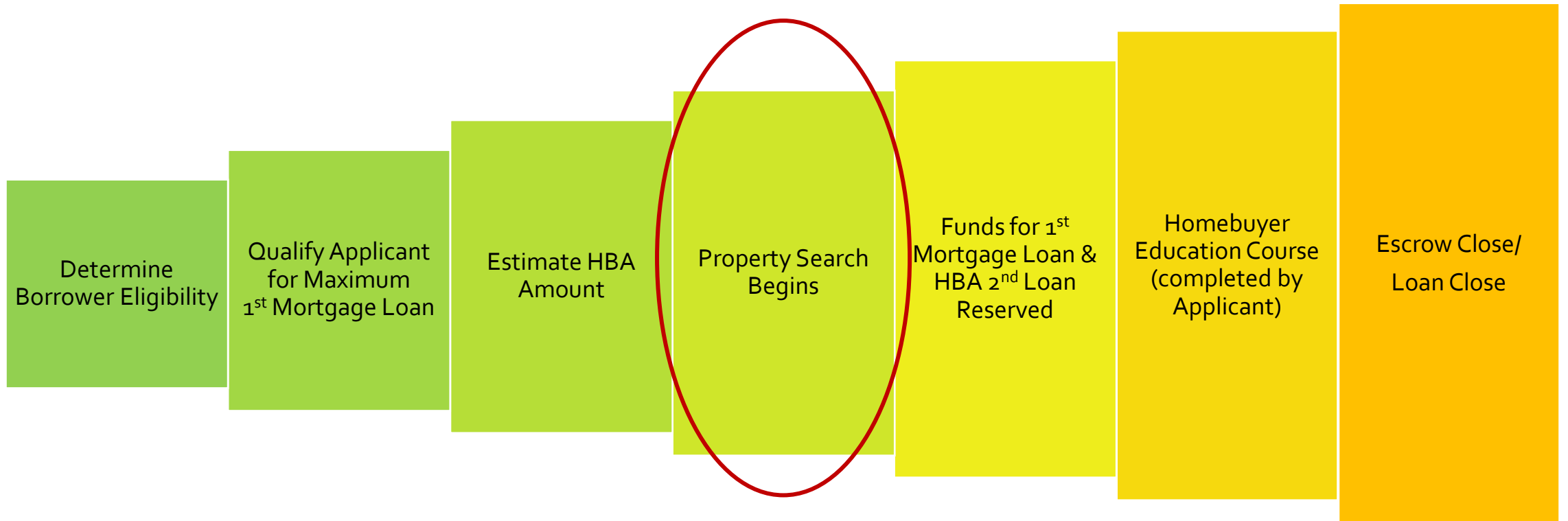
Calculation of HBA Amount



- » Based on:
 - Maximum qualifying 1st Mortgage Loan amount
 - Purchase price or appraised value (whichever is less)
 - Analysis of duplication of benefits and liquid assets over \$100K
- » Not to exceed \$300,000 per household
 - No cash back from HBA proceeds allowed



How the Program Works



Eligible Properties

» Owner Occupied Residences Only

- Single-family residences
 - ADUs
- Agency approved condos
- Townhomes and PUDs
- Manufactured homes

» Properties NOT Allowed

- NO 2-4 unit
- NO co-ops
- NO investment properties, recreation or second homes

» Must be Located Outside:

1. [FEMA-designated Special Flood Hazard Areas](#)
2. [High or Very High Fire Hazard Zones](#)

» Homeowner Insurance Policy

- » California Fair Plan policies not acceptable

Eligible Properties – Number of Bedrooms

Number of Bedrooms based on Household Size

» Minimum:

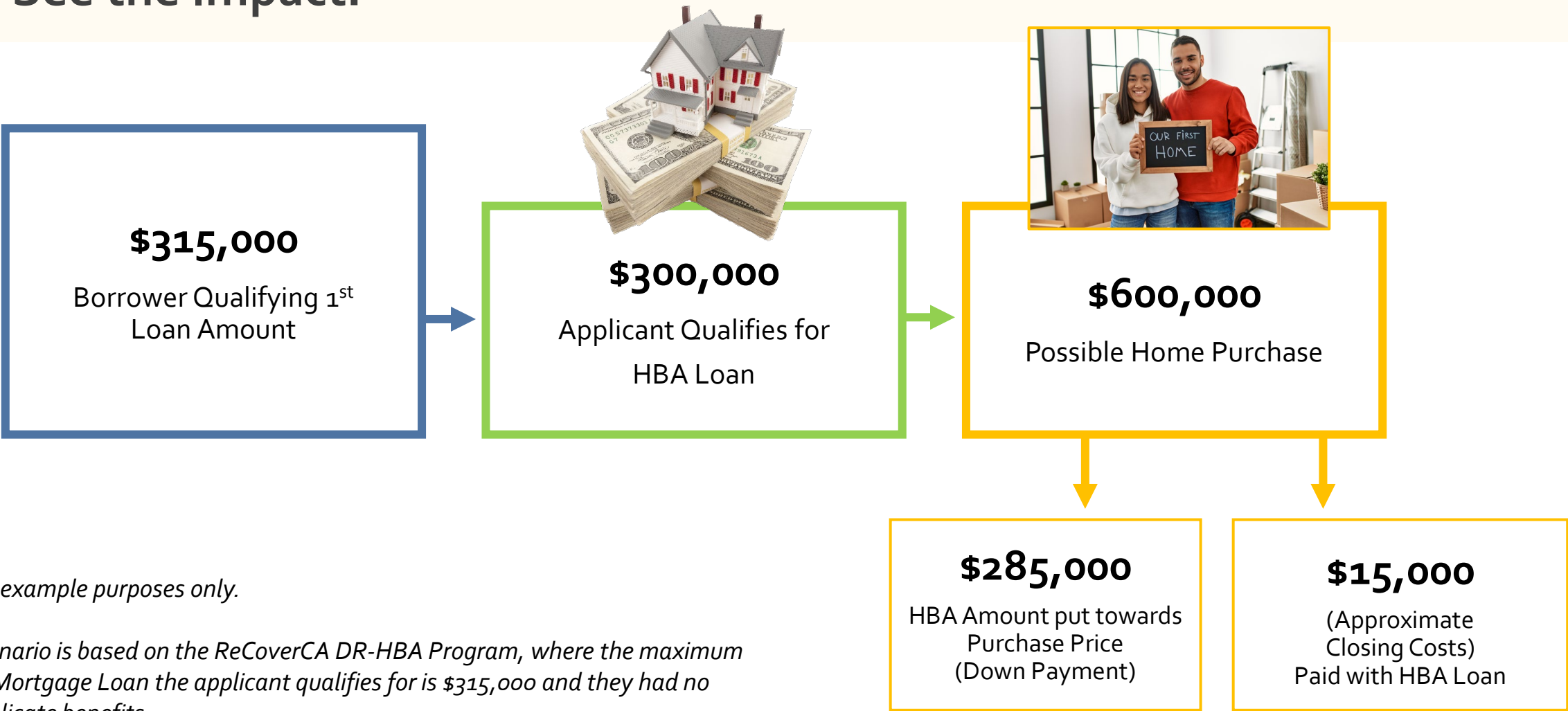
- Federal standard of 1.5 persons per bedroom

» Maximum:

- Refer to chart provided

Number of Persons	Minimum Number of Bedrooms	Maximum Number of Bedrooms
1	1	2
2	2	3
3	2	3
4	3	4
5	4	5
6 or more	4	5

See the Impact!



For example purposes only.

Scenario is based on the ReCoverCA DR-HBA Program, where the maximum 1st Mortgage Loan the applicant qualifies for is \$315,000 and they had no duplicate benefits.

How to Get Started – How to Apply



*Take Your First Step Toward
Homeownership – Connect today!*



[GSFA ReCoverCA Lender](#)

1. Connect with a [GSFA ReCoverCA Lender](#)
2. Learn the Program
 - Review ReCoverCA HBA policies, eligibility, interest rates, and APRs with your Lender
3. Determine Your Assistance
 - Lender calculates your potential HBA amount
4. Submit Your Application
 - Lender processes both the HBA application and mortgage loan

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