# Making the Dream of Homeownership a Reality



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- Federal Housing Administration HOMEOWNERSHIP FHA) is a federally sponsored mortgage insurance company within the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- Mortgage insurance premiums paid by borrowers create a fund that provides a guarantee of repayment to lenders to originate FHA insured loans.
- The guarantee allows lenders to make loans to higher risk borrowers

#### FHA is a Safe Loan Product

#### No fads or "creative" products

Credit based on borrower's ability to pay - not equity or home price appreciation

Comprehensive loss mitigation



➢Owner occupants

First time home buyers

Minority homebuyers



➤ Seniors

Limited or impaired credit
 ✓ 65% of FHA borrowers have FICO scores above 620

# **FHA**

# is the largest seller of residential real estate in the nation

**51,000** Homes sold in FY 2006 **78,000** Average Sales Price

#### Community Revitalization Initiatives

HUD sells REO properties at a discount to support local revitalization efforts

✓ Asset Control Areas (ACA)

✓ Good Neighbor Next Door (GNND)

✓ Discount sales to nonprofit housing developers

✓ Dollar Home Sales to Local Governments

### Marketing Priority

**Revitalization Initiatives** \$1 Home sales 1. ACA to 2. GNND Governments 3. Nonprofit Sales Extended Listing **Exclusive Listing** All bidders -Owner occupants only up to 6 months 10 Days

Asset Control Areas

Public / Private Partnership

HUD provides the real estate at a substantial discount

ACA Participants provide the capital and operational capability

#### Good Neighbor Next Door

- HUD REO homes are sold for 50% of As Is appraised value to:
  - ✓ Law enforcement officers,
  - ✓ Pre-K through 12 teachers,
  - $\checkmark$  Fire fighters, and
  - ✓ Emergency medical technicians



Buyers execute a subordinate note for the amount of the discount. The note is forgiven if the buyer lives in the property for three years.

#### Nonprofit Sales

216 HUD approved nonprofit housing providers nationwide may buy



✓ Uninsurable properties in a revitalization area at 30% of the As Is appraised value.

✓ Any REO property in our inventory at a 10% discount

**Competitive Sales** 

▶90% of FHA REO are sold through competitive sales.

Finance REO with FHA insured loans
\$100 down

 ✓ Up to 3% in buyer closing costs including origination fee
 ✓ Free appraisal







> Only offered to local governments

- Government may resell to non-profit or use for other public benefit
- Only properties that have been marketed for 6 months without sale

► Not limited to revitalization areas

#### Property Management and Marketing

- Property management and sale outsourced to private sector contractors
- 22 Geographic Contract Areas <u>http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/reo/mm/mmmap.pdf</u>
- Primary contact is through M&M Contractor
- Compliance monitored by Homeownership Centers
  Denver
  - ✓ Philadelphia
  - ✓Atlanta
  - ✓Santa Ana



**Homes for Sale by the U. S. Government** The *HomeSales.gov* web site provides current information about single family homes for sale by the U.S. Federal Government. These previously owned homes are for sale by public auction or other method depending on the property. Anyone can buy a home for sale by the U.S. Government, but you must work with a real estate agent, broker or servicing representative to submit an offer or bid.

Currently the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Agriculture (USDA/Rural Development), and Veterans Affairs (VA) have homes listed on this site. <u>Learn how to buy them</u>.



#### Revitalization Areas

- Discounted sales\* are only offered in designated revitalization areas characterized by:
  - ✓ Low homeownership

✓ Low income

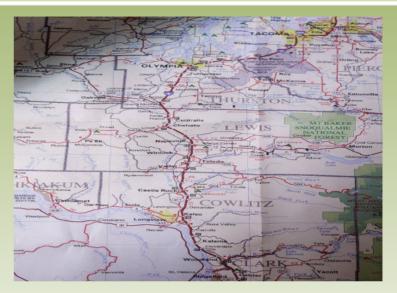
- High rates of default and foreclosure
- \* Except \$1 Homes



#### Revite Area Designation - Be part of the process

Identify a target area

Document the demographics



Identify program participants

Send a written request to the HOC

HUD Nonprofit Approval - ML 2002-01

➢ Application package submitted to HOC

- ✓ 501(c)(3)
- ✓ Articles of Incorporation
- ✓ Identity of board, business partners
- ✓ Administrative capacity
- ✓2 years housing development experience
- ✓ Source of funds
- ✓Geographic area of interest

#### ACA Program Overview

- A contract between HUD and a City Government often working in conjunction with a nonprofit housing developer.
- ACA participants agree to buy all REO properties acquired within a designated revitalization area.
- Properties are discounted on a sliding scale from 50% of appraised value down to \$1.
- ACA participants must rehabilitate the properties and resell them to income eligible home buyers within a set time period.

