



Nassau County HOME Down Payment Assistance Program For First-Time Homebuyers

2023

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Note: Opening Date for Applications is December 6, 2023.

All Applicants are <u>required</u> to read <u>these</u> "Program Guidelines" and affix their signature where noted on the last page of these Guidelines, and at the Acknowledgment on the Application signifying that they have read the Guidelines. Nassau County strongly recommends that you consult an Attorney prior to reviewing and accepting this document. Should an application be approved, the Applicant will be required to provide a copy of these Guidelines to their attorney.

Nassau County and LIHP are not responsible to any party for the loss of a down payment, or any other damages which may arise as a result of a person's failure to adhere to the terms of the 2023 Program Guidelines herein.

Any party whose application has been reviewed and determined to be eligible <u>must</u> give a copy of the 2023 Program Guidelines to their Attorney(s) immediately. The 2023 Program Guidelines contain important legal information/language which <u>must</u> be written into any contract for purchase of a home through this program. Nassau County and LIHP are not responsible to any party for the loss of a down payment, or any other damages which may arise as a result of a party's failure to incorporate the 2023 Program Guidelines terms/language into any contract for purchase of a home through this program.

PLEASE RETAIN A COPY OF THESE GUIDELINES AS THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION.

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS UNTIL

FUNDING HAS BEEN EXHAUSTED.

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NOTE: Nassau County reserves the right to exercise final approval on any application.

I. Goal: To help make the "American Dream" of homeownership a reality for first-time homebuyers in Nassau County.

Grant Assistance: Under this program, Nassau County (NC) will provide eligible first-time homebuyers up to \$50,000 towards down payment for the purchase of a Nassau County owner- occupied approved single-family home. The funds are essentially zero-interest deferred loans that are forgiven after fifteen (15) years. When determining the necessary and appropriate amount of HOME assistance LIHP will review the sales price, closing costs, lender's financing terms and the homebuyer's financial circumstances. Eligibility and approval by Nassau County are based upon Federal regulations, which cannot be waived and/or modified. Nassau County approval is a prerequisite to receiving any grant funds. Only single-family homes which meet Federal Housing Quality Standards will be eligible. Nassau County and LIHP are not responsible, to any party, for the loss of any deposit and/or down payment on a home, which has not passed a Federal Housing Quality Inspection. This program can be coupled with most other types of assistance programs and mortgages available but cannot be used with any program already being funded with HOME funds through Nassau County.

Program Eligibility: To be eligible to participate in the Nassau County Down Payment Assistance Program, a first-time homebuyer must meet the income limits described below, homebuyer contribution, and have an acceptable credit history as defined by the standards contained in these guidelines. These standards reflect the objective that HOME funds used for homeownership opportunities with other non-HOME mortgage debt is affordable to and sustainable by the borrower.

a) <u>Income Guidelines:</u>*

The maximum permitted gross annual **household** income for applicants in the Nassau County HOME Down Payment Assistance Program shall not exceed 80% of the median annual household income for the area as determined by HUD (as of 4/2023):

Household Size	Maximum Total Annual
	Household Income**
1	\$86,200
2	\$98,500
3	\$110,800
4	\$123,100
5	\$132,950
6	\$142,800
7	\$152,650
8 or more	\$162,500

^{*}BEFORE APPLYING, potential applicants with Housing Choice Vouchers should contact:

Community Development Corporation of Long Island 1660 Walt Whitman Road, Ste. 130 Melville, New York 11747 (631) 471-1215

b) <u>Credit History Standards:</u>

The following credit history standards will be analyzed in conjunction with income limits to determine program eligibility:

^{**}Includes all income — overtime, bonuses, pensions, social security, 401K distributions, tips, etc. Total household income minus allowable exclusions cannot exceed the maximum annual income listed above for your household size. The Long Island Housing Partnership (LIHP) must project the income that will be received for the upcoming 12-month period. Tax returns will be required for all household members whose earnings will be used as part of the income qualification. Any person whose earnings will be used to qualify for the program will be required to sign IRS Form 4506 tax release form to verify their tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service.

