Affordable Housing and Community Investment Programs

OVERVIEW

Congress created the AHP grant program in the Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989. Each FHLB administers their own AHP programs, funded with 10 percent of the FHLB's annual net income from the previous year's earnings. Designed to address local housing needs, AHP programs provide funding for community and economic development options in addition to homeownership and rental housing opportunities. Community Investment Programs are discounted advances priced below standard FHLB offerings.

Since this Guide focuses on homeownership, the following programs are discussed:

Affordable Housing Competitive Program: Affordable Housing Program grants are awarded through a competitive application process to members working with housing developers and/or community organizations to create rental or homeownership opportunities for lower-income households.

Homeownership Set-Aside Program: Homeownership Set-Aside grant funds are awarded through a noncompetitive program that allocates grant funds to members to distribute to eligible homebuyers or homeowners to fund down payment, closing costs, counseling, or rehabilitation costs assistance in connection with a household's purchase or rehabilitation of an owner-occupied home on a first-come, first-served or specific memberallotment basis.

Community Investment Program: The Community Investment Program (CIP) offers discounted advances priced below standard advance offerings for qualified community development activities. CIP funds help members make loans to enhance community economic development activities for low- and moderate-income families and neighborhoods.

Potential Benefits

- FHLB affordable housing and community investment programs may help members achieve their CRA goals.
- FHLB affordable housing and community investment programs may help members enhance their community outreach and lending to low- and moderate-income borrowers.
- Some FHLBs offer services designed to complement product offerings such as business development, financial literacy curriculum, and CRA training. Check your FHLB summary to find applicable services offered.

Potential Challenges

• FHLB affordable housing and community investment programs funding may be limited and is often very competitive.

RESOURCES

Atlanta Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Programs http://corp.fhlbatl.com/services/affordable-housing-programs/

Boston Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Programs http://www.fhlbboston.com/communitydevelopment/ahp/index.jsp

Chicago Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Programs http://www.fhlbc.com/ProductsandServices/ CommunityInvestmentsandAffordableHousingPrograms/ GrantPrograms/Pages/federal-home-loan-bank-chicago-communityinvestment-downpayment-plus-program-DPP.aspx

Cincinnati Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Programs https://www.fhlbcin.com/community-investment/ affordable-housing-program/

Dallas Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Programs https://www.fhlb.com/community/Pages/Affordable-Housing-Program.aspx

Des Moines Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Programs http://www.fhlbdm.com/strong-communities-fund/housing-programs/

Indianapolis Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Programs https://www.fhlbi.com/products-services/communities-and-housing

New York Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Programs http://www.fhlbny.com/community/housing-programs/ahp/index.aspx

Pittsburgh Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Programs http://www.fhlb-pgh.com/housing-and-community/programs/firstfront-door.html

San Francisco Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Programs http://www.fhlbsf.com/community/grant/ahp.aspx

Topeka Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Programs https://www.fhlbtopeka.com/ahp

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