# Taft Estates Bellingham, MA

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOTTERY INFORMATION PACKAGE AND APPLICATION





# Section One

Questions & Answers

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#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOTTERY

Development Name: Taft Estates Location: Bellingham, MA

#### **INTRODUCTION**

A private developer, Taft Estates, LLC and officials of the Town of Bellingham have collaborated to provide this affordable housing opportunity in Bellingham. The development is in accordance with the Department of Housing and Community Developments' Local Initiative Program ("LIP"). There will be a total of 20 single family homes, of which there will be 5 homes designated as affordable and sold to first time homebuyers whose incomes are at or below 80% of the area median income.

Taft Estates is located off of Pulaski Blvd. in Bellingham. The homes will have <u>3 bedrooms and 1 ½ Bathrooms.</u> The homes will have public water and public sewer.

It is estimated that the total **monthly cost** of your mortgage payment including Principal, Interest, Real Estate Taxes, Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI), Hazard Insurance and Homeowners fees of \$10/month will be approximate \$206,500. This assumes a 30 year fixed rate mortgage at current Freddie Mac rate of 3.69 plus .25 % with a 5% down payment. Your down payment can be 3% of which half can be a gift. There are some housing programs such as USDA in which the down payment may be as low as \$0. You cannot rely on this estimated monthly cost amount, this is only an estimate. Your actual mortgage payment may be different based on the actual interest rate and other factors. You should verify your actual mortgage payment with your lender and/or accountant. This monthly mortgage payment is **pre-tax and does not include the tax advantage of home ownership**. To determine you net expense post tax you should consult with your accountant or tax advisor.

All affordable homes will have a "Deed Restriction" that will be recorded with the mortgage at the time of purchase. This deed restriction in part, limits the amount the home can be resold for or refinanced for and requires that it be resold to another affordable buyer. A summary of the Deed Restriction is included herein. You may also log onto the following web sites for a complete typical Deed Rider:

http://www.delphicassociates.com/static/lip.pdf or

http://www.mass.gov/hed/docs/dhcd/hd/lip/lipdeedrider.pdf

#### **AVAILABILITY OF APPLICATIONS**

Applications are available on the following websites:

- Delphic Associates: <u>www.DelphicAssociates.com</u>
- MassAccess Accesible/Affordable Housing Registry: www.massaccesshousingregistry.org
- Mass Affordable Housing Alliance: <a href="www.massaffordablehomes.org">www.massaffordablehomes.org</a>

#### APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Bellingham Town Hall Municipal Center 10 Mechanic Street Bellingham, MA 02019

Bellingham Public Library 100 Blackstone Street Bellingham, MA 02019

Should you not have access to the internet you may call Delphic Associates at 508-994-4100 and an application will be sent to you.

It is anticipated that there will be more interested and eligible applicants than available homes. A lottery will be held as further described herein.

#### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION FOR HOUSING LOTTERIES

#### Q: Who is eligible to apply for Affordable Homes?

- A: **Applicants must be first-time homebuyers**. A person is a "first-time home buyer" if no person in his or her household has, within the preceding three years, owned a home or owned an interest in a home with one or more people, such as through joint ownership with the **exception of**:
  - Displaced homemakers where the displaced homemaker (an adult who has not worked full-time, full-year in the labor force for a number of years but has, during such years worked primarily without remuneration to care for the home and family), while a homemaker, owned a home with his or her partner or resided in a home owned by the partner
  - Single parents where the individual owned a home with his or her partner or resided in a home owned by the partner and is a single parent is unmarried or legally separated from a spouse and either has 1 or more children of whom the individual has custody or joint custody, or is pregnant
  - Elderly households (where at least one household member is 55 or over);
  - Households that owned a principal residence not permanently affixed to a permanent foundation in accordance with applicable regulations; and
  - Households that owned a property that was not in compliance with State, local or model building
    codes and that cannot be brought into compliance for less than the cost of constructing a
    permanent structure.

Individuals who have a financial interest in the development and their families shall not be eligible.

#### Q. If I presently own a home could I qualify to purchase an affordable home?

A. Yes. Only if you meet the exceptions to the First Time Homebuyer rule as listed above. The equity in the home must be determined which is to be included in the determination of assets.

#### Q. If I am currently in the process of a separation and plan on being legally divorce can I still apply?

A: Your divorce does not need to be finalized when you apply for the lottery; however it must be finalized before you purchase the home. You will not be allowed to purchase and affordable home until the terms regarding the allocation of assets and custody of children must be finalized, so you're your income and assets eligibility can be accurately be determined. If you have only filed for separation and your divorce is not finalized, you will not be allowed to purchase one of the affordable homes.

#### Q: I am disabled; will the home be modified based on my disability?

A: Developer, staff and consultants are committed to the intent and the spirit of both **state and federal fair housing laws** in the selection of lottery applicants. They will not discriminate against any protected class in the selection of applicants.