- Applicants must have an overall good pattern of credit behavior including a history of timely payments for rent, automobile and installment loans, credit cards and revolving loans as described below. If a good payment pattern has been maintained, isolated cases of slow/late payments may not disqualify an applicant for program eligibility:
 - Payments on automobiles and installment loans should reflect no late payments in recent 12 months.
 - Payments on revolving loans or credit cards should not have any late payments in recent 12 months.
- Applicants must have a satisfactory income, credit, and employment history.
- At a minimum, a bankruptcy must have been discharged at least three years from date of application for assistance and credit re-established in the last 2 years.
- At a minimum, a foreclosure sale, or a transfer of title in a deed in lieu of foreclosure must be at least three years old from date of application for assistance.
- No outstanding collection accounts or judgments.
- As part of the credit history and mortgage ability review, LIHP will utilize the middle credit score of all borrowers from three national credit repositories. At a minimum this credit score must be at least 580. (Higher credit scores may be required by lenders).
- The credit standards listed above are to determine program eligibility and <u>do not represent a mortgage approval</u>. The applicant is responsible for securing a mortgage approval through a responsible lending institution.
- c) <u>Home Buyer Contribution:</u> Applicants, at time that the application is submitted to LIHP, must have a minimum of \$5,000 in savings/checking accounts or verifiable liquid assets from their own funds and/or retirement accounts (401k, 403b etc.) to apply towards the down payment. <u>The required \$5,000 must be shown in the most recent bank/retirement statements submitted with application (a minimum of 3 consecutive months of such statements is required with all applications).</u> All statements submitted must show the bank name, account holder's name and account number with a detailed list of transactions.
 - Applicants are required to put at least 3% of the purchase price down of their own funds and cover all closing costs.
- d) <u>Assets:</u> Applicants will be permitted to have not more than 50% of the HUD uncapped income limit for a family of four (4) in liquid household assets in checking, savings or investment accounts after closing on a home. The current limit is \$61,550. Any amount over \$61,550 will be applied toward the purchase of the home before HOME funds are provided to the home buyer. IRAs, 401ks and other tax-sheltered retirement accounts will not be considered in calculating the maximum asset amount.
- III. <u>Gift Letter:</u> LIHP will allow a gift letter stating that the money provided is in the form of a gift and will not have to be repaid. This letter must be signed, notarized and submitted with the application. This gift contribution cannot be used towards the \$5,000 minimum home buyer contribution and requires proof of funds from whomever is giving the gift.
- IV. <u>Citizenship:</u> requires that each applicant must be either a U.S. Citizen or a Qualified non-Citizen, pursuant to 8 USC 1641, 42 USC 1436a, and 24 CFR Part 5, Subpart E, as amended.
- V. <u>Property Value Limit:</u> The purchase price of the single-family home to be purchased may not exceed 95% of the median purchase price for Nassau County, <u>as established by HUD annually.</u> The maximum purchase price of a single-family home is <u>\$594,000</u>. Please verify this figure with LIHP prior to signing a contract. If the property appraises lower than the purchase price, down payment funds will not be available to purchase the home.

VI. <u>Applicant Eligibility:</u> Applications received shall be evaluated and must be certified as program- eligible on a first come, first served basis according to the Application Intake and Qualification process in Section XIV.

A letter from LIHP detailing the eligibility or ineligibility will be sent to each applicant after a full review of the applicant has been conducted. Any applicant who does not close on a house within six (6) months of the date of income eligibility letter sent by LIHP <u>will</u> be required to have their income eligibility recertified. The recertification process requires that the Applicant resubmit copies of four (4) current paychecks, two (2) most recent paystubs, most recent retirement/investments statement for all accounts and federal tax return (if applicable) to determine that they still meet the eligibility requirements of the program.