#### ACA Considerations

#### ≻ Local HUD REO volume

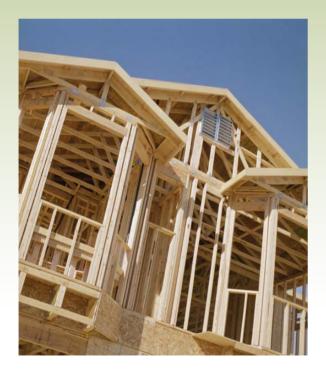
- ➢ Willingness and flexibility of local government
- Operational capacity of nonprofit
- Financial capacity
   Acquisition/construction financing
   Gap Subsidy



➢ Housing Demand

#### Current ACA Cities

✓ Los Angeles
✓ Reading
✓ Rochester



✓ Ogden ✓ Cleveland ✓ Chicago ✓ Salt Lake ✓ Dallas ✓ New York ✓ Camden ✓ Baltimore

#### Partnering for Community Revitalization

Recommend markets for revitalization area designation.

Obtain nonprofit designation to purchase HUD properties.

≻Create an ACA.

➢Work with local government to purchase \$1 homes.

#### Preserving Homeownership



FHA Loss Mitigation

Prevents foreclosure

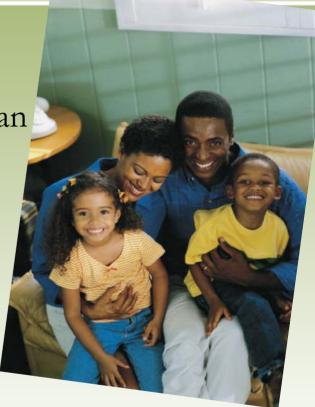
Maximizes homeownership retention
 Preserves the FHA insurance funds
 Delegates decision making to lenders
 Combination of incentives and

aggressive monitoring ensure compliance

#### Home Retention Options

Special Forbearance ✓ No limit on term of repayment plan ✓ Reduced or suspended payments ► Loan Modification  $\checkmark$  Permanent change to rate, principal or amortization ➢ Partial Claim

Interest free loan for up to 12 months PITI
 No payments until 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage is paid off



#### **Disposition** Options



#### ➢Preforeclosure Sale

 ✓ Private sale of the property for less than full debt.

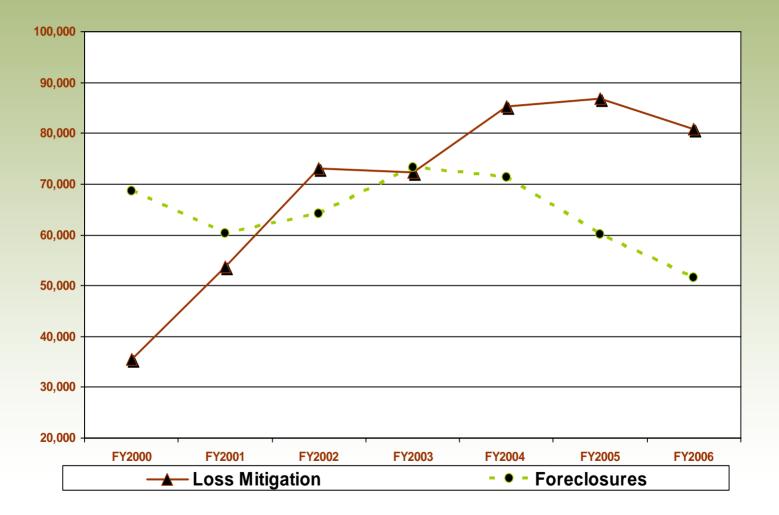
#### Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure

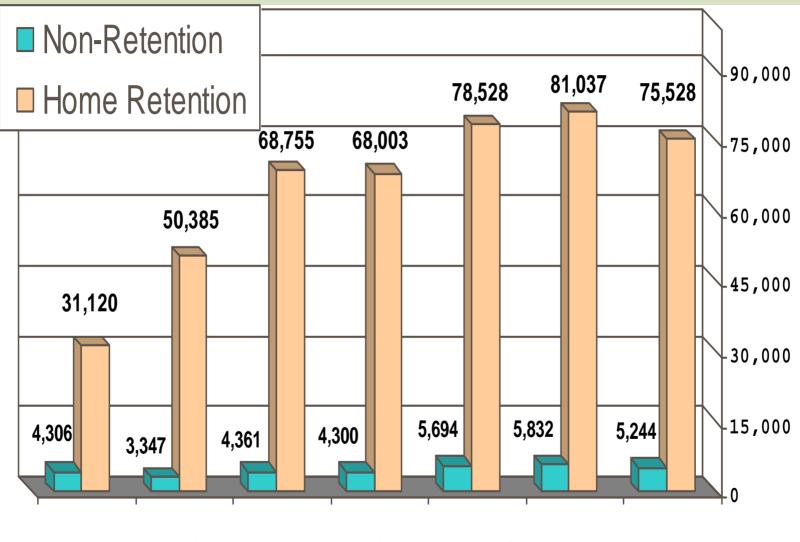
 ✓ Voluntary giving of the property to the lender in exchange for a full release from the debt.

