#### Homeownership: UHC Single Family Programs



# **Economic Development & Workforce Services Interim Committee**

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#### **Who We Serve**



Utah Housing Corporation (UHC) is an independent state housing finance agency, created in 1975 by state legislation to finance and develop affordable housing opportunities for low to moderate-income households throughout the State of Utah. UHC combines expertise by forming partnerships and collaborating with private sector banking and lending institutions, developers, investors, nonprofit community partners, real estate agents, and others in order to achieve our mission through the administration and financing of programs which support affordable housing.

#### **UHC** is Utah's Housing Finance Agency

Serving Utah's Housing Needs Through Finance and Innovation



#### **Home Ownership Core Business**

- Purchase & service 1st mortgages
- Provide down payment assistance loans ~98% of the time
- Over past 2 years, average DPA is nearly \$20,000, or 5.6% of 1st mortgage loan amount
- Nearly 92% of all homebuyers are first-time homebuyers
- Average 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage increased from \$278k
   to \$360k since July 2021





#### **Economic Headwinds**



