

## FACT SHEET

### Purpose

The purpose of the Homeownership Program is to:

- Make home ownership a reality for low to moderate income households in Niagara
- Ease the demand for rental housing by assisting renter households to buy affordable houses
- Offer down payment assistance for homebuyers through a 5% forgivable loan to a maximum of \$12,697
- Encourage developers to build affordable housing

### Eligible Buyers

To be eligible for a down payment loan a buyer must:

- Be a Canadian Citizen, Landed Immigrant or have Refugee Claimant Status with no outstanding removal order
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Not own or have an interest in other residential properties or owe arrears to a government assisted affordable housing provider or Niagara Regional Housing (NRH)
- Currently be renting and looking to buy a sole and principle residence in Niagara
- Have a gross household income below \$76,700 and assets below \$30,000
- Be eligible to obtain a mortgage (Pre-approval required)
- Provide documents to prove eligibility
- Agree to register loan on title for 20 years



### Eligible Homes

- New homes
- Resale homes (home inspection required at buyer's cost)
- Purchase price cannot exceed \$253,932
- May be detached, semi-detached, townhome, duplex or condo
- Must be modest in size and features
- Cannot be a home in which the buyer or any member of the buyer's family has an ownership interest

## CONDITIONS

### Homeowner Assistance

- Homeowners will receive 5% of the cost of an eligible home (maximum \$12,302) at the time of purchase closing
- No interest will be charged on the loan

### Conditions for Repayment by Homeowner

The original down payment loan (plus five percent of increased value of the home) must be repaid if:

- The home is sold before the 20 year period expires
- The homeowner no longer lives in the unit
- The homeowner agrees to voluntarily repay the loan
- The homeowner is in default of mortgage or NRH loan agreement



## CONTACT

For general information or an application for the Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) Welcome Home Niagara Homeownership Program, contact:

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905-682-9201 ext. 3918 or visit our website at [www.nrh.ca](http://www.nrh.ca).

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