The developer has pledged that reasonable accommodations will be taken into consideration for an approved qualified disabled applicant, who has received a mortgage commitment, to adapt the home for the applicants' particular disability.

#### **MAXIMUM INCOME - 2015**

#### Q: What is the maximum family income and asset eligibility requirement?

A: To be eligible to purchase an affordable home, annual income and assets of all **household members** must be below the maximum level as adjusted for family size as shown below.

Maximum allowable household, total income cannot exceed:

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Max. Income	\$48,800	\$55,800	\$62,750	\$69,700	\$75,300	\$80,900

Generally on an annualized basis the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) publishes income guidelines. The applicant will be subject to the published guidelines in effect at the time of their application. Incomes as stated above represent 80% of AMI as defined by HUD.

#### **MAXIMUM ASSETS**

Household assets shall not exceed \$75,000

#### **DEFINITION OF ASSETS**

The value of necessary items of personal property, such as furniture or automobiles shall be excluded. Determination of assets shall be based upon a full and fair present cash value of the asset at the time of application to the program. If a potential purchaser divests himself or herself of an asset for less than full and fair present cash value of the asset within one year prior to application, the full and fair cash value of the asset at the time of its disposition must be declared and shall be included for purposes of calculating eligibility.

#### Household Assets include the following:

- 1. Cash held in savings and checking accounts, safe deposit boxes, homes, etc: For savings accounts, use the current balance. For checking accounts, use the average balance for the last six months. Assets held in foreign countries are considered assets.
- 2. Revocable trusts: The cash value of any revocable trust available to the applicant.
- 3. Equity in rental property or other capital investments: The current fair market value less (a) any unpaid balance on any loans secured by the property and (b) reasonable costs that would be incurred in selling the asset (e.g., penalties, broker fees, etc.).
- 4. Stocks, bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit, mutual funds, and money market accounts: The value of stocks and other assets vary from one day to another and should be determined within a reasonable time in advance of the applicant's submission of an application to participate in the subject housing program.
- <u>5. Individual retirement, 401K, and Keogh accounts</u>: When the holder has access to the funds, even though a penalty may be assessed. If the applicant is making occasional withdrawals from the account, determine the amount of the asset by using the average balance for the previous six months. (Do not count withdrawals as income.)

#### 6. Retirement and pension funds.

<u>a)</u> While the person is employed: Amounts the applicant can withdraw without retiring or terminating employment. Count the whole amount less any penalties or transaction costs.

b) At retirement, termination of employment, or withdrawal: Periodic receipts from pension and retirement funds are counted as income. Lump-sum receipts from pension and retirement funds are counted as assets. Count the amount as an asset or as income, as provided below. If benefits will be received in a lump sum, include the lump-sum receipt in net household assets. If benefits will be received through periodic payments, include the benefits in annual income. Do not count any remaining amounts in the account as an asset.

If the applicant initially receives a lump-sum benefit followed by periodic payments, count the lump-sum benefit as an asset as provided in the example below and treat the periodic payment as income. In subsequent years, count only the periodic payment as income. Do not count the remaining amount as an asset.

NOTE: This paragraph assumes that the lump-sum receipt is a one-time receipt and that it does not represent delayed periodic payments. However, in situations in which a lump-sum payment does represent delayed periodic payments, then the amount would be considered as income and not an asset.

- 7. Cash value of life insurance policies available to the applicant before death (e.g., the surrender value of a whole life policy or a universal life policy): It would not include a value for term insurance, which has no cash value to the applicant before death.
- <u>8. Personal property held as an investment</u>: Gems, jewelry, coin collections, or antique cars held as an investment. Personal jewelry is NOT considered an asset.
- 9. <u>Lump-sum receipts or one-time receipts</u>: Inheritances, capital gains, one-time lottery winnings, victim's restitution, settlements on insurance claims (including health and accident insurance, worker's compensation, and personal or property losses), and any other amounts that are not intended as periodic payments.
- 10. A mortgage or deed of trust held by an applicant: Payments on this type of asset are often received as one combined payment of principal and interest with the interest portion counted as income from the asset. This combined figure needs to be separated into the principal and interest portions of the payment. (This can be done by referring to an amortization schedule that relates to the specific term and interest rate of the mortgage.)

To count the actual income for this asset, use the interest portion due, based on the amortization schedule, for the 12-month period following the certification. To count the imputed income for this asset, determine the asset value at the end of the 12-month period following the certification.

