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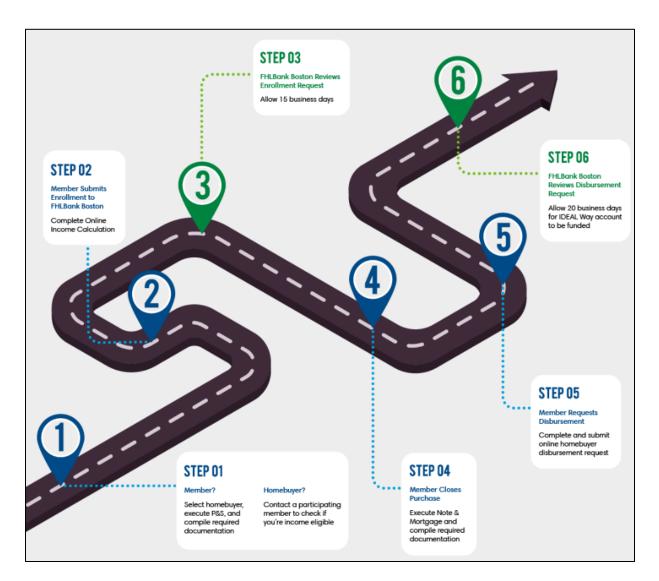
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## This Training Will Cover

- Grant Submission Process
- Disbursement Requirements
  & Documents
- First-time Homebuyer
  Education/Counseling
- Member Action Required (MAR)
- Monitoring and Retention
- Contacts & Resources

### **Grant Step-by-Step Process**



### Member Disbursement Requirements



- Member table funds the grant and reimbursed via IDEAL Way
  - Submit all disbursements through <u>online system</u>
- Closing Disclosure (CD) to reflect grant and not a loan
- FHLBank Boston mortgages and notes must be executed
  - Use current versions
  - Templates are program specific
- Evidence of first-time homebuyer certificate
- Member concession- EBP and LUH only!
- Rehab documentation- EBP Only!



### **Document Requirements**

- Make sure all documents correlate to the homebuyer
  - Name, date, grant amount, address etc.
- CD page 3 to reflect either FHLBank Boston grant
  - Not a separate CD
- No more than \$250 cash back
  - Reduce loan amount, grant or principal reduction
- Earnest money deposit must stay in the transaction
- Utilize <u>FHLBank Boston</u> retention docs
  - FHA has Deed Restriction template
- First-time homebuyer certificate

### Homebuyer Education/Counseling

- Certification <u>not</u> required at enrollment
  - Required documentation at disbursement request
- Completed through <u>our approved list</u>

 $_{\odot}~$  CHAPA, HUD or NISHEC

- Online education component is acceptable <u>ONLY</u> through eHome America, Fannie Mae HomeView, Finally Home!, Framework, or Home Trek
- Counseling required
  - Prior to OR post-closing



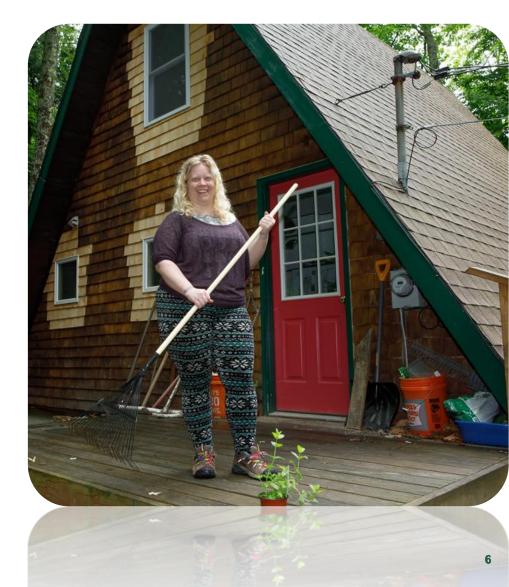
### Grant Used for Rehabilitation - EBP Only

#### **Rehabilitation Requirements:**

- 100% of the rehabilitation work must be completed prior to disbursement of EBP funds
- Closing Disclosure must evidence escrowed funds

#### **Supporting Documentation:**

- Copies of paid invoices, checks, inspections detailing scope of work completion
- Evidence of disbursement(s) from escrow account



### Member Concession – EBP& LUH Only

#### Examples



Reduce or waive fees and/or points (page 2 of CD)



Below market interest rate (rate sheet)



Reduce or waive mortgage insurance or LLPA (rate sheet or pricing document)

Relax minimum credit score or DT
(underwriting document)



Lender credit (page 2 of 3 of CD)