- VII. <u>First-Time Homebuyer Requirement:</u> This program is limited to first-time homebuyers only as described below:
 - A <u>household</u> that has not owned a home during the <u>three-year</u> period immediately prior to the date of application for assistance is considered a first-time homebuyer.
 - Applicants may own vacant land or a vacation timeshare provided that they have not received the benefits of the mortgage interest deduction and/or property tax deduction during the prior three years from date of application for assistance.
 - Applicants who do not hold title to a home but did receive the benefits of the mortgage interest
 deduction and/or property tax deduction during the prior three years from date of application are
 not considered first-time homebuyers.
 - Please contact LIHP with any questions regarding this requirement.
- VIII. <u>Eligible Housing Types:</u> Eligible homes are pre-existing or newly constructed <u>single-family residences</u> located within Nassau County, occupied as a principal residence and cannot contain any rental units or second kitchens.

Housing types include:

- Detached Single-Family Units
- Town Houses
- Condominiums
- Co-operative Apartments
- Manufactured homes (Must be placed on real property owned or to be owned by the purchaser)
- Residences cannot contain any rental units.

NO Short Sales, Foreclosures, Bank Owned or Real Estate Owned properties are permitted in this program.

Only single-family homes are eligible to receive down payment assistance. All single-family homes to which the applicant seeks to apply their purchase certificate, must meet Federal Housing Quality Standards in order for said house to be eligible for down payment assistance. For the purposes of this program, all homes are considered "ineligible" until said home passes the Federal Housing Quality Standards inspection and until Nassau County gives written notice that a home is "eligible" to receive grant funds. Nassau County will make the only and final determination as to the eligibility of a home based upon federal requirements, which cannot be waived and/or altered.

Any contract for the purchase of a home under this program should contain language that such an agreement is conditioned upon said home passing a Housing Quality Standards Inspection and receiving written approval that said house is eligible to receive grant funds. Written approval by Nassau County deeming a house "eligible" is required in order for an applicant to use grant funds toward down payment assistance. Nassau County is not responsible to any party for the loss of a down payment or any other damages which may arise as a result of a person's failure to adhere to the terms of the 2023 Program Guidelines, herein.

Residency Requirement: Applicants must occupy the property as their principal residence during the period of affordability. The period of affordability is fifteen (15) years pursuant to HUD guidelines. Should the Applicant sell the home prior to the expiration of the fifteen (15) year affordability period, grant funds must be repaid in full upon completion of sale of said home and on a primary basis, as follows:

•	1-10 years	100% to be repaid*
•	After 11 years	80%*
•	After 12 years	60%*
•	After 13 years	40%*
•	After 14 years	20%*
•	After 15 years	-0 Loan recapture expired, deemed satisfied. *

^{*}After 10 years, and up to 15 years, partial years will be prorated.

Applicant cannot use the property as a "rental" property or use the property in any manner other than as a primary residence.

- X. <u>Pre-purchase Guidelines:</u> Applicant cannot have entered into a contract to purchase a home prior to the receipt of a purchase certificate from LIHP. Eligibility is determined by Nassau County according to Federal requirements.
- XI. <u>Homebuyer Selection Area:</u> All homes must be purchased within Nassau County, New York. Homes purchased in a flood zone must have flood insurance.
- Mortgage Ability & Mortgage Counseling Requirements: Applicants must have adequate financial resources and credit to qualify for a home mortgage. Eligible applicants are required to attend LIHP's prepurchase mortgage counseling. (This counseling session is free of charge and takes approximately 2 hours. LIHP is a HUD certified mortgage-counseling agency). If you have a copy of a counseling certificate issued by LIHP within the last 12 months, please submit a copy with your application as you may have met the home buyer counseling requirement.

LIHP assists qualified applicants in securing a mortgage. However, it is the responsibility of the applicant to secure a mortgage. Applicants must submit to LIHP all standard documentation required for mortgage processing, including signed copies of the last three years of their Federal Income Tax Returns, 2022 W-2 forms, four (4) most recent consecutive pay stubs for every household member age 18 or older (pay stubs must show year to date earnings) and three (3) months most recent bank statements (all pages) and investment accounts, for every household member age 18 or older, showing assets needed for down payment and closing costs.

