

JULY 1, 2024

Directive 2024-04

TO: ALL PARTICIPATING LENDERS

SUBJECT: REOPENING OF MARYLAND MORTGAGE HOMEABILITY

The Department of Housing and Community Development is pleased to announce the reopening of HomeAbility **effective July 1, 2024**. With the funding replenished this program will continue to assist disabled homebuyers in Maryland with down payment assistance. HomeAbility is comprised of an amortizing conventional loan (first lien) and a non-amortizing deferred loan (second lien for down payment and closing cost assistance) which together finance up to 105% of the purchase price. The first lien (up to 95% of the purchase price) will be financed at a fixed interest rate and the second lien (up to 25% of the purchase price, with a maximum CLTV of 105%, capped at \$45,000) will be financed at a 0% interest rate with payment deferred for the life of the first lien. Eligible borrower(s) incomes may not exceed 80% of the AMI.

HomeAbility may only be offered by the program lenders who have achieved gold or silver tier status (production of 15 or more loans per quarter). See the lender list found here for that status:

[LendersList](#)

The Fact Sheet is located at the following link:

[HomeAbility Fact Sheet](#)

As always, we appreciate your continued participation in our programs.

If you have any questions concerning this Notification or suggestions for improvements, please email singlefamilyhousing.dhcd@maryland.gov.

Thank you,

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