#### **Household Assets DO NOT include the following:**

- Personal property (clothing, furniture, cars, wedding ring, other jewelry that is not held as an investment, vehicles specially equipped for persons with disabilities).
- Interests in Indian trust land.
- Term life insurance policies (i.e., where there is no cash value).
- Equity in the cooperative home in which the applicant lives.
- <u>Assets that are part of an active business:</u> "Business" does NOT include rental of properties that are held as investments unless such properties are the applicant's main occupation.
- <u>Assets that are NOT effectively owned by the applicant:</u> Assets are not effectively owned when they are held in an individual's name, but (a) the assets and any income they earn accrue to the benefit of someone else who is not the applicant, and (b) that other person is responsible for income taxes incurred on income generated by the assets.

#### Q: How do you determine household income?

**A:** The Lottery Agent will determine a household's income based on all sources of income for all household members ages 18 or older with the exception of full time students.

This includes, but is not limited to, Social Security, alimony, child support, overtime pay, bonuses, unemployment, severance pay, part-time employment, matured bonds, monies to be received in court settlements and imputed interest and dividends on bank accounts and other assets.

#### **Q:** What constitutes a household?

A: A household constitutes the number of persons who plan to reside the home regardless of marital status. Gross income from all household members over the age of 18 (except for full time students) shall be considered in determining compliance with income eligibility requirements.

#### Q. I am expecting a child do I add the child to our household size?

A: You must submit documentation from your Obstetrician/Gynecologist or adoption agency stating you are expecting a child. This will determine if the child can be included in the household.

#### Q. When will the affordable home be available for occupancy?

A: The minimum rate of construction of the affordable unit is based on the comprehensive permit. Typically, the ratio is 1 Affordable Unit for every 3 Market Rate Units built. The developer has the option of accelerating this ratio.

#### Q: Do I have to be a resident of the Town to apply?

A: No. <u>All</u> households that meet the income guidelines specified above may apply for an affordable home.

#### **FINANCING:**

#### Q: Do I need to attend homebuyer education classes?

We <u>strongly suggest</u> that all applicants complete a pre-purchasing homebuyer course prior to entering the lottery. A schedule of upcoming first-time homebuyer workshops is posted on CHAPA's website at <u>www.chapa.org</u> under "Looking for Housing?"

#### Q. Do we need to get a pre-approval from a lender?

A: A pre-approval is required for the application process

#### Q. How or where do I apply for a mortgage?

A: We strongly recommend that applicants apply for financing with banks that are familiar with the affordable housing deed restrictions (see Deed Rider Summary) and guidelines for affordable housing programs.

There are many institutional lenders and mortgage brokers that are familiar with the qualifying process to purchase the affordable homes. We are willing to share these references upon request by email or phone request. In addition there are other lenders and mortgage brokers who may participate in this process. Your lender must be an institutional lender.

There are many programs available for First Time Home Buyers including those offered by MassHousing. We suggest you or your lender refer to the MassHousing website <a href="https://www.MassHousing.com">www.MassHousing.com</a>

There are programs being offered by the MassHousing Partnership (MHP) such as the "ONE Mortgage" which is offered to buyers typically at a rate of 1% less than lenders typical best rate to a conventional buyer. We suggest that you contact a lender who is on the list of lenders participating in the program as shown on the MHP website. www.MHP.net

Financing is being offered directly by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) <a href="https://www.rurdev.usda.gov">www.rurdev.usda.gov</a> such as the 502 Direct Loan. A 502 Direct Loan can provide a lower monthly mortgage payment than a commercial loan. Based on income and real estate qualifications, the loan may provide an interest rate subsidy.

#### Q. Are there any requirements on the type of loan I receive?

- A. Yes. The program requirements are:
  - Down payment must be 3% of which half can be a gift. (\*)
  - Mortgage amount cannot exceed 97% of the purchase price. (\*)
  - Mortgage loan must be 30-fixed rate.
  - The loan has a current fair market interest rate of no more than 2 percentage points above the current Mass Housing rate. (www.MassHousing.com)
  - The Buyer may pay no more than 2 points.

Households should demonstrate availability of sufficient funds for a down payment, closing costs and pre-paids. Applicants should inquire with their lender as to what closing costs will be. Closing costs can include but may not be limited to fees for Loan Origination, Appraisal, Credit Reports, Inspection, Document Preparation, Attorney and Title Insurance. Pre-Paids can include interest that accrues from the date of settlement to the first monthly payment. Pre-Paids can also include insurances such as Hazard, Flood, and Mortgage Insurance.

For down payment and closing costs assistance programs, please refer to <a href="https://www.mhp.net/uploads/resources/softsecond\_community\_contact\_downpay\_assist.pdf">www.mhp.net/uploads/resources/softsecond\_community\_contact\_downpay\_assist.pdf</a>

Non-Household members cannot be co-signers on the mortgage.

\*An exemption to the above may be allowed for mortgages given by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) housing program or often state and federal housing programs that may offer 100% financing which must be approved by the Monitoring Agent, DHCD.