It is the responsibility of the <u>Applicant</u> to secure a mortgage. Federal regulations require that the amount of down payment assistance be necessary and reasonable. To meet this requirement, LIHP will conduct a subsidy analysis to establish the appropriate amount of down payment assistance. A standard of 25% of income for front-end housing cost (principal, interest, taxes and insurance) shall be applied. This amount will be determined based on the applicant's income and sales price of home. After LIHP has conducted this analysis, any applicant whose front-end housing costs are less than 25% of their income will have their down payment assistance reduced to meet 25% standard. Please notify or forward LIHP a copy of the accepted offer and loan application (1003) from lender, as soon as possible, to expedite this analysis.

In addition, all loans to finance the purchase of a home are subject to underwriting as part of the review process. Generally, Ratios must fit within the program's parameters shown below for Housing Debt to Income and Total Debt to Income.

Ratios	Parameters
Front End Ratio: DTI (Housing Debt to Income)	40***%
Back End Ratio: TDTI (Total Debt to Income)	45%

*** The Front-End Ratio is the current value and it is subject to change.

However, any loan application (1003) that results in a Back-End Ratio (Total Debt-to-Income) greater than 45% will render the Applicant ineligible under this grant program.

- **XIII.** Restrictions: Responsible lending is the practice of ensuring that a homebuyer's mortgage is sustainable over the long term and does not contain risky loan features that could threaten the homeowner's ability to meet the obligations of the mortgage. LIHP has established the following criteria for the homebuyer's mortgage:
 - a. The mortgage shall be from an institutional investor, i.e. a state or national bank, state or federal savings and loan association or credit union, cooperative bank, Mortgage Company, trust company, insurance company or other governmental lender.
 - b. Term of loan for various property types:
 - 1. Fixed rate loan with a term not to exceed 30 years.
 - 2. No adjustable rate mortgages.
 - c. A first mortgage rate of no more than 2 percentage points above the current SONYMA interest rate for the Achieving the Dream Program.
 - d. Back-end debt/income ratio of no more than 45%.
 - e. No pre-payment penalty is allowed.
 - f. Balloon mortgages are not permitted.
 - g. "Sub-prime" loans will not be approved.
 - h. Private mortgages are not permitted.
 - i. "No Doc" Loans, 100% financing, and 80/20 loans are not permitted.
 - j. 203K loans are not permitted
 - k. Non-occupying Co-Borrowers are not permitted.
 - 1. Negative amortization or interest only mortgages are not permitted.
- **Application Intake, Qualification, and Purchaser Certificate Issuance:** Purchaser Certificates will be issued to eligible applicants in the order in which the applications are received on a first come, first served basis. The deadline for submitting applications and supporting documentation will be when LIHP has qualified 75 applicants **as eligible or March 6, 2024,** whichever comes first. Participation in the program after the above criteria has been reached will be at the sole discretion of Nassau County and based on the availability of federal grant funds.

Eligible applicants will be required to attend mortgage counseling through LIHP. Upon successful completion of the mortgage counseling, the eligible applicant will be issued a Mortgage Counseling Certificate, and within two weeks receive the Purchaser Certificate from the LIHP Program Manager. Only applicants who receive mortgage counseling through LIHP will be eligible for a Purchase Certificate. Applicants must contact LIHP to schedule the pre-purchase mortgage counseling session.

Eligible applicants issued a Purchase Certificate will have until **July 6, 2024**, to submit <u>a copy of a fully</u> **executed contract of sale for the purchase of an eligible home** to Long Island Housing Partnership. Failure

to return a fully executed Contract of Sale by **July 6, 2024**, or if the funding limit for the program year has been reached, shall result in the automatic nullification of the Purchase Certificate. **No extension of these requirements will be granted.**

All applicants must close on a home by **December 31, 2024**, with a recognized lending institution. To meet this deadline the mortgage commitment and supporting documents must be received by LIHP by **September 6, 2024.** No extension of these requirements will be granted.