- Must be provided at the time of closing
  - Evidenced on CD or documents to support
- Explain the incentive/concession that you are offering to the homebuyer
  - Specific details and where to verify the information



### Member Action Required

- Disbursements missing documentation go into MAR
- 10 business days to provide or clarify documentation
- Contact FHLBank if more time is needed outside of 10 business days
  - $_{\odot}$  Review extension policy

### MAR Reasons & Solutions

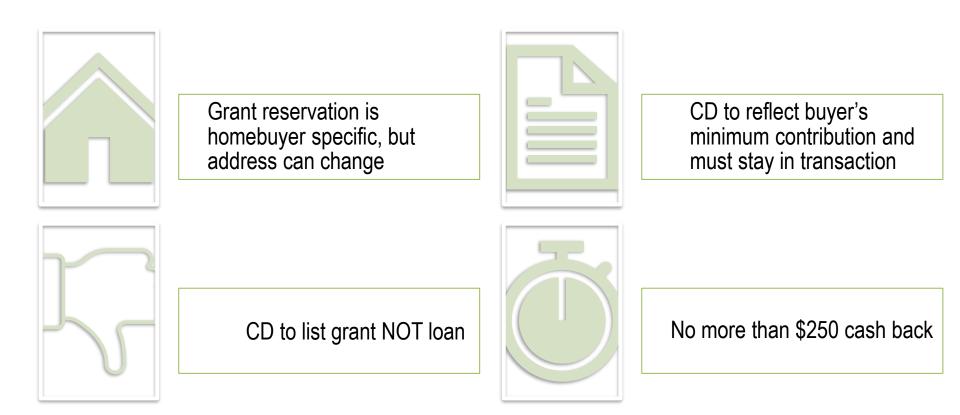
#### **Common Mistake**

- Incorrect or old note/mortgage executed
- Excess \$250 cash back
- Homebuyer received the deposit back at closing
- Forgot to provide EBP or LUH buyer a member concession

#### **Example to Cure**

- Scrivener's Affidavit or Confirmatory Mortgage
- Reduce loan amount, grant, or principal reduction before closing
- Contact FHLBank before closing
- Post-closing CD/reimburse buyer (if closing cost related)

#### **Procedural Reminders**



\*Refer to procedures for extension policy (each program varies)

### Monitoring and Retention

#### Member Responsibilities:

- Remain the primary contact
- Provide household contact information
- Maintain file on each household for five years
  - Grant Notes and Mortgages
  - Disclosure
- Execute all discharges
  - FHLBank Boston is not responsible for recording or associated fees



### **5-Year Retention Information**

#### **During the 5-year retention period:**

Refinance –					
Sale –	_				-
Foreclosure		_	-	_	-
Death of Owner					-

Subordination (not lien sensitive) Repayment calculation Forgiven\* Forgiven\*

#### **After 5-year retention period:**

- Grant is forgiven
- Member must complete discharge

\*Subject to documentation to grant forgiveness

### **Subordination Process**

- Homeowner or attorney contacts the original 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage lender (member)
- 2. Member submits the grant subordination template to FHLBank Boston
- 4. FHLBank Boston reviews and approves subordination
- Member executes subordination and provides electronic copy to FHLBank Boston

#### Allow 2 business days



#### **Repayment Upon Sale**

- Homeowner or attorney contacts the original 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage lender (member)
- 2. Member submits the final seller's CD to FHLBank Boston
- 3. FHLBank Boston completes the review
- 4. FHLBank Boston will notify member if money is owed
- Member provides repayment to FHLBank Boston (if applicable) <u>and executes</u> discharge of grant

#### Allow 2 business days

Classification: Public



# Tips & Tricks to Manage Post-Closing

# **O** DO NOT:

- Tell the borrower FHLBank Boston is responsible to execute the grant discharge
- Try and calculate a grant repayment (not like a traditional pay off)
- Tell a homeowner FHLBank Boston does not allow subordinations for refinances or HELOCs



- Reach out to our Homeownership Team for either a subordination or repayment
- Refer the homeowner to pages 3 and 4 of the EBP/HOW or LUH Disclosure for post-closing info
- Keep a list or pipeline of all grant recipients for 5 years
  - Remember to execute discharge

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# Questions?



#### **Contacts & Resources**



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Review Website for 2025 Materials:

- Member QC Checklist
- Disclosures, Notes, and Mortgages
- Income Guidelines
- Program Procedures
- ✓ FAQs

Technical Assistance Via YouTube:

- How to request Community Lending Account
- ✓ How to submit member application
- ✓ How to submit enrollment
- ✓ How to request disbursement