#### **Q:** What are the minimum income requirements?

A: To qualify for a mortgage loan the total annual household income as determined by the lender and DHCD, must be adequate to support the requested mortgage amount.

Monthly housing costs (inclusive of principal, interest, property taxes, hazard insurance, private mortgage insurance and condominium or homeowner association fees) shall not exceed 38% of

monthly income for a household earning 80% of area median income, adjusted for household size.

#### Q: Once I am approved by the lender are there additional approvals required.

A: Yes. Typically, your lender will re-qualify you for the loan a few days prior to closing, including but not limited to an additional credit check, job verification, marital status, etc. As a result your lender could deny your loan even though it may have been previously approved.

Therefore, before any household members decide to make any lifestyle changes, such as but not limited to; job changes, marital status, substantial additional debt for payments for large purchases, etc., consult with your lender as to what effect this could have on your loan.

#### Q. Are there restrictions on upon resale or refinancing?

A: Yes, the intention of the Affordable Housing Programs is to give persons the opportunity to purchase homes at reduced prices that otherwise may not qualify for a conventional purchase. There is a likely possibility that the home you are purchasing could be worth substantially more on the open market without the deed restriction. However, you would not be able to sell the home at market rate prices and pocket the difference

All affordable homes will have a "Deed Restriction" that will be recorded with the mortgage at the time of purchase. This deed restriction in part, limits the amount the home can be resold for or refinanced for and requires that it be resold to another affordable buyer. The deed restriction insures that the home stays affordable for perpetuity. You may find a summary of the Deed Restriction herein.

Upon resale or refinance you must notify the community and the Monitoring Agent, DHCD, in accordance with the requirements in the Deed Rider.

The Monitoring Agent, DHCD, will determine the Maximum Resale or refinancing amount. The price you paid for the property will be divided by the Base Income Number (which is the Area Median Income for a 4-person household). This determines the Resale Price Multiplier which is inserted into your Deed Rider. The Resale Price Multiplier will be multiplied by the Base Income Number at the time of your resale of the Property to determine the Maximum Resale Price. In addition, the resale fee as indicated in the Deed Rider would be added to the Maximum Resale Price along with capital improvements of the home that had been approved by the Monitoring Agent, DHCD.

#### Q. What if I do not fully understand the conditions of the Deed Rider?

A: Attached to the application section (Section Two) of the lottery package is a Deer Rider Summary explaining some of its key components. If you have further questions and our office is unable to answer those questions to your satisfaction we urge that you seek legal counsel.

The Deed Rider is a critical legal document explaining your responsibility regarding re-sale, refinance and household improvements.

To view the entire Deed Rider, either copy the following addresses and paste into your browser or type:

http://www.delphicassociates.com/static/lip.pdf OR

http://www.mass.gov/hed/docs/dhcd/hd/lip/lipdeedrider.pdf

#### Q. What if my understanding of the English language is limited?

A. Delphic and the developer are committed to broadening access for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP) as a general Fair Housing principal. Delphic Associates LLC and the developer have the capacity to address matters relating to limited English proficiency (LEP). This capacity includes language access planning and providing reasonable language assistance, at no cost to the applicant.

Persons who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, write, speak, or understand English can be considered a LEP person. The developer, shall upon request, make reasonable accommodations, at no cost to the applicant to assist an LEP applicant of their understanding of important vital documents including but not limited to:

- Application materials
- Consent documents
- Notices concerning program eligibility
- Lease materials
- Other compulsory program materials.

## KEEP THIS DOCUMENT ACCESSIBLE IT CONTAINS VALUABLE CONTACT INFORMATION

## LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM (LIP) HOMEBUYER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

	omebuyer Disclosure Statement summarizes you	
this hom	ne. You are about to purchase a home located	
	, in	, Massachusetts (the
(LIP). V exchange must agree in a LIP	ipality") at less than the home's fair market value. When you sell the home, that same opportunity ge for the opportunity to purchase the home at leave to certain use and transfer restrictions. These P Deed Rider that will be attached to the deed to y of Deeds.	e, under the Local Initiative Program will be given to the new buyer. In ess than its fair market value, you e restrictions are described in detail
PLEAS	SE REMEMBER:	
• 3	You must occupy this home as your primary res	sidence;
] 1 i	You must obtain consent from the Department Development (DHCD) and the Municipality [ar monitoring agent is listed)] (together they are re in this Homebuyer Disclosure Statement) before other mortgage, or making any capital improve	nd (if another ferred to as the "Monitoring Agents" e renting, refinancing or granting any
	You must give written notice to the Monitoring property.	Agents when you decide to sell your
• 3	Your property may <u>not</u> be transferred into a tru	st.
The con	ntact information for the Monitoring Agents is li	isted in the LIP Deed Rider.
Please re	read the LIP Deed Rider restriction in its entirety	because it describes and imposes

certain important legal requirements. It is strongly recommended that you consult an

attorney to explain your legal obligations and responsibilities.