Any applicant who does not close on a house within six (6) months of the date of income eligibility letter sent by LIHP will be required to have their income eligibility recertified.

Nassau County recommends that your attorney or representative include a clause in your contract that nullifies it in the event that you are found to be ineligible for the Down Payment Assistance Program. **No extensions are to the above deadlines will be granted.**

XV. <u>Home Inspection Requirement:</u> The residential property to be purchased <u>must</u> pass a Housing Quality Standards Inspection <u>as a pre-requisite for receiving any grant funds</u>. This inspection is provided by Nassau County and is solely for the purpose of ensuring that the home meets a <u>minimum standard of quality pursuant</u> to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations (HUD). <u>Without exception</u>, this program will <u>not</u> fund homes that <u>fail</u> the Federal Housing Quality Standards Inspection. **THIS INSPECTION DOES NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF A HOME INSPECTION ORDERED BY THE PURCHASER.**

When entering into any agreement, the agreement should contain language that such an agreement is conditioned upon said home passing a Housing Quality Standards Inspection and receiving written approval that said house is eligible to receive grant funds. In addition to the HQS inspection, the applicant should have a licensed home inspector inspect the property at the applicant's expense after conferring with your attorney.

Nassau County strongly recommends that the recipient of a Purchase Certificate <u>not</u> enter into any agreements until the potential home has passed the Federal Housing Quality Standards Inspection. If you do enter into any agreement, the agreement should contain language that such an agreement is conditioned upon said home passing a Housing Quality Standards Inspection and receiving written approval that said house is eligible to receive grant funds. In addition to the HQS inspection, the applicant should have a licensed home inspector inspect the property at the applicant's expense after conferring with your attorney.

Nassau County and LIHP are not responsible to any person, party, entity, Applicant, buyer, seller, etc., for the loss of any deposit and/or down payment on a home which has not passed a Federal Housing Quality Inspection.

- XVI. Proof of No Lead Based Paint: The purchase of a residential property constructed prior to 1978 must pass a visual lead-based paint assessment conducted by a certified lead-based paint inspector. LIHP must be provided with written certification of this assessment. The program will not fund homes that do not pass this initial assessment. Homes built after 1978 are not required to have this assessment; however, it is the responsibility of the applicant, under the program, to provide LIHP with proof that the home being purchased was constructed after 1978. LIHP and Nassau County are not responsible for the cost of the visual assessment. Qualified applicants will be provided with a Lead Paint Information Packet and a list of certified lead paint inspectors at the time the Purchaser Certificate is issued.
- XVII. Pre-Contract Agreement: The purchaser of the home cannot displace an existing tenant. Both the purchaser and the seller will be required to sign a Pre-Contract Agreement to verify that this restriction is not being violated. The applicant must not have entered into a contract to purchase the house prior to the receipt of a Purchase Certificate from LIHP. All homes must be purchased within Nassau County, New York. No funds will be issued if a closing occurs prior to full and complete satisfaction of all of the 2023 Nassau County Down Payment Assistance Program Guidelines, herein. Nassau County and LIHP are not responsible

for any funds lost as a result of enforcement of the 2023 Program Guidelines, including attorneys' and court fees.

- **XVIII.** <u>Annual Re-certification:</u> For up to fifteen (15) years after purchasing the home, a monitoring <u>affidavit</u> will be mailed annually to the grant recipient. This <u>affidavit</u> will ask the grant recipient to verify, in writing, that they are maintaining the following required guidelines:
 - They are the current owners of the assisted home;
 - The assisted home is being occupied as their primary residence;
 - The assisted home is insured and maintained in compliance with the terms of the Note(s) and Mortgage(s); and
 - No interest in the assisted home has been sold, rented or transferred.
 - They must sign the affidavit, have it notarized and return it to LIHP.

Failure to adhere to the terms of the monitoring requirements may result in the immediate recapture of the entire amount of grant funds previously awarded.

