

SC Housing Homebuyer Program Palmetto Heroes 2024

SC Housing is pleased to introduce our 2024 Palmetto Heroes Program. The program honors educators, first responders and community service personnel in the fields of law enforcement, corrections, firefighting, emergency medical services and health care, as well as active duty military, members of the SC Army National Guard, SC Air National Guard and Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces.

All approved Lending Partners are eligible to participate. **Borrowers must have a fully executed sales contract for the purchase of a home prior to locking the interest rate.**

Lenders this program is used in combination with the SC HOUSING HOMEBUYER (BOND) Program. Items not covered in this program guide may be found in the <u>SC Housing Homebuyer Program Guide and Manual</u>, you are required to review for additional details and comply with those not covered below.

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Eligible Heroes

Borrowers must be employed in SC and meet SC Housing's First-Time Homebuyer requirements.

Educators – Borrower must be employed as a full-time teacher with an active South Carolina Teacher Certification by the South Carolina Department of Education. Positions include certified teachers employed as Classroom Teachers, School Librarians, School Counselors, School Psychologists or Speech-Language Pathologists. Teachers with new contracts must be scheduled to receive their first paycheck within <u>60 days of loan closing</u> and are subject to the Future Income requirements outlined in the Program Manual.

Law Enforcement Officers – Borrower must be employed full-time as a state or local law enforcement officer (as defined by the SC Law Enforcement Training Act) and must be certified by the Law Enforcement Training Council as of the date of the loan application.

Correctional Officers – Borrower must be employed as a full-time corrections officer for the South Carolina Department of Corrections, SC Department of Juvenile Justice, or with a state, county or municipal detention center, or the US Government Federal Bureau of Prisons. Officers employed with Private Security Companies are not eligible.

Fire Fighters, EMTs and Paramedics – Borrower must be employed full-time as a firefighter, emergency medical technician (EMT) or paramedic (or be a volunteer firefighter) with a state or local government agency. EMTs and paramedics may be employed by a company contracted by a state or local government agency to provide emergency medical services. 911 dispatchers are not eligible.

Veterans – Borrower must have served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces (other than active duty for training) and received a discharge other than dishonorable within the past 25 years. *NOTE: Eligible veterans cannot have an ownership interest in another principal residence at the time of loan closing.*

Active Duty Military Personnel – Borrower must be a member in good standing with any of the US Armed Services: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard as of the date of loan application. Enlistment must be documented with a statement of service.

SC National Guard Members – Borrower must be a member in good standing of the SC Army National Guard or the SC Air National Guard as of the date of loan application. Enlistment must be documented with a statement of service.

Licensed Medical Professionals – Borrower must be employed full-time in a hospital, clinic, doctor's office, nursing home/long term care facility or other medical facility. Borrower must be licensed/certified by the State of South Carolina or by national accreditation. **Completion of a college certificate program with a certification issued by the college is not acceptable**. Copies of License or Certification are required at the time of review.

Palmetto Heroes 2024 Rate locks will be accepted from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Monday - Friday; excluding state recognized holidays and Reservation/Rate days that the US Financial Markets are closed for business. Palmetto Heroes 2024 rates are posted on our rate Lock sheet. Rates are posted daily at https://lol.schousing.com and are subject to change without notice. **Down Payment** SC Housing offers Forgivable Down Payment Assistance (DPA) to all qualified borrowers. DPA is available in the Assistance (DPA) amount of \$12,000 and may be used towards a borrower's down payment, closing costs and/or prepaid items. Borrowers must meet sales price and income limits, in addition to SC Housing's first mortgage requirements. Forgivable DPA – This is a second mortgage with a fifteen (15) year term. The interest rate is zero and there are no monthly payments. The borrower must occupy the subject property for the term (15 years) of the lien for the assistance to be fully forgiven. No monthly payments required All liens must be closed in the lender's name and assigned to SC Housing at delivery Lenders are responsible for completing, delivering and documenting all required TRID disclosures The final Closing Disclosure, any addendum and seller certification must be signed by all parties Lenders will be responsible for sending the Good-Bye letters (First and Second DPA) in accordance with **RFSPA Income Limits** 3 or more Home Price **NON-TARGETED** 1 or 2 Persons Limit Persons Aiken 86.800 99.820 425,000 425,000 Anderson 84,800 97,520 Charleston 105,100 120,865 425,000 Greenville 425,000 88,600 101,890 425,000 Greenwood 97,520 425,000 Lancaster 85,400 98,210 Lexington 86,900 99,935 425,000 97,520 425,000 Oconee Pickens 88,600 101.890 425,000 Richland 86,900 99,935 425,000 84,800 97,520 425,000 Spartanburg 106,000 121,900 425,000 York 3 or more **Home Price TARGETED** 1 or 2 Persons Persons Limit Beaufort 127,680 148,960 425,000 Berkeley 126,120 147,140 425,000 104,280 425,000 Calhoun 121,660 Dorchester 126,120 147,140 425.000 Edgefield 104.160 121,520 425,000 Fairfield 104,280 121.660 425,000 Saluda 104,280 121,660 425,000 ANY COUNTY NOT LISTED ABOVE-USE THESE LIMITS 101.760 425,000 **Federal** SC Housing Homebuyer Program first mortgage and DPA loans are subject to Federal Recapture. SC Housing will Recapture reimburse any borrower that is required to pay a recapture tax to the IRS. **Delivery** All Palmetto Heroes loans must be delivered to SC Housing within 15 days of closing. Palmetto Heroes loans Requirements must close and be delivered in purchasable form to SC Housing no later than 12/31/2024. **SC** Housing Follow all requirements outlined in the SC Housing Homebuyer Program Guide, Manual and any specific Contact requirements outlined above. For questions, contact Mortgage Production Information Lender Help Desk 803.896.2211

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