

## PROGRAM SUMMARY - CONVENTIONAL FREDDIE MAC LOANS

HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY/PROGRAM SPONSOR	The Port – Cincinnati (cincinnatiport.org)			
DESCRIPTION	<ul> <li>The Communities First - Ohio program provides first mortgage financing and down payment/closing cost assistance to eligible mortgagors. The down payment/closing cost assistance is in the form of a non-repayable gift to the borrower. The program is created to fulfill Communities First - Ohio mission to provide housing opportunities to low- to moderate- income individuals and families.</li> <li>This Program Summary is a complement to and not a substitute for First Mortgage Program guidelines.</li> <li>Freddie Mac HFA Advantage guidelines apply except as modified by this program summary for the purpose of this program only.</li> </ul>			
AVAILABLE MARKETS	Properties located within the State of Ohio			
Eligible Lenders	Lenders must be approved by The Money Source ("TMS") to participate in the Communities First Ohio Program. Interested lenders should contact <a href="https://doi.org/10.250/line.1016/journal.250/">HFAPrograms@TheMoneySource.com</a> or call (623) 304-0304.  ***Third party Originations are allowed through an approved TMS Lender***			
	Master Servicer	Program Administrator/Compliance Agent		
Master Servicer & Compliance Agent	The Money Source 3138 E. Elwood Street Phoenix, AZ 85034 Support@TheMoneySource.com	Hilltop Securities Inc. 717 N. Harwood Street, Suite 3400 Dallas, TX 75201 (214) 953-4176		

# FIRST LOAN INTEREST RATES / LOAN RESERVATIONS

- Hilltop Securities Inc. will post First Mortgage interest rates by 9:30 a.m. ET daily.
   Current rates and resources can be found at the following website:
   https://lender.communitiesfirstohio.com
- The reservation window will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ET Monday through Friday except for holidays and certain days when the financial markets are closed.
- All loans must be delivered and purchased by TMS within 60 days of rate lock.
- A onetime extension can be purchased before closing at the following rates: 15 days is 0.12500% and 30 days is 0.25000% of the total loan amount. Any additional extensions will be assessed at loan purchase by TMS. All extension fees will be netted out of loan purchase price.

#### **DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE**

 The down payment assistance is in the form of a non-repayable gift and is based on the total first mortgage loan amount. (Certain options may not always be available depending on the market)

Freddie Mac HFA Advantage			
Minimum FICO Score	DPA Assistance Available		
620	3.0%, 4.0% or 5.0%		

- The funds may be used to fund up to 100% of the Borrower's cash requirement to close, including the down payment, closing costs, pre-paid items, upfront borrower paid Mortgage Insurance and other related Mortgage Loan fees and expenses. No portion of the gift funds can be paid to the Borrower unless the Borrower is being reimbursed for an overage of his/her earnest money deposit and any pre-paid expenses, to the extent the minimum Borrower contribution has been satisfied, if any. Principal reduction is allowed. Grant Assistance may be used to lower LTV to 95.00%.
- NOTE: DPA <u>may not</u> be used to pay the difference between the sales price and appraised value if the sales price is higher (gap financing).
- The lender must receive a compliance approval from the Compliance Agent, Hilltop Securities Inc., in order for the loan to be eligible for purchase by the Servicer.
- Lenders fund the grant at closing, on behalf of the Port, and will be reimbursed upon purchase of the loan by TMS.

### **INCOME LIMITS/FEATURES**

Feature	Under 80% AMI	Over 80% AMI
Rate	Lower Interest Rate	Slightly Higher Interest Rate
Mortgage Insurance	Reduced Charter-Level	Standard Mortgage Insurance
Assistance Amount	3%, 4%, or 5%	3%, 4% and 5% (as rates permit)

- The loan qualifying income of the Mortgagor's must not exceed Program Income Limits.
- Income Limits are listed in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Lenders will be responsible for ensuring that the income meets program guidelines.