#### Loss Mitigation Claims – FY 2003 - 2007

FY	L.M. Retention	L.M. Non- Retention	Total L.M.	FC	Work Out Ratio
May 2007	56,726	2,963	59,689	33,280	64.20%
2006	75,528	5,244	80,607	53,097	60.01%
2005	81,037	5,832	86,869	60,134	59.09%
2004	78,528	5,694	84,222	71,273	54.16%
2004	10,520	5,094	04,222	/1,2/3	J4.10%
2003	68,003	4,300	72,303	73,215	49.69%

#### Loss Mitigation vs Foreclosure FY 2000-2006





FY 2000 FY 2001 FY 2002 FY 2003 FY 2004 FY 2005 FY2006

# 89% of home retention claims successfully avoid foreclosure\*

\*Less than 11% of loans with loss mitigation claims terminate in foreclosure within 24 months Funding Default Counseling

# \$41 Million in counseling grants in 2007

Requested \$50 million in the 2008 budget

#### HUD's National Servicing Center

Customer Service Help Desk
888-279-8685

➢Policy Guidance

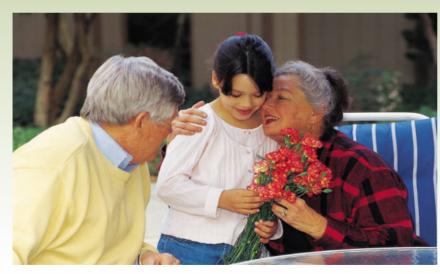
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► Loss Mitigation Training

#### Preserving Homeownership for Seniors

Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) allows homeowners age 62 and older to convert the equity in their homes into tax-free income without having to



sell their home or take on a new monthly payment.

#### How HECMs Work

If proceeds from sale are less than debt, lender files a claim with FHA Borrower pledges home equity to guarantee loan repayment. Based on age and home value maximum principal amount is established.

At death of last borrower property is sold by estate to pay off loan or acquired and sold by lender.

Borrower receives regular or periodic payments from lender.

Borrower occupies home until death even if all principal has been paid out. Types of Payments

**Tenure** – equal monthly payments for life.

- Term equal monthly payments for a fixed period of months.
- Line of Credit unscheduled payments at borrower's request until the principal limit is reached.

#### Combined Term, Tenure, LOC

HECM Eligibility

All borrowers must be at least 62 years old.

➢ Primary residence.



Property free and clear or debt must be paid with the HECM proceeds.

No income, employment, medical or credit qualifying restrictions.

#### Uses of HECM Proceeds

Fund retirement / supplement social security.

Keep seniors in their homes and out of permanent care facilities.

Pay for home modifications so seniors can age in place.

Cover health-related expenses

## Top HECM States FHA Loans Since Inception

✓ California 69,314 ✓ Florida 25,664 ✓ New York 15,782 ✓ Texas 13,821 ✓ New Jersey 10,787 ✓ Colorado 9,910 ✓ Michigan 9,659

# WWW.FHA.GOV

New FHA website is a clearinghouse for consumer and industry information



FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- Resources for Homebuyers
- <u>Get Educated!</u>
   <u>Find a Housing Counselor</u>
   <u>Know Your Rights!</u>
   <u>Avoid Predatory Lending</u>
   <u>Settlement Protection Special Information Booklet</u>
   <u>Help for Non-FHA Loans</u>
   <u>Contact FHA Resource Center</u>
- Get Educated! (Top)
- FHA has <u>video webcasts</u> about home buying and knowing your rights
- Find a Housing Counselor (Top)
- If you want advice on buying a home, renting, default, foreclosure, credit issues or reverse mortgages, HUD sponsors certain housing counseling agencies throughout the country who in turn give advice free or at low cost.
- Search online for a <u>counseling agency</u> near you, or call HUD's interactive voice response system at: (800) 569-4287.
- Know Your Rights! (Top)
- Your home loan may be the largest and most important loan you get in your life. Be aware of your rights before you enter into any loan agreement.



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