Information for Homebuyers and Homeowners

Disaster Reconstruction Program

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati (FHLB) offers grants of up to $20,000 to help eligible households rehabilitate their home, rebuild their home, or to buy a home through the Disaster Reconstruction Program (DRP). Households who were renting at the time of the disaster may qualify for up to $5,000 for down payment and closing costs assistance on the purchase of a home.

Who are Eligible Households?

A household would be eligible if all of the following are met:

- Resided within a census tract, Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), or county located in Kentucky, Ohio, or Tennessee for which a federal or state disaster declaration has been made;
- The total income for all occupants in the household is at or below 100 percent of the Mortgage Revenue Bond (MRB) limit for the county and state where the property is located; and;
- An application is submitted for the grant within 24 months of the disaster declaration.

What is an Eligible Property?

A property would be eligible if all of the following are met:

- The property is the household’s primary residence;
- The property is located in Kentucky, Ohio or Tennessee;
- The property is a single family detached home or qualified manufactured home. (Manufactured homes may be eligible if they are taxed as real estate and affixed to a permanent foundation); and,
- The property may be subject to a legally enforceable five-year retention mechanism, included in the Warranty Deed or as a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants to the Warranty Deed, requiring the FHLB Cincinnati be given notice of any refinancing, sale, foreclosure, deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, or change in ownership during the five year retention period.

How Do I Apply?

For more information, homebuyers and homeowners should contact a FHLB Cincinnati Member financial institution or a Sponsor. A list of Members is available at [https://www.fhlbcin.com/who-we-are/member-directory/](https://www.fhlbcin.com/who-we-are/member-directory/) and a list of Sponsors is available at [https://www.fhlbcin.com/community-investment/sponsor-directory/](https://www.fhlbcin.com/community-investment/sponsor-directory/).

The Process to Purchase an Eligible Property

1. Federal or state disaster declaration is made.
2. Homebuyer executes a purchase contract on an eligible property.
3. Homebuyer completes a loan application with a FHLB Member.
4. Member determines loan eligibility and submits an online Reservation Request to the FHLB.
5. FHLB reviews the request and issues an approval letter. This process may take as long as two weeks.
6. Member closes their loan and records the retention language in the warranty deed.

The Process to Rehabilitate an Eligible Property

1. Federal or state disaster declaration is made.
2. Homeowner contacts a Sponsor organization.
3. Sponsor determines eligibility and completes a Pre-Rehab inspection.
4. Sponsor sends documentation to a FHLB Member who then submits an online Reservation Request.
5. FHLB reviews the request and issues an approval letter. This process may take as long as two weeks.
6. Sponsor completes the rehab work and a Post-Rehab Inspection is signed.