

Is an Escondido home
in your future?



A list of program lenders
may be obtained by
calling the City's
Housing Division at
(760) 839-4532

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FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM FOR HELP

Homebuyer Entry Loan Program

Program Guidelines and
Eligibility Information



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The biggest hurdle faced by first-time homebuyers is usually coming up with enough money for the down payment and closing costs.

The City of Escondido's Homebuyer Entry Loan Program (HELP) may provide the kind of assistance you need to help you buy your first home.

How Does The Program Work?

Eligible homebuyers may qualify for a low-interest loan limited to the lesser of 5% of the purchase price or a maximum amount of \$25,000 that can be used toward the down payment and/or for closing costs.

Repayment of the City's loan is deferred until you sell, transfer, refinance or no longer live in the home as your principal residence.

Who Is Eligible For The Program?

You may qualify for the HELP program if:

- ⓐ You have not owned a home for at least three (3) years;
- ⓐ You have sufficient income and credit worthiness to qualify for a first mortgage loan from a participating program lender;
- ⓐ You do not earn more than the incomes listed below for your family size.

If your yearly household income is at or below the following, you may qualify for the

HELP Program:

1 person household	\$45,000
2 person household	\$51,400
3 person household	\$57,850
4 person household	\$64,250
5 person household	\$69,400
6 person household	\$74,550
7 person household	\$79,700
8 person household	\$84,850

¹Income limits effective as of 02-2012 and are subject to change.

How Do I Apply?

Applications for the first-time homebuyer programs are taken and processed by approved participating program lenders.



All homebuyers must complete a Homebuyer Training Program prior to receiving a loan from the City. Your lender will provide the training or refer you to an approved program.

Funds for the first-time homebuyer programs are limited and applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information and to obtain a list of approved program lenders, call the City of Escondido Housing Division at (760) 839-4532.