# City of Ripon



# **GAP Loan Program**

# **Downpayment Assistance Program For Home Purchases**

### ✓ WHAT IS THE GAP LOAN PROGRAM?

The City of Ripon Loan program provides deferred downpayment assistance loans, 20% of the sales price up to \$60,000 (whichever is the lesser), to low income, first-time homebuyers for the purchase of homes in the incorporated City Limits. The loans are intended to bridge the "GAP" between the cost of a home and what a low-income household can afford. All such loans are processed on a first-come, first served basis.

# **✓** WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS?

- You may not have owned a home during the past three (3) years;
- Your house payment cannot be greater than 38% of your gross monthly household income;
- Your total debt cannot be greater than 41% of your gross monthly household income;
- You must obtain a 30-year, fixed rate primary loan, with no co-signer, from a lender of your choice.
- You must provide a cash down payment equal to at least 1% of the purchase price.
- You must pay off all collections and judgments prior to the close of escrow and,
- Either work or live in Ripon (City Limits) for the previous 12 months prior to applying; or lived in Ripon for 3 consecutive years during a 10 year period prior to applying; or within the past 15 years immediately preceding the application date, lived within the current Ripon city limits for 3 consecutive years before graduating from a Ripon high school; or, if returned from military service with Ripon continually being applicant's home of record;

COUNTY-APPROVED HOMEBUYER'S CLASS	CONTACT NUMBER
Visionary Home Builders of California	(209) 466-6811
NID-HCA	(209) 952-8806
Neighbor Works	(916) 452-5356

## **✓** ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES

- Home must pass a HUD Section 8 standard inspection. (This is conducted by a County inspector at no charge);
- Properties that are tenant-occupied as of the date of purchase offer are not eligible; and
- The maximum allowable cost of a home is \$623,817.

#### **HOUSEHOLD**

<b>Family Size</b>	Maximum Income
1	\$58,600
2	\$67,000
3	\$75,350
4	\$83,700
5	\$90,400
6	\$97,100

#### ✓ SPECIFICS ABOUT THE LOAN

- Secured by a second deed of trust;
- Down payment assistance is 20% of the sales price up to \$60,000;
- Payments may be deferred over a 30-year period at 2% interest;
- Purchased home must be located in the incorporated City area;
- To secure the loan, the homebuyer agrees to occupy the home as their principal residence.
- Once the home is purchased, there are no further income restrictions.

### **✓** HOW TO PROCEED

The City of Ripon's program is administered through the San Joaquin County Neighborhood Preservation Office. After you have been pre-qualified by a lender for a primary loan, contact the Neighborhood Preservation office at (209) 468-3175 to apply.

To begin the pre-qualification process with San Joaquin County please provide the following documents:

- 1. Three (3) months pay stubs for each applicant as well as any other income.
- 2. Six (6) months most-recent bank statements.
- 3. Three (3) years of most recent Federal tax returns and W-2's.
- 4. Lender approval letter.
- 5. Lender loan application (Form 1003).
- 6. Credit report not more than thirty (30) days old.
- 7. 4560T Form

Additional documentation will be required from the borrower and the first mortgage lender. For more program information email <a href="mailto:neighborhood@sjgov.org">neighborhood@sjgov.org</a>.

