SUBJECT TO ANY ADDITIONAL STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS.

**Remove this notice before executing and recording this document.**

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No modifications are allowed without agreement of FHLBank Boston prior to execution. The original and recorded documents should be provided to the lender and not FHLBank Boston.

**THIS DOCUMENT SHOULD ONLY BE USED FOR FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION (FHA) LOANS.**

**FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK OF BOSTON**

# Housing Our Workforce DEED RESTRICTION

THIS DEED RESTRICTION (this “Deed Restriction”) for Housing Our Workforce (“HOW” or the “Program”) funds is made on **«close\_date»** (the “Closing Date”) by **«borrower\_name(s)»** (the “Borrower”) residing at **«property\_address», «property\_city», «property\_state»** to **«lender\_name»** (the “Lender”), maintaining offices at **«headquarter\_street\_address», «headquarter\_city\_state\_zip»**.

WHEREAS, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston (the “FHLBank Boston”) is providing Program funds to the Borrower through the Lender for down-payment and closing cost assistance in connection with the purchase of a home by the Borrower, which shall be used as the Borrower’s primary residence;

WHEREAS, the Lender has determined that the Borrower meets the definition of an eligible home buyer as defined by FHLBank Boston;

WHEREAS, the Lender has determined at the time of the Borrower’s enrollment in the Program that the Borrower had a total household income greater than 80 percent and up to (but not greater than) 120 percent of the median income for the area in which the Property (as defined below) is located, adjusted for family size, as defined by FHLBank Boston and agreed upon by the Lender;

WHEREAS, FHLBank Boston and the Lender entered into theHomeownership Assistance Agreement (as amended from time to time, the “Program Agreement”) to issue funds to the Borrower through the Lender pursuant to the Program for 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower is indebted to the Lender in the amount of **«HOW\_grant\_amount»** Dollars(the “HOW Grant”), which indebtedness is evidenced by the Borrower’s promissory note of even date herewith(as amended from time to time, the “Note”).

NOW THEREFORE, for value received, the adequacy and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Borrower does hereby impress the following described property:

County of **«property\_county»**, and State/Commonwealth of **«property\_state»**, specifically described as follows:

Property Address: **«property\_address», «property\_city», «property\_state», «property\_zip»**

Section No.: **«sect\_no»** Block No.: **«block\_no»** Lot No.: **«lot\_no»**

which is more particularly described in the Legal Description attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A (the “Property”), with the following deed restrictions.

1. HOW GRANT

The Borrower hereby acknowledges and agrees that the HOW Grant represents a reduction in the Borrower’s down-payment and closing costs for the acquisition of the Property, and that the Property will be used as the Borrower’s primary residence. Provided repayment by the Borrower is not triggered pursuant to the terms of Section 3 hereof, the HOW Grant will be forgiven at the end of the Retention Period and no payment will be due on the HOW Grant. As used in this Deed Restriction, “Retention Period” shall mean the period from the Closing Date through five (5) years from the Closing Date.

1. NOTICE OF A SALE, TRANSFER, ASSIGNMENT OF TITLE OR DEED, OR REFINANCING

The Borrower hereby agrees that the Lender, FHLBank Boston and, in FHLBank Boston’s discretion, its designee, shall be given thirty (30) days prior written notice of any sale, transfer, assignment of title or deed, or refinancing of the Property during the Retention Period.

All notices and other communications shall be mailed, sent by facsimile transmission (with confirmation copy), served personally on a party at the address indicated below, or at such other address as shall be designated by a party by future written notice to the other parties, or sent by electronic mail (“email”) with notice by one of the other delivery methods set forth in this section to promptly follow. Notice sent by facsimile transmission shall be effective on the date transmitted; notice sent by personal service shall be effective on the date of delivery; notice sent by U.S. mail shall be effective three (3) business days after such communication is deposited in the mail with first class postage prepaid, addressed as aforesaid, and notice sent by email shall be effective upon the recipient’s confirmation of receipt.

Notice to FHLBank Boston shall be sent to the following address, or such other location that becomes FHLBank Boston’s primary place of business (provided that FHLBank Boston shall notify the parties in writing prior to such change):

Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston  
800 Boylston Street 6th Floor  
Boston, MA 02199  
Attention: Housing and Community Investment Department

1-800-357-3452 (Option 5)

Email: [housing@fhlbboston.com](mailto:housing@fhlbboston.com)

Notice to the Lender shall be sent to:

Email:

1. REPAYMENT OBLIGATION

In the case of a sale, transfer, assignment of title or deed, or the refinancing prior to the end of the Retention Period, the Borrower agrees to repay to FHLBank Boston the lesser of (x) the HOW Grant, reduced on a pro rata basis per month or days (in favor of Borrower) for the period the Property is owned and (y) any net proceeds from the sale, transfer, or assignment of title or deed of the unit, or the refinancing, as applicable, minus the HOW-assisted investment, unless one of the following conditions apply:

1. Following a refinancing, the Property continues to be subject to a deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism incorporating the covenants set forth in Sections 2 and 3 contained herein and subject to the consent of FHLBank Boston; or
2. The amount of the HOW Grant that would be required to be repaid in accordance with the calculation in this Section 3 is $2,500 or less.