#### **Primary Residence**

You must occupy your LIP property as your primary residence.

#### Renting, Refinancing and Capital Improvements

You must obtain the prior written consent of the Monitoring Agents before you do any of the following:

- Rent your LIP home;
- Refinance an existing mortgage or add any other mortgage including a home equity loan; or
- Make any Capital Improvements (for example, a new roof or a new septic system – see attached Capital Improvements Policy) if you wish to get credit for those costs (at a discounted rate) when you sell your home.

Before taking any action, please contact DHCD for instructions on renting, mortgaging, or making capital improvements to your home. <u>If you do not obtain the required consent</u> from the Monitoring Agents, you can be required to pay all of the rents or proceeds from the transaction to the Municipality.

#### Resale Requirements

When you sell your home, you are required to give written notice to the Monitoring Agents of your desire to sell so that they may proceed to locate an Eligible Purchaser for your LIP home. Your sale price will be computed by DHCD based on the formula set forth in the LIP Deed Rider to reflect your original purchase price plus certain limited adjustments.

The allowed sale price is defined as the "Maximum Resale Price" in the LIP Deed Rider. It is calculated by adjusting the purchase price you paid for the home to reflect any change in the area median income from the time you purchased the LIP home to the time of the resale plus:

- (a) The Resale Fee as stated in the LIP Deed Rider;
- (b) Approved marketing fees, if any; and
- (c) Approved Capital Improvements, if any.

The Maximum Resale Price can never be more than the amount which is affordable to an Eligible Purchaser earning 70% of the area median income, as determined by a formula set forth in the LIP Deed Rider. The sales price will also never be less than the purchase price you paid, unless you agree to accept a lower price.

The Monitoring Agents have up to 90 days after you give notice of your intention to sell the home to close on a sale to an Eligible Purchaser, or to close on a sale to a Monitoring Agent, or to a buyer that one of them may designate. This time period can be extended, as provided in the LIP Deed Rider, to arrange for details of closing, to locate a subsequent purchaser if the first selected purchaser is unable to obtain financing or *for lack of cooperation* on your part.

It is your obligation to cooperate fully with the Monitoring Agents during this resale period.

If an Eligible Purchaser fails to purchase the home, and none of the Monitoring Agents (or their designee) purchases the home, you may sell the home to a purchaser who does not qualify as an Eligible Purchaser (in this event, this purchaser is referred to as an ineligible purchaser), subject to the following:

- (i) the sale must be for no more than the Maximum Resale Price;
- (ii) the closing must be at least 30 days after the closing deadline described above;
- (iii) the home must be sold subject to a LIP Deed Rider; and
- (iv) if there are more than one interested ineligible purchasers, preference will be given to any purchaser identified by DHCD as an appropriately-sized household whose income is more than 80% but less than 120% of the area median income.

Any sale by you to an Eligible Purchaser, or to an ineligible purchaser (as described in the LIP Deed Rider), is subject to the normal and customary terms for the sale of property, which are set forth in the LIP Deed Rider and which will be included in your Purchase and Sale Agreement.

There is no commitment or guarantee that an Eligible Purchaser will purchase the LIP home, or that you will receive the Maximum Resale Price (or any other price) for your sale of the LIP home.

A sale or transfer of the home will not be valid unless (1) the total value of all consideration and payments of every kind given or paid by the selected purchaser do not exceed the Maximum Resale Price, and (2) the LIP Compliance Certificate that confirms that the sale or transfer was made in compliance with the requirements of the LIP Deed Rider is executed by the Monitoring Agents and recorded at the Registry of Deeds by the closing attorney.

If you attempt to sell or transfer the home without complying with the LIP Deed Rider requirements, the Monitoring Agents may, among their other rights, void any contract for such sale or the sale itself.

#### **Foreclosure**

In the event that the holder of a mortgage delivers notice that it intends to commence foreclosure proceedings, the LIP Deed Rider gives the Municipality an option to purchase the home (or to designate another party to purchase the home) for a period of 120 days after notice of the Lender's intent to foreclose.

If this foreclosure purchase option is exercised, the purchase price will be the greater of (i) the amount of the outstanding balance of the loan secured by the mortgage, plus the outstanding balance of the loans secured by any mortgages senior in priority, up to the Maximum Resale Price as of the date the mortgage was granted, plus any future advances, accrued interest and/or reasonable costs and expenses that the mortgage holder is entitled to recover, or (ii) the Maximum Resale Price at the time of the foreclosure purchase option, except that in this case the Maximum Resale Price may be less than the purchase price you paid. By signing the LIP Deed Rider, you are agreeing that you will cooperate in executing the deed to the Municipality (or its designee) and any other required closing documents.