## Borrower does NOT have to be a First-Time Homebuyer **BORROWER ELIGIBILITY** Determined by the First Mortgage Program selected. Non-occupying co-borrowers and co-signors **ARE** permitted. Purchase money on Primary Owner-Occupied Residence **PURPOSE/TRANSACTION TYPE** Allowed: **PROPERTY TYPE** 1 - 2 Unit primary residence Owner occupied duplexes (Max. 95% LTV/105% CLTV) 2 Unit Properties – borrower must contribute a minimum of 3% of their own funds Condominiums up to 97% LTV Townhomes and PUDs Not Allowed: Rental homes Cooperative housing Homes used as investment properties Recreational, vacation or "second" homes Motor homes, campers and similar vehicles Manufactured Housing The occupying borrower(s) must not have an ownership interest in more than two financed residential properties including the subject property as of the note date. Freddie Mac HFA Advantage Loans - must have an LPA Eligible/Accept and meet all Underwriting/Credit other guidelines listed in this Program Summary. (DU decisions will not be allowed) SCORE/DEBT RATIO **Minimum Product** DTI **FICO Score** Freddie Mac HFA Advantage 620 No DTI restriction with LPA Eligible/Accept No manually underwritten loans are allowed for the Freddie Mac HFA Advantage loan. **MANUAL UNDERWRITING** Gift proceeds may fund up to 100% of the homebuyer's cash to close with no required **DOWN PAYMENT** minimum contribution from the borrower's own funds. Determined by the First Mortgage Program selected. **INTERESTED PARTY CONTRIBUTIONS** Homebuyer education is required if all borrowers are first-time homebuyers; at least one **HOMEBUYER EDUCATION** borrower must complete a pre-purchase homebuyer education course BEFORE the Note Date. Purchase of a duplex requires at least one qualifying borrower to participate in a landlord education program **BEFORE** the Note Date. Homeownership and landlord education programs may use different formats and require different lengths of time to complete. The following are guides: Programs provided by mortgage insurance companies, HUD-approved counseling agencies, Housing Finance Agencies (HFAs) or Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) Program Summary – Revised May 23, 2025 Page 3 of 6 pages

- Programs that meet the standards of the National Industry Standards for Homeownership Education and Counseling (www.homeownershipstandards.org)
- As an alternative to the programs listed above, Freddie Mac's free homeownership education curriculum, <u>CreditSmart Homebuyer U</u>, meets the homeownership education requirements.

## Lender must retain a copy of the certificate of course or counseling completion in the loan file.

#### **APPRAISAL**

A full interior/exterior appraisal is required and must comply with First Mortgage program appraisal guidelines.

# ALLOWABLE FEES/LENDER COMPENSATION

In addition to the standard fees normally charged to the borrower and determined by the lender (i.e., Appraisal Fee, Credit Report Fee, Flood Certification, Freight, Underwriting, Document Preparation, etc.) the following fees should also be included\*. Origination charges are allowed according to Agency Guidelines. Please list fees in accordance with TRID guidelines on the LE/CD but **do not make them payable to TMS**. The **TMS** fees will be netted out of the loan purchase price. **TMS** Quick Reference Guide - Fees

<u>Fee Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	Service Provider	
Loan Origination (optional)	Usual and Customary	Lender	
Funding*	\$319	Lender Fee to TMS	
Tax Service*	\$80 Lender Fee to TM		
Fraud Prevention**	\$20	Lender Fee to TMS	
Flood Life of Loan***	\$15 Lender Fee to TM:		
Code Compliance*	\$225	<sup>1</sup> Hilltop Securities, Inc.	
Service Release Premium (paid at loan purchase)	1.5% or 2.5% of total loan amount, minus fees	TMS to Lender	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Compliance review fee should not be sent from Title but rather netted back to Lender for ACH payment through *HilltopPay*.

### **MORTGAGE INSURERS**

The following MI Companies are approved: Arch, Essent, Genworth/Enact, MGIC, Radian, and National.

MI rates, pricing, and guidelines may differ among the participating Mortgage Insurers and are subject to change. Lenders should consult the current Housing Finance Agency MI guidelines at each MI company to determine the terms and conditions by which such loans will be insured. These Program Guidelines do not supersede, nor are they a substitute for, the guidelines in place with each Mortgage Insurer at the time the loan is underwritten.

<sup>\*\*</sup> If not included with the submission

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Mantaner Incurance	AGE INSURANCE/ LTV Range Coverage A		Amount	
MORTGAGE INSURANCE/ COVERAGE AMOUNT			Under 80% AMI	Over 80% AMI
COVERAGE AIVIOUNT		>95% and < = 97%	18%	35%
		>90% and < = 95%	16%	30%
		>85% and < = 90%	12%	25%
		>80% and < = 85%	6%	12%
	<ul> <li>&gt;80% and &lt; = 85%</li> <li>6%</li> <li>12%</li> <li>Payment Options All LTV's:         <ul> <li>Borrower Paid – monthly with annual renewal</li> <li>Single Premium</li> <li>Lender-paid monthly mortgage insurance option is not allowed</li> <li>Financed MI is allowed, however there is a gross LTV cap of 97%, which includes the financed MI amount</li> </ul> </li> <li>See Freddie Mac guidelines for more information - Freddie Mac Section 4701.1 and Freddie Mac Section 4701.2</li> </ul>			
MI Activation	Lender is responsible for activating any MI policy and remitting any MI payments due to the Mortgage Insurer prior to the sale of the loan to TMS. The Lender is also responsible fo transferring the MI policy to TMS after the loan sale.			
MERS ASSIGNMENTS	Lender may use MERS to register and assign the First Mortgages to TMS: 1004925			
LOAN FUNDING & CLOSING	Lenders must fund the First Mortgage Loans at loan closing. In addition, Lenders front t grant at closing, on behalf of the Authority, and will be reimbursed upon purchase of t loan by TMS.			
LOAN PURCHASE AND SERVICING	<ul> <li>TMS will purchase the first mortgage loan at a rate and price reflected on the Mortgage Commitment confirmation, less any fees, plus the applicable Service Relea Premium.</li> <li>All loans will be sold to TMS and documents should be electronically submitted via</li> </ul>			
	https://correspondent.themoneysource.com/ for compliance review. No paper files will be accepted.			
	Support@TheMoneySource.com Phone: (623) 304-0304			
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QUESTIONS				