There is a required fifteen (15) year affordability period for the program, after which the Note & Mortgage will be forgiven, and no repayment is required. <u>Upon completion of the fifteen (15) year affordability period the homeowner will contact Nassau County OCD so that "Satisfaction of Mortgage" from Nassau County can be issued and filed at the Nassau County Clerk's Office.</u>

If you sell before the end of the fifteen (15) year affordability period, the total amount of HOME Direct Homebuyer Subsidy provided must be repaid.

- **XIX.** Obtaining the Grant Assistance: As a condition to obtaining assistance, applicants are required to submit to Nassau County the following documents as soon as they are available:
 - a. Mortgage Counseling Certificate
 - b. Fully executed Pre-Contract Agreement. This agreement will be provided to all eligible applicants at the time a Purchase Certificate is issued.
 - c. Fully executed Contract of Sale for an eligible home (copy).
 - d. Visual Inspection Report from an EPA Certified Lead Based Paint Inspector. This must be completed by an EPA Certified Lead Based Paint Inspector or submit proof that the house was built after 1978.
 - e. Certificate of Occupancy (It is a document certifying a building's compliance with applicable building codes and other laws and indicating it to be in a condition suitable for occupancy.)
 - f. Mortgage Application (copy): also known as a 1003 form.
 - g. Appraisal of the Subject Property (copy).
 - h. Mortgage Commitment (copy).
 - i. Fully executed and notarized Down Payment Assistance Agreement.

To receive the assistance, eligible applicants will be required to sign a Note & Mortgage to secure the terms of the grant. Please note those applicants purchasing a co-op will be required to sign a Note & Security Agreement and the Nassau County will file a UCC-1 statement in order to secure the grant assistance. Before submission, please make sure your application and all accompanying documentation is complete and accurate. Once received by LIHP any changes to your application could place your application at risk of being moved to the end of the application list.

XX. <u>Closing:</u> Applicant(s) shall send all documents including: Pre-Contract Agreement, Contract of Sale, Mortgage Application (Form 1003), Loan Estimate, Appraisal, Mortgage Commitment, and Lead Based Paint Assessment to LIHP, as agent for Nassau County. <u>Please forward documents to LIHP as you receive them.</u>

<u>Do not wait until you have all documents.</u> A minimum of four (4) weeks should be allowed between when all signed documents are received by the Long Island Housing Partnership and the date of the closing.

Nassau County will notify the applicant's attorney when funds are available to close. At closing, the recipient

will be required to sign a Certification of Family Income, a Homeowner agreement and a Nassau County Note & Mortgage.

No interest in the subject property has been sold, rented or transferred. The Note and Mortgage are subordinate to the prime lender (the institution providing the primary mortgage) and includes an affordability period of fifteen (15) years. The Down Payment Assistance Program funds are essentially a deferred payment, non-interest-bearing loan, to assist the buyer in a first-time home purchase. If the home is kept in compliance during this time period (15 years), the loan is forgiven and no payments will be required on the loan. Upon completion of the fifteen (15) year affordability period and assuming the home is in compliance, the applicant may request an "application for satisfaction" from Nassau County or LIHP and the applicant will be responsible for any and all fees associated with preparing and filing the satisfaction at the Nassau County Clerk's Office. Once all legal matters are satisfied a closing will be scheduled by Nassau County.

HOME Down Payment Assistance Program monies will be provided to the buyer by Nassau County at the closing. A Nassau County representative will attend all closings, regardless of the funding source.

XXI. Complete Application Requirement: A non-refundable application fee of \$75.00 made payable to the Long Island Housing Partnership, Inc. is required to be submitted with the application. Therefore, before you make an application for entrance into this program, read the guidelines thoroughly. Only one application is allowed. After the Application has been submitted, any changes to an application must be requested in writing and must be approved by Nassau County. Applications submitted after the deadline date will not be considered.

Completed applications received shall be evaluated and certified on a first come, first served basis based on the availability of funds.

A letter from LIHP, detailing the eligibility or ineligibility, will be sent to each applicant after a full review of the applicant has been conducted.