If the foreclosure purchase option has not been exercised within 120 days of delivery of the foreclosure notice to the Monitoring Agents, the mortgage holder may conduct a foreclosure sale. The mortgage holder or an ineligible purchaser may purchase the home at the foreclosure sale, subject to the LIP Deed Rider.

If the sale price at the foreclosure sale is greater than the purchase price that would have applied for the Municipality's foreclosure purchase option as described above, the excess will be paid to the Municipality. By signing the LIP Deed Rider, you are agreeing to assign any rights and interest you may otherwise have in the balance of any foreclosure proceeds available after satisfaction of all obligations to the holder of the foreclosing mortgagee, for delivery to the Municipality.

There is no commitment or guarantee that the Municipality will exercise the foreclosure purchase option, or that your Lender will receive the Maximum Resale Price (or any other price) in any foreclosure sale of the LIP home. In addition, the foreclosing lender retains the right to pursue a deficiency against you.

#### Violation of Restriction Requirements

If you violate any of the Restriction terms, you will be in default and the Monitoring Agents may exercise the remedies set forth in the LIP Deed Rider.

If one or more of the Monitoring Agents brings an enforcement action against you and prevails, you will be responsible for all fees and expenses (including legal fees) for the Monitoring Agent(s). The Monitoring Agent(s) can assert a lien against the home to secure your obligation to pay those fees and expenses.

#### Acknowledgements

By signing below, I certify that I have read this Homebuyer Disclosure Statement and understand the benefits and restrictions described. I further certify that I have read the LIP Deed Rider and understand the legal obligations that I undertake by signing that document.

I also certify that I have been advised to have an attorney review this document and the LIP Deed Rider with me.

Dated,	20
Homebuyer	Witness
Homebuyer	Witness

Local Initiative Program (LIP)
Department of Housing and Community Development
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300
Boston, MA 02114
617-573-1100



#### Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Dear Local Initiative Program (LIP) Homeowner:

Capital improvements *must be approved by DHCD <u>and</u> the local community* in order to be considered and added to the resale price. DHCD defines capital improvement as a necessary maintenance improvement, not covered by a condominium or homeowner association fee, that if not done would compromise the structural integrity of the property. Examples of necessary capital improvements include the following:

New roof	Septic tank replacement
Exterior painting due to deterioration	Heating or plumbing replacement
Structural deficiencies such as termite or other	The replacement of siding, shingles or
pest damage, water damage, or other	clapboard due to damage or long-term
maintenance as required	wear
Replacement of windows due to damage or	Other improvements identified by the
long-term wear and tear	owner and reviewed by DHCD.
Appliance replacement (stove, dishwasher,	
refrigerator)	

Improvements such as the installation of outdoor decks, flooring (except in cases of replacement due to damage or long-term wear), additions, garages, landscaping, and other items identified by the owner that are upgraded or luxury improvements will *not be* considered capital improvements and cannot be added to the resale price when the property is sold.

If a condominium or homeowners' association has a special assessment, DHCD will take into consideration the cost to the homeowner on a case by case basis. Additional documentation may be requested.

At the time of resale, DHCD will determine the current value of the improvement based on the depreciation schedule. For example, if a new heating system is installed for \$5,000 and the owner sells the property 5 years later, the full \$5,000 will not be added to the resale price. As with market rate properties, the value of the heating system is the greatest when it is new and it depreciates over time.

100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300 Boston, Massachusetts 02114

www.mass.gov/dhcd 617.573.1100 To begin the review process, please mail the following information to DHCD and your local community:

#### A letter requesting approval for the cost of a capital improvement, including:

- o a description of the work to be done
- o an estimate of the cost
- o an explanation of why the work is a capital improvement

If the request is approved, DHCD will require a copy of the paid invoice after the completion of the work. DHCD will consider the useful life of the improvement and prepare a depreciation schedule for the cost of the improvement.

#### Requests for capital improvements or questions can be directed to:

Rieko Hayashi
The Department of Housing and Community Development
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 300
Boston, MA 02114
Attn: Division of Housing Development – LIP Program

617-573-1426 617-573-1330 (fax) Email: <u>rieko.hayashi@state.ma.us</u>

Please contact your town or city hall for information on who will review your request for approval of the cost of a capital improvement. You may inquire at the Board of Selectmen's office, the Housing Authority or the Planning Department.

# Section Two

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOTTERY APPLICATION





#### **Taft Estates**

#### Bellingham, MA

#### AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOTTERY APPLICATION

Date:	
Name	Home Phone ( )
Address	Cell Phone ( )
Address	Work Phone ( )
	Email Address

#### Number of Household Members (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Complete the following section for each Household Member

	Applicant	Member #2	Member #3	Member #4
Name				
Age				
D.O.B.				
Employer				
School Name				
Relationship				
	Member #5	Member #6	Member #7	Member #8
Name				
Age				
D.O.B.				
Employer				
School Name				
Relationship				

The developer, staff and consultants are committed to the intent and spirit of both state and federal fair housing laws in the selection of lottery applicants. They will not knowingly discriminate against any protected class in the selection of applicants.

Please refer to the definition in Fre	quently Asked	Questions in this L	ottery Package to	answer the following	g questions:
Are you claiming an exception to t	he "First Time	Homebuyer" rule?	If so please indic	eate which exception:	
Displaced Homemaker					
Single Parent					
Elderly household member (	(55+)				
Own a property					
Own a residence not perman					
Own a residence not in comp	pliance with Sa	ate or local codes			
Please Explain:					
·					
Please list the address of any home				wned or had joint int	erest in the past three
years. Please include a copy of the	Deed or HUD	Settlement Sheet f	for each property.		
Property #1					
Property #2					
110perty #2					
<b>MINORITY STATUS:</b>	This is an	antional section	that vou max	complete to acci	ist in mosting
Affirmative Marketing Goa		optional section	i mat you may	complete to assi	ist in meeting
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	Applicant	Co-Applicant	Dependent	Dependent	
Black		<del></del>		<del></del>	
Hispanic or Latino				-	
Asian		<del></del>		<del></del>	
Pacific Islander Native Hawaiian					
Native American				<del></del>	
Alaska Native					
Other (non white)					
outer (non white)					
Where/how did you learn abo	ut the lottery	y? Check all tha	t apply.		
-	_				
Newspaper		Real E	state Book		
Relative		Co-wo	rker		
Friend		First Time Homebuyers Class			
Church			Social Organizati		
Veteran's Agent			ck Insert		
Veceral 5 Agent	on	Flyer	<del></del>		
Email	J11		e (Please snecify	which website)	
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# (Write your answer in the space provided and please be as specific as possible) How did you find out about this affordable housing opportunity? Have you or will you apply to other housing lotteries? (Circle one) YES NO Please list the names of the developments and their location for which you are applying for.

#### **INCOME AND ASSET INFORMATION:**

**MARKETING INFORMATION:** 

Please complete the following section listing income for  $\underline{ALL}$  household members including children. Include the most recent statements for each account and all other supporting documentation.

Type of Acct.	Name:			Type of Acct.	Name:		
or Income	Acct. Number	Balance	Amt. Pd. Monthly	or Income	Acct. Number	Balance	Amt. Pd. Monthly
Checking				Checking			
Savings				Savings			
Unemployment				Unemployment			
Worker's Comp.				Worker's Comp.			
Social Security				Social Security			
SS Disability				SS Disability			
Alimony				Alimony			
Child Support				Child Support			
Type of Acct.	Name:			Type of Acct.	Name:		
or Income	Acct. Number	Balance	Amt. Pd. Monthly	or Income	Acct. Number	Balance	Amt. Pd. Monthly
Checking				Checking			
Savings				Savings			
Unemployment				Unemployment			
Worker's Comp.				Worker's Comp.			
Social Security				Social Security			
SS Disability				SS Disability			
Alimony				Alimony			
Child Support				Child Support			

If you need additional space, please use a separate piece of paper.

#### **EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION:**

Name:	Name:			
Occupation:	Occupation:			
Employer Name:	Employer Name			
Employer Address:	Employer Addr			
Employer Phone:	Employer Phon	·		
Employer Final:	Employer Emai			
Supervisor's Name:	Supervisor's Na			
Date of Hire:	Date of Hire:			
Hourly Wage:	Hourly Wage:			
Average Weekly Tips:	Average Weekl	v Tips:		
Hours per Week:	Hours per Weel			
Weekly Gross Amount:	Weekly Gross A			
Annual Salary:	Annual Salary:			
Avg. Gross Last 4 wks x 52:	Avg. Gross Las	t 4 wks x 52:		
<b>ASSET INFORMATION:</b> Include but not limited to stocks, bonds, retir	rement accounts such as 401K,	Keogh, etc. For	· a comprehensive e	explanation, please refer
to the section of the application title "Freque	ntly Asked Questions".		•	
• MONETARY GIFTS: Applicants Applicants must be able to prove the Do you expect a monetary gift? If yes, attach a gift letter, from expected.	at 1.5% of down payment is from the street of the street o	om their own fur YES	nds when submitting <b>NO</b>	g application.
• STOCKS, BONDS & CD'S: Applinumbers and value.	licant must list the average val	ue and provide d	ocumentation such	as bank account
Do you have any stocks, bonds <i>If yes, list value</i> \$		YES quarterly portfo	NO olio statements.	
• RETIREMENT, 401K AND KEO	OUGH ACCTS:			
Do you have any of these account fyes, are you employed or reti		NO		
Are you making occasional wit If yes, how much are you receive	hdrawals? (Circle one) YES	S N	О	
What is the total value of <u>all</u> ac	ecounts? \$	Encl	ose last 3 quarterly	statements
ANTICIPATED CHANGES I	N INCOME:			
Are you expecting a change in any l	household members income in	the next 12 mon	ths? (Circle one)	YES NO
If yes, please explain				

#### **REAL ESTATE:**

You may currently own property but it must be sold before your move-in date. Please see Page 6 "Who is eligible to apply for Affordable Homes?"

