COLLIER COUNTY HOUSING, HUMAN & VETERAN SERVICES (HHVS)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PURCHASE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- <u>Funding Source:</u> The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.
- Income Eligibility: CDBG Homebuyer Assistance funds will be used to provide direct homeownership assistance. The annual household income cannot exceed 80% of the area median income.

| FY 2014 Income Limit Category | 1 Person | 2 Person | 3 Person | 4 Person | 5 Person | 6 Person | 7 Person | 8 Person |
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| Low (80%) Income Limit Naples | \$36,900 | \$42,150 | \$47,400 | \$52,650 | \$56,900 | \$61,100 | \$65,300 | \$69,500 |

- Minimum/Maximum Award: Minimum of \$5,000 to a maximum of \$20,000 loan will be granted to eligible first-time homebuyer(s). The amount of assistance provided will be determined based on the need of each homebuyer(s). The award will be issued as a zero percent (0%) deferred loan, which requires no monthly payments.
- Maximum Sales Price: The value of the property being purchased shall not exceed 95 percent of the median purchase price for the area of \$265,050.

Uses of CDBG funds:

- 1. <u>Principal Write-down:</u> Subsidize mortgage principal to make loan payments affordable.
- 2. <u>Private Mortgage Insurance:</u> Pay for all or part of the premium on behalf of the homebuyer for mortgage insurance required upfront by a private mortgagee.
- 3. <u>Closing Cost:</u> Pay any or all reasonable closing cost associated with the home purchase on behalf of homebuyer.
- 4. <u>Down Payment:</u> Pay up to 50 percent of the down payment required by the mortgagee for the purchase on behalf of the homebuyer.
- <u>Ineligible uses of CDBG funds:</u> CDBG Purchase Assistance funds <u>cannot</u> be used for cash back at closing or realtor's commissions.
- First-time Homebuyer: Is defined as an individual or spouse who has not owned a home in the last three (3) years. Exceptions made for displaced homemakers or single parents with children under the age of 18 who has been displaced or divorced.

- **Legal Residency:** All homebuyers must be a citizen of the United States of America or a documented permanent resident alien.
- <u>Homebuyer Certification:</u> Homebuyers must provide a copy of their Homebuyer Education class prior to closing. The class must have been presented by a HUD certified homebuyer education provider.
 - To register for a homebuyer course in Naples contact: Housing Development Corporation of SW Florida, Inc. at 239-434-2397 or visit their website at www.collierhousing.org
- Recapture/Affordability Provision: If during the term of the loan the property is sold, transferred, leased or not owner-occupied then the loan will be due and payable in full. The housing must be the principal residence of the family throughout the affordability period established for the amount assisted and;

| If the total CDBG investment subsidy in the unit is: | The period of affordability is: | | |
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| Under \$20,000 | 5 years | | |

- **Lender Participation:** Lenders wishing to participate in the program must execute a Lender Memorandum of Understanding (LMOU).
- First Mortgage Pre-Approval: Applicants must be pre-approved for a first mortgage loan by a lending institution before they can submit an application.

Application for housing assistance can be picked up from our office or downloaded from our department website at the following link below;

http://www.colliergov.net/index.aspx?page=466

Original signed application and documents should be mail or retuned to:

Housing, Human & Veteran Services Attn: Purchase Assistance 3339 East Tamiami Trail, Suite 211 Naples, Florida 34112 (Health Department Building)

For any questions, please contract:

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