Applications can be completed and submitted online at: www.lihp.org/downpayment.html or by being mailed to or submitted to the LIHP office in Hauppauge.

- Online applications must be received by 5pm on March 6, 2024.
- Applications submitted by mail must be postmarked by March 6, 2024.
- Applications submitted directly to the LIHP office in Hauppauge must be received by 5pm on March 6, 2024.

<u>For those applicants applying online</u>, the application fee of \$75.00 can be paid through the secure payment service. Upon completing the online application, you will be directed to the payment section. Follow the payment instructions to make payment by debit or credit card. Upon payment you will be sent an email confirming payment and an application receipt. Your application cannot be accepted as complete until payment is received and the supporting documentation listed on the Checklist of Required Documentation is submitted.

For those applicants submitting an application by mail or in person, please send the completed application and supporting documents listed on the Checklist of Required Documentation accompanied by a check or money order for the \$75.00 application fee (do not send cash) and a signed copy of the Program Guidelines acknowledgement to:

The Long Island Housing Partnership 180 Oser
Avenue, Suite 800
Hauppauge, NY 11788
Attention: Nassau County Down Payment Assistance Program
DO NOT FAX OR EMAIL DOCUMENTS. DO NOT SEND PICTURES OF DOCUMENTS

You may send documents to us via a secure document transmittal form located on our website at www.lihp.org/ under the "About Us" tab or directly at https://www.lihp.org/doctransmit.html

This is a first-come, first-served program and only complete applications will be accepted. Applications will not be considered complete until the supporting documentation listed on the Checklist of Required Documentation and the Application Fee payment is received.

Fair Housing Laws will be followed. The LIHP staff is available to assist with the application, and answer questions about eligibility requirements. We also provide free mortgage counseling. If you have any questions regarding any of the guidelines or need language assistance including translation and/or oral interpretation services, please call the Long Island Housing Partnership at (631) 435-4710 before applying.

Disclaimer: It is understood that this is not an offer and that terms and conditions may be changed at any time by the Long Island Housing Partnership, Inc., and Affiliates. It is further understood that notices by the Long Island Housing Partnership, Inc., and Affiliates may be made in such manner as Long Island Housing Partnership, Inc., and Affiliates may determine, including solely by advertisement. It is also understood that application submittal is not a guarantee that you meet all program requirements to purchase a home.

PLEASE SIGN ONE SET OF THESE GUIDELINES AND RETURN IT WITH YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION, AND RETAIN A COPY FOR YOURSELF, AS THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT PROGRAM INFORMATION.

Application Deadlines

- 1. <u>December 6, 2023:</u> Opening Date for accepting applications.
- 2. <u>March 6, 2024</u>: Last day to submit applications to LIHP. If the 75 program eligible applicants are reached before this date, LIHP will stop accepting program applications.
- 3. <u>July 6, 2024:</u> Last day to submit a contract to purchase an eligible home to LIHP. Failure to submit a purchase contract will nullify Purchaser's Certificate.
- 4. <u>September 6, 2024:</u> Last day to obtain a mortgage commitment and submit all required documents to LIHP.
- **5. December 31, 2024:** Last day to close on an eligible property.

INQUIRIES:

LONG ISLAND HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, INC.
As agent for Nassau County Office of Community Development
Hauppauge Office:
180 Oser Avenue, Suite 800, Hauppauge, NY 11788
(631) 435-4710

Nassau Office:
LONG ISLAND HOUSING PARTNERSHIP, INC.
C/O Nassau County Office of Community Development
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Mineola, NY 11501
(516) 571-2077 Fax (516) 571-1096

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE MY RECEIPT, REVIEW, AND CONSENT TO THESE GUIDELINES.	
Applicant	Date:
Co-Applicant	Date:
REVIEWED WITH, AND PROVIDED TO APPLICA	NT(S) ON BEHALF OF L.I. HOUSING PARTNERSHIP,
Name:	Date:
Title:	

Long Island Housing Partnership, Inc., HOME Subrecipient