Are you, or anyone on this application, entitled to receive any ar	nount of mo	oney from the sale of	f ANY property currently
owned or through an upcoming court settlement? (Circle one)	YES	NO	
If yes, please explain			
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For property you plan on selling you must submit all of the follo	wing:		

- Attach a copy of a broker's opinion of the property
- Attach a statement from your lender showing your current balance on your mortgage or outstanding loans

#### **HOME BUYER CERTIFICATION**

CO-APPLICANT SIGNATURE  DATE
APPLICANT SIGNATURE DATE
I/We certify that the information in this application and in support of this application is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge and belief under full penalty of perjury.
I/We believe we are qualified based upon the information in the Lottery Packet.
I/We have completed the application and have reviewed and understand the process in qualifying to purchase one of the affordable homes.
I/We certify that no member of our family has a financial interest in this development.
Program requirements and guidelines are established by the DHCD and the Monitoring Agent. I/We agree to be bound by whatever program changes that may be imposed at any time throughout the process. If any program conflicts arise, I/we agree that any determination made by the project-monitoring agent, is final.
I/We understand that if selected I/we will be offered a specific home. I/we will have the option to accept or reject. If I/we reject the available home I/we will be moved to the bottom of the waiting list and may not have another opportunity to purchase at this development.
We understand that the <b>initial determination of eligibility</b> (for entry into the lottery) does not guarantee that we are eligible to purchase one of the affordable homes. A final determination of eligibility will be made by the Monitoring Agent, DHCD. This determination will require additional documentation including but not limited to 3 years tax returns, 5 most recent pay stubs, last 3 months bank statements, etc.
<ul> <li>Lender pre-approval letter (not pre-qualification)</li> <li>Income documentation (as indicated on checklist)</li> </ul>
Information missing from the application, including, but not limited to the following could be considered an incomplete application, thus being ineligible for the lottery.
I/We certify that Lottery Agent or any other employee shall not be held liable for any decisions made pertaining to the applicants' eligibility or their application.
I/We certify that we comply with the maximum asset limitations of \$75,000.
I/We certify that I/we have read the Homebuyer Disclosure Statement and understand the purchaser obligation there under or shall seek legal or other counsel for further explanation and understanding.
I/We certify that our household is able to provide the minimum down payment required and closing costs.
I/We certify that our household is persons; and that our household income does not exceed the income limits provided in the Lottery Information Packet.
I/We certify that we are first time homebuyers as defined within the Frequently Asked Questions.
I/We certify that I/We have read the entire lottery package including the Frequently Asked Questions.

#### **AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE**

•	CD, Lottery Agent and the Municipality to inquire of credit as w and assist them to determine my/our determination of eligible	_
This authorization includes all application history and employment history.	information including, but not limited to credit reports, formed	er lease
APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE	
CO-APPLICANT SIGNATURE	DATE	

### **CHECK LIST**

#### **DID YOU REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE THE FOLLOWING:**

Your application may not be considered complete without the following documents. Incomplete or ineligible applications will not be entered into the lottery.

- □ Completed and signed application
- □ Last five pay stubs (regardless of weekly or bi-weekly pay periods)
- □ Last three years State and Federal tax returns including w-2's, 1099's, etc.
- □ Pre Approval letter from a bank stating your household qualifies for a mortgage to purchase an affordable home.
- □ Any additional <u>income documentation</u> such as but not limited to social security, pension, and alimony.
- □ Last three months checking and savings account bank statements from each bank that you hold accounts in. (All financial documents must show the account holders name, address and account number. All pages of banking statements must be submitted even if blank.)
- □ All asset information including evidence of the value of CDs, brokerage statements, etc.
- □ Signed Homebuyer Disclosure Statement
- □ Narrative stating applicant's history for last 2 years including work, and information such as marriage, divorce and personal information you may want us to know. (attach to application)
- □ Child support documentation

Here's a Tip for you! It is always best to send in your application and documentation a few weeks earlier than the due date to allow yourself time to obtain additional or missing information if it is needed.

In order to obtain proof of delivery, we suggest that you mail your application and supporting documentation "Certified Return Receipt" or if hand delivered with a request of proof of delivery to:

Delphic Associates, LLC 651 Orchard Street - Suite 308 New Bedford, MA 02744 REF: Taft Estates

# **Section Three**

# **ELEVATIONS AND FLOOR PLANS**

