The Lender shall be entitled to collect the portion of the HOW Grant owed by the Borrower as determined by this Section 3 by taking the following actions:

1. The Lender shall give notice to the Borrower following the Borrower’s breach of any covenant or agreement in this Deed Restriction, specifying the nature of said breach and the action and time within which to cure the default.
2. If the default is not cured on or before the date specified in the notice, the Lender, at its option and in its sole discretion, may require immediate payment of the HOW Grant, without further demand and may invoke any remedies permitted by applicable law. The Lender shall be entitled to collect all expenses incurred in pursuing the remedies provided herein, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorney’s fees and costs of title evidence.

Additional information is available at [www.fhlbboston.com](http://www.fhlbboston.com) under Housing Our Workforce or by contacting FHLBank Boston at the phone number listed in Section 2 of this Deed Restriction.

1. THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARY

The Borrower agrees that FHLBank Boston is an intended, third party beneficiary of this Deed Restriction and is entitled to rely upon all rights, representations, warranties, and covenants made by the Borrower herein to the same extent as if FHLBank Boston were the Lender hereunder.

1. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

FHLBank Boston has established policies and is committed to implementing and maintaining processes and controls to discover and report suspicious activity, including, but not limited to, fraud and money laundering. The Borrower and Lender are each expected to support FHLBank Boston's efforts in identifying suspicious activity by immediately providing written notification of any suspicious activity in relation to their dealings with FHLBank Boston. Should the Borrower or Lender believe there is suspicious activity related to a FHLBank Boston business transaction, such party must notify FHLBank Boston immediately. The Borrower and Lender will also provide FHLBank Boston with all information, documentation and assistance reasonably requested by FHLBank Boston in response to FHLBank Boston’s receipt of any such notice from the Borrower or Lender.

1. MISCELLANEOUS
2. The Borrower acknowledges and agrees that the HOW Grant is subject to the terms and conditions of this Deed Restriction, the Note, the Program Agreement, and EBP/HOW Procedures.
3. The Borrower agrees to the terms and conditions of this Deed Restriction and certifies that its representations contained in its Program application are true and accurate as of the date hereof.
4. The Borrower agrees to be responsible for all tax issues (including, but not limited to, reporting and payment) arising from receipt of the HOW Grant.
5. To the extent the Lender and the Borrower have entered into any other agreements pertaining to the Property, the terms of such agreements remain in full force and effect, provided *however,* in the event of any conflict between such agreements and this Deed Restriction, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Deed Restriction, the terms of this Deed Restriction shall prevail.
6. The Borrower acknowledges receipt of a true copy of this Deed Restriction.
7. This Deed Restriction shall be governed by the laws of the United States and, to the extent federal law incorporates or defers to state law, the law of the State/Commonwealth where the Property is located (excluding, however, the conflict of law rules of such State/Commonwealth).
8. In the event that any portion of this Deed Restriction conflicts with applicable law, such conflict shall not affect other provisions of this Deed Restriction that can be given effect without the conflicting provision, and to this end the provisions of this Deed Restriction are declared to be severable.
9. The Borrower’s obligations hereunder shall terminate: (I) after any foreclosure, transfer by deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, or assignment of a Federal Housing Administration first mortgage to HUD, or (II) upon the death of the HOW-assisted homeowner.
10. This Deed Restriction shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Lender and FHLBank Boston.
11. This Deed Restriction may not be changed orally, but may be changed only by an agreement in writing, signed by the party against whom enforcement of any waiver, change, modification or discharge is sought.
12. This Deed Restriction is subject and subordinate to mortgages and mortgage deeds recorded against the Property dated as of or before the Closing Date.

[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Borrower executes this Deed Restriction on the day and year first above written:

WITNESS:

Borrower

Borrower

**[FOR MA]**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

, ss.

On this day of 20 , before me, the undersigned notary public,   
personally appeared , of ,  
 proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was [check one]: photo   
identification; credible witness; or personal knowledge, to be the person whose   
name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that he/she/they   
signed it voluntarily for its stated purpose.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

Corporate Seal

**[FOR CT, ME, NH, RI AND VT]**

STATE OF, COUNTY OF ss.:

On **«close\_date»,** before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared **«borw\_list»**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity, and that by his/her/their signature on the instrument, the individual(s) or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

EXHIBIT A  
  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION