



Imagine What
Down Payment
Assistance
Can do for YOU!

Santa Barbara County
"Assist-to-Own" Program





## Relationship of County to GSFA



- California Joint Powers Authority (Public Entity)
  - Formed in 1993
  - Consists of 38-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

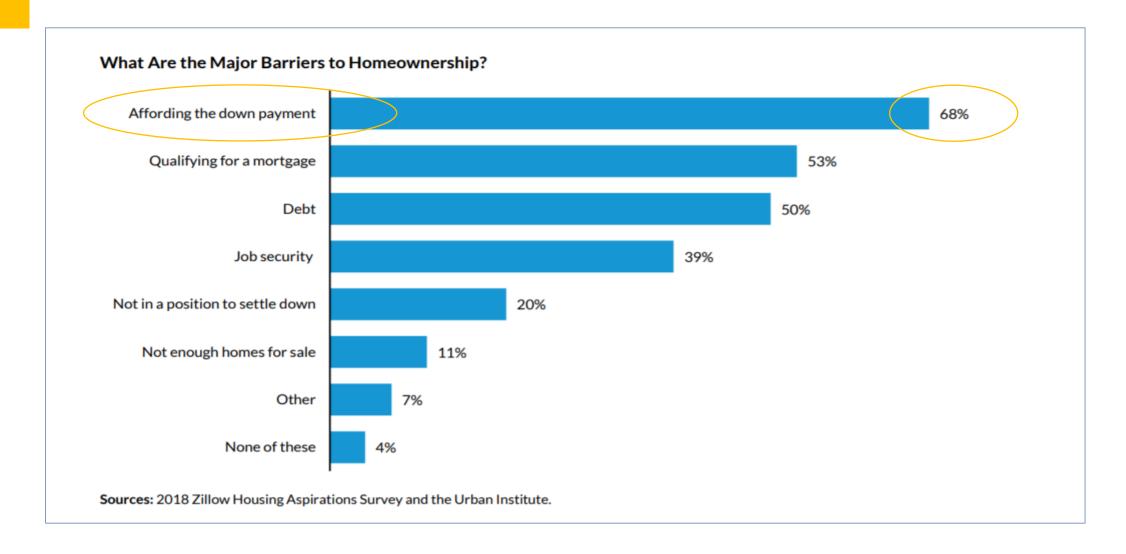
#### **Financial Impact on Individuals**

- 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



## Santa Barbara County "Assist-to-Own" Program





- For Employees of Santa Barbara 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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## The Impact of Down Payment Assistance

#### **DPA Form & Terms**

#### 1) Primary DPA

- 3.5% of 1<sup>st</sup> 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

#### 2) Additional DPA

- Up to 2% of 1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage Loan Amount
- In the form of a Gift
- Subject to market availability; factored into rate of the 1st Mortgage Loan

#### Example (\$667,217 Sales Price)

\$647,200

Conventional 1<sup>st</sup> Mortgage (97% Loan-to-value)



\$20,017

Down Payment Requirement (3% of 1st Mortgage)

\$22,652

Primary DPA from GSFA (3.5% of 1st Mortgage)

<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.

## Guidelines: Property and Use of DPA



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

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

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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

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

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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: Santa Barbara, Kings, Kern, Fresno, Los Angeles = \$182,880 San Luis Obispo = \$196,560
Based on qualifying income only. Based on where the Property is	Ventura = \$207,720
located.	<ul> <li>Note: Borrowers with income ≤ 80% AMI</li> <li>More attractive pricing</li> <li>Lower Mortgage Insurance Requirements/Cost</li> </ul>

## GSFA DPA – Expectations AND Timeline

Borrower Gets Pre-Qualified

First Mortgage and DPA Reserved (60-day rate lock) Escrow Closes + Loan Purchased by Servicer

(within 60-days of Lock)

- FICO
- DTI
- Income Range
- Occupation of Borrower (with documentation)

- 200+ Lenders Participating
- Lender locks First
   Mortgage and reserves
   DPA at same time

- No additional compliance review by GSFA
- Lender closes escrow on Lender's timeline

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

"It was almost impossible to afford a home in the Bay Area. We were paying \$2,100 for a 1bedroom apartment in the San Jose area. With our 2 children, there just was not enough space! Your grant made our dreams come true.

– Edwin Miranda - San Joaquin County, Feb 2021



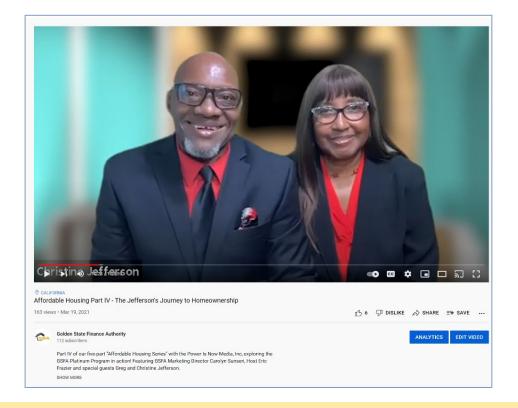
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#### Our Goal is to Help Employees Build Financial Security Now



### 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	\$667,217	
DPA Provided by GSFA	\$22,652	
If you saved \$500 per month length of time to save \$22,652 =	45 months or 3.77 Years	
Estimated Equity Increase <sup>(1)</sup> for 3.77 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.

#### 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 <u>www.gsfahome.org</u>
  - 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



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