

**FHA INFO #19-43**  
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**TO: All FHA-Approved Mortgagees**  
**All Other Interested Stakeholders in FHA Transactions**

**NEWS AND UPDATES**

**FHA Rescinds Downpayment Assistance and Operating in a Governmental Capacity Guidance**

On August 13, 2019, the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) published [Mortgagee Letter \(ML\) 2019-12](#), which rescinded [ML 2019-06](#), “*Downpayment Assistance and Operating in a Governmental Capacity*,” [ML 2019-07](#), which extended the effective date of ML 2019-06, and [ML 2019-10](#), which suspended the effective date of ML 2019-06. The rescissions are effective immediately.

The definitive policy guidance for FHA’s downpayment assistance program continues to be found in its *Single Family Housing Policy Handbook* 4000.1 ([SF Handbook](#)) Section II.A.4.d.ii.

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- View the *Single Family Housing Policy Handbook* 4000.1 at:  
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