

## FACT SHEET: FLEX 3% LOAN

PURPOSE	To offer Maryland homebuyers a Maryland Mortgage Program (MMP) competitive interest rate product with a 3% Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance loan at a 0% interest rate, repayment deferred for the life of the first mortgage. This specific product should use the <u>simplified loan documentation package (#2)</u> .
START DATE	Feb 25, 2019
DOWNPAYMENT & CLOSING COST ASSISTANCE	The Flex 3% Loan includes a 0% interest DPA loan of 3% of the MMP total loan amount (first lien) with repayment deferred for the life of the first mortgage. The assistance loan is to be used for the down payment and/or closing costs of the mortgage loan and home purchase at closing. If the 3% exceeds the total down payment and closing costs needed for the transaction, the excess funds will be applied by the lender to a principal curtailment.  The loan available for this product is strictly 3% and no higher or lower percentages are allowed.  Funding: As with all MMP DPA, the lender will advance the assistance loan funds at closing and the Community Development Administration (CDA) will reimburse the lender after the loan is purchased by US Bank (see Directive 2018-16).  (Reminder: Except for SmartBuy 1.0, CDA assistance programs cannot be used with conventional financing for purchase of a DHCD-owned REO.)
PARTNER MATCH PROGRAM AND REFINANCING PRODUCTS	Not available. Assistance from employers, builders, non-profits, etc. may be layered with this product but will not be matched by CDA funds.
MARYLAND HOMECREDIT (MCC)	No longer available.
INTEREST RATE	The interest rates for conventional and government (FHA, VA, USDA) loans for this product will be listed on the Interest Rate Notification published on the MMP website. The rate gets locked when the lender reserves funds in Lender Online.
ELIGIBLE BORROWERS*	The product is open to eligible MMP homebuyers. Eligible borrowers must qualify for an MMP loan, i.e., income limitations, credit score and purchase price limits, and other requirements not listed here.  In order to ensure consistency for all MMP loans, the MMP 1st Time Advantage 6000 requires homebuyers to take a Homebuyer  Education class before they close the MMP loan. This education class must be approved and provided by HUD, Private Mortgage Insurers, Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. Some external funding sources have more stringent requirements which must be met if their funds are used. https://mmp.maryland.gov/Pages/Homebuyer-Education.aspx Please refer to underwriting guidelines for US Bank, HUD, FNMA, FHLMC, VA, RHS, and the private mortgage insurers, as applicable, in addition to any MMP guidelines.
FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER REQUIREMENT	The borrower can be a repeat homebuyer if using the Flex 3% loan.  Whether a repeat homebuyer or a first-time homebuyer, a Maryland Mortgage borrower cannot own any other real property at time of closing.
OTHER	The Flex 3% Loan product follows all underwriting overlays of US Bank, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA/VA/RHS and PMIs. All other rules relating to Maryland Mortgage Program loans apply except where specifically noted in this document. Flex 3% Loan cannot be used in conjunction with any other Maryland Mortgage Program products.

Disclaimer: The terms and conditions are subject to change until a borrower qualifies for the loan and locks in the interest rate. A borrower should contact their lender for further information concerning a loan and applying for a loan (see www.mmp.maryland.gov). In connection with the Maryland Mortgage Program (MMP), the Maryland Department of Housing & Community Development makes no promises, representations or warranties to any party, including any borrower about the actual benefit an MMP loan might provide to a specific homeowner. Each homeowner's situation is different, and homeowners should seek the advice of a financial advisor, attorney or housing counselor before entering into any loan transaction.



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