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2025 Freddie Mac HFA Advantage (5/23/25)						
County	Maximum Limit Maximum Limit		County	Maximum Limit	Maximum Limit	
	=/<80% AMI	>80% AMI (115% Max)	•	=/<80% AMI	>80% AMI (115% Max)	
Adams	\$68,160	\$97,980	Licking	\$86,880	\$124,890	
Allen	\$74,240	\$106,720	Logan	\$73,520	\$105,685	
Ashland	\$70,800	\$101,775	Lorain	\$78,560	\$112,930	
Ashtabula	\$78,560	\$112,930	Lucas	\$76,160	\$109,480	
Athens	\$71,520	\$102,810	Madison	\$86,880	\$124,890	
Auglaize	\$81,840	\$117,645	Mahoning	\$60,400	\$86,825	
Belmont	\$65,680	\$94,415	Marion	\$68,160	\$97,980	
Brown	\$88,560	\$127,305	Medina	\$78,560	\$112,930	
Butler	\$88,560	\$127,305	Meigs	\$68,160	\$97,980	
Carroll	\$69,200	\$99,475	Mercer	\$86,560	\$124,430	
Champaign	\$74,880	\$107,640	Miami	\$75,040	\$107,870	
Clark	\$69,200	\$99,475	Monroe	\$68,160	\$97,980	
Clermont	\$88,560	\$127,305	Montgomery	\$75,040	\$107,870	
Clinton	\$71,840	\$103,270	Morgan	\$68,160	\$97,980	
Columbiana	\$68,160	\$97,980	Morrow	\$86,880	\$124,890	
Coshocton	\$68,160	\$97,980	Muskingum	\$68,160	\$97,980	
Crawford	\$68,160	\$97,980	Noble	\$68,160	\$97,980	
Cuyahoga	\$78,560	\$112,930	Ottawa	\$77,440	\$111,320	
Darke	\$70,320	\$101,085	Paulding	\$72,400	\$104,075	
Defiance	\$75,440	\$108,445	Perry	\$86,880	\$124,890	
Delaware	\$86,880	\$124,890	Pickaway	\$86,880	\$124,890	
Erie	\$77,440	\$111,320	Pike	\$68,160	\$97,980	
Fairfield	\$86,880	\$124,890	Portage	\$80,240	\$115,345	
Fayette	\$68,160	\$97,980	Preble	\$72,960	\$104,880	
Franklin	\$86,880	\$124,890	Putnam	\$86,320	\$124,085	
Fulton	\$76,160	\$109,480	Richland	\$57,520	\$82,685	
	\$68,160	\$97,980		\$68,160	\$97,980	
Gallia	\$78,560	\$112,930	Ross	\$70,000	\$100,625	
Geauga	\$75,040	\$107,870	Sandusky	\$68,160	\$97,980	
Greene	\$68,160		Scioto	\$68,160	\$97,980	
Guernsey		\$97,980	Seneca	· ·	· ·	
Hamilton	\$88,560	\$127,305	Shelby	\$77,280	\$111,090	
Hancock	\$75,200	\$108,100	Stark	\$69,200	\$99,475	
Hardin	\$68,160	\$97,980	Summit	\$80,240	\$115,345	
Harrison	\$68,160	\$97,980	Trumbull	\$60,400	\$86,825	
Henry	\$77,600	\$111,550	Tuscarawas	\$72,800	\$104,650	
Highland	\$68,160	\$97,980	Union	\$86,880	\$124,890	
Hocking	\$86,880	\$124,890	Van Wert	\$69,360	\$99,705	
Holmes	\$77,200	\$110,975	Vinton	\$68,160	\$97,980	
Huron	\$69,680	\$100,165	Warren	\$88,560	\$127,305	
Jackson	\$68,160	\$97,980	Washington	\$68,160	\$97,980	
Jefferson	\$64,160	\$92,230	Wayne	\$71,600	\$102,925	
Knox	\$75,680	\$108,790	Williams	\$68,160	\$97,980	
Lake	\$78,560	\$112,930	Wood	\$76,160	\$109,480	
Lawrence	\$63,840	\$91,770	Wyandot	\$72,560	\$104,305	