

Provo RDA Home Purchase Plus Program Underwriting Criteria

Provo City Redevelopment Agency is offering a mortgage loan product to assist income-eligible families to become homeowners. The program consists of the following:

First Mortgage: First mortgages shall be obtained through the buyer's lender of choice. This must be a 30 year, fixed-rate mortgage. The market will determine the interest rate for this loan at the time a rate lock can be obtained.

Second Mortgage: Provo City Redevelopment Agency will provide a second mortgage to be used as down-payment assistance that will fund up to \$10,000 based on need (based on HUD formula), city wide. This loan will be at 0% interest and the payments are deferred until the home ceases to be the primary residence of the homeowner. When this occurs, the entire loan balance is due in a lump-sum payment.

Targeted Ratios

Loan to Value:	'A' Loans: 102%;	'B' Loans: 101%
Total Debt to Income:	'A' Loans: 45%;	'B' Loans: 43%
Housing Expense Ratio:	'A' Loans 35%;	'B' Loans: 33%

A Loans Maximum allowable debt to income is 45%.
Maximum allowable housing expense ratio is 35%
Experian credit score of 700 or above, no unsatisfied judgements, clean credit for one year, no bankruptcies or repossessions within the last one years. If the Experian score is not satisfactory, a score from all three bureaus is required. The highest score will be used if the middle score is no more than 15 points higher or lower than the other two scores.
Greater than six (6) months current employment, or new job related to education and previous work history. Must be able to show stability in employment history.
Cannot be on probation.

B Loans Maximum allowable debt to income is 43%.
Maximum allowable housing expense ratio is 33%
Experian credit score of 650-699, no unsatisfied judgements, clean credit for one year, no bankruptcies or repossessions in the past two years. No additional bankruptcies. If the Experian score is not satisfactory, a score from all three bureaus is required. The highest score will be used if the middle score is no more than 15 points higher or lower than the other two scores.
Greater than six (6) months current employment, or new job related to education **and** previous work history. Must be able to show stability in employment history.
Cannot be on probation.

Other Requirements

- Income eligibility based on the current income chart. Income is figured as a projected income for a year. Unborn children shall not be included in the household size.
- Must qualify as First-time-homebuyer.
- Home must pass Provo City inspection.
- Purchase price of existing home or new construction must be less than **\$234,000** (may be adjusted from time to time).
- Purchase price must be less than or equal to appraised value.
- Buyer must put down at least \$1,000 of their own money (i.e., earnest money, closing costs, prepaids). This can be a gift and a gift letter must be provided. There is no limit to how much a buyer can bring in at closing. Loan must be 30-year fixed. Will only subordinate to a refinance if it is a no-cash out deal. Rare exceptions can be made for medical items. No consumer debt included.
- Single individuals are limited to a two-bedroom maximum size house and cannot rent out the other bedroom.
- Home cannot be occupied by renters who would be displaced by the sale.
- Must take Home Ownership Counseling course offered by NWP or Community Action before closing on any loan for the purchase of the house.
- Property can be a single-family residence, a home with a legal-accessory apartment, or one half of a twin or town house. If property has a legal-accessory apartment, the owner must live in the main unit and net rental income will be included in the projected income.

Home buyers using the Home Purchase Plus program who sell the property within two years of closing date shall incur a \$5,000 penalty due and payable additional to and at the same time the loan is paid-off.

The following documentation is required to determine eligibility:

- Completed Home Purchase Plus application
- Home Ownership Counseling course certificate
- Federal tax returns (1040) for the last three years
- Pay stubs for the three most recent months (for anyone over 18)
- Form 1003 (copy of first mortgage application)
- appraisal (no more than 30 days old)
- credit report for each person over 18 years of age whose income is included in the eligibility. Even if spouse has no income, they are required to be on title for the HPP loan and a credit report is required.
- Preliminary Title Report
- Real Estate Purchase Contract
- Loan Estimate
- Verification of Employment
- Verification of Deposit or current bank statement
- Verification that all members of the household are US Citizens, i.e., birth certificate, current US passport, permanent resident card
- Social Security card for each member of the household

All required documents (except appraisal and PR) must be received before any inspection will be scheduled. All inspections are to be scheduled through the Redevelopment Agency.

Committee approval requires a majority vote. Loans cannot be closed until final approval is given.

The Redevelopment Agency reserves the right to not use title companies that have title policies outstanding for more than six months.