

AHP Homeownership Set-Aside Program

A FHLBank may set aside up to the greater of \$4.5 million or 35 percent of its AHP funds each year to assist low- and moderate income households purchase homes, provided that at least one-third of the Bank's set-aside allocation is made available to assist first-time homebuyers. Members obtain the AHP set-aside funds from the FHLBank, and then use them to give grants to eligible households. Set-aside funds may be used for down-payment, closing cost, counseling, or rehabilitation assistance in connection with the household's purchase or rehabilitation of an owner-occupied unit. Each FHLBank sets its own maximum grant amount, which may not exceed \$15,000 per household. Currently, all 12 of the FHLBanks have AHP homeownership set-aside programs.

Households must meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for the AHP set-aside grants:

- Be low- or moderate-income (at or below 80% of area median income);
- Complete a homebuying counseling program, if a first time homebuyer;
- Agree to a five-year retention agreement on the housing unit;
- Be a first-time homebuyer, if applicable; and
- Meet other eligibility criteria established by the FHLBank.