Is the lack of down payment funds standing between you and home ownership?

Would you like help paying for your <u>closing costs</u>?

Does the house you wish to buy need some **repairs**?

If so, the Home Ownership Program may be for you!

Contact Neighborhood Housing Services of Southwest Wisconsin to <u>FIND OUT</u> Today! 608-647-4949

www.nhsrcwi.org

Down payment assistance is now available to qualified applicants purchasing in **Richland County** 

<u>AND</u> Arena, Avoca, Muscoda, Blue River, Woodman and Boscobel. Neighborhood Housing Services of Southwest Wisconsin

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Anyone is welcome to call our office for a counseling session or attend our HomeBuyer Seminars. They are open to the public; no income or other restrictions apply.

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# Home Ownership Program

Learn how NHS can help you buy a home!



Over 30 years as your Neighborhood partner in safe and affordable housing.

## What does the NHS HomeOwnership Center offer to Richland County and Wisconsin River Valley Area Homebuyers?

Free pre-purchase homebuyer counseling and education.

#### **Down payment and closing cost assistance** to help make your home purchase affordable.

 The HOME program is for low income borrowers and offers an average of \$10,000 in 0% deferred assistance.

**Purchase rehab** assistance, so your new home meets health and quality standards (HOME Program limits apply).

### Do I qualify for assistance to buy my home?

Check the chart below for your family size, counting everyone who will live in the house. Add up your gross family income. Include wages, child support, social security, disability and any other income. Other program requirements apply.

### 2015 MAXIMUM INCOME LIMITS

| Family size:    | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5        | 6        |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| HOME<br>Program | \$34,200 | \$39,050 | \$43,950 | \$48,800 | \$52,750 | \$56,650 |

How does NHS down payment assistance work?

- NHS down payment and closing cost assistance is a 0% interest deferred loan. It is secured by a second mortgage.
- You make no payments to NHS while you live in your house.
- The original loan amount becomes due when you sell the property, if the property is no longer your primary residence, or if you refinance with a loan that is not approved by NHS (for example, a loan that is not equal to or better than the existing loan).

Your goal of homeownership can be achieved! Call NHS & ask for Linda or Katie!

## Homebuying Tips

- \* <u>Ask questions.</u>
- \* <u>Shop</u> for a lender and compare costs. Know what typical closing costs are.
- \* Limit what you borrow to what you can afford to repay. Don't base your affordability on potential future income. Falsifying income, not reporting current debt, inflating the value of the home or manipulating the loan application to qualify for a loan will set you up for failure. Don't let anyone talk you into doing that.
- \* Believing that you can refinance your loan for better terms after you repair your credit can be a mistake.
- \* <u>Refinancing costs money</u> and requires adequate equity in the home.
- \* <u>Understand the terms</u> of your loan. Is it an ARM—Adjustable rate mortgage? Does it have a balloon payment? Are there prepayment penalties? Are you making interest only payments? Do you have PMI private mortgage insurance? Are you paying points?
- \* <u>Escrow for your taxes and insurance</u> to ensure you have the money to pay them.
- \* <u>Educate yourself</u> by taking a HUD approved, non-profit counseling agency homebuyer seminar.

#### 2016 HomeBuyer Seminars

April 6 & 13 (2 Wednesdays)

June 7 & 14 (2 Tuesdays)

September 14 & 21 (2 Wednesdays)

am truly enjoying making it home."

"I love the house &

-Deb; NHS client