

## FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION



## **FHA-insured Mortgages are Good Choices**

If you are a first-time homebuyer or existing homeowner looking for a home mortgage with a low down payment and flexible features, a Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-insured mortgage may be the right choice for you.

The Federal Housing Administration (FHA), part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), insures mortgages for lenders nationwide. FHA-approved lenders make FHA-insured mortgages available to eligible borrowers. If you're interested in an FHA mortgage, find an FHA-approved lender at www.hud.gov/fha.

## Flexibility for You

FHA's flexible mortgage features include:

- Low down payments, which may be as low as 3.5 percent.
- Loan limits, which vary by geographic location, so that those in high cost areas can obtain an FHA-insured mortgage as well as those in low-cost areas.
- Non-occupant co-borrowers on the mortgage, so that an eligible person, such as a parent, can help a borrower qualify.

### **FHA Mortgage Programs**

Whether you are buying, building, or renovating a home, there's an FHA-insured mortgage program for you.

- Purchase your principal residence with a fixed rate basic home mortgage up to a 30-year term.
- When rates are high, or if you plan to own your home for only a few years, consider an FHA adjustable rate mortgage, which may offer a lower initial rate and payment.
- Ready to refinance? FHA has a number of refinance programs. If you already have an FHA-insured mortgage, check out an FHA Streamline Refinance.
- Consider an FHA 203(k) Rehabilitation Mortgage when buying a home that needs renovations or repairs. This program allows you to include the eligible costs of renovations in the mortgage.
- If you're at least 62 years old, consider FHA's Home Equity Conversion
   Mortgage, a reverse mortgage program that can provide funding to help you remain in your home as you age, pay medical bills, make home repairs, etc.
- FHA's mortgage programs include mortgages for Condominiums and Manufactured Homes, too.

## REACH THE FHA RESOURCE CENTER

# Online FAQ: www.hud.gov/answers

Email: answers@hud.gov

Phone: (800) CALL FHA (225-5342)

TTY: (800) 877-8339

# Affordable HUD-owned Homes

HUD has an inventory of homes for sale across the country that may be the right fit for you. To learn more about HUD-owned homes for sale and to see listings in your area, go to www.hudhomestore.com.

#### **Get Assistance**

HUD-approved housing counseling agencies provide counseling on homeownership topics including buying a home, credit issues, and foreclosure avoidance. To locate a HUD-approved housing counselor, visit

www.hud.gov/counseling or call (800) 569-4287.

### **Learn More**

For more information on FHA programs, to locate an FHA-approved lender, and more, visit www.hud.gov/fha,

https://espanol.hud.gov, or call (800) CALL FHA (225-5342).

### **Save Your Home**

FHA has a number of programs for lenders to assist homeowners who are at risk of foreclosure and otherwise struggling with their monthly mortgage payments. Find out more at www.hud.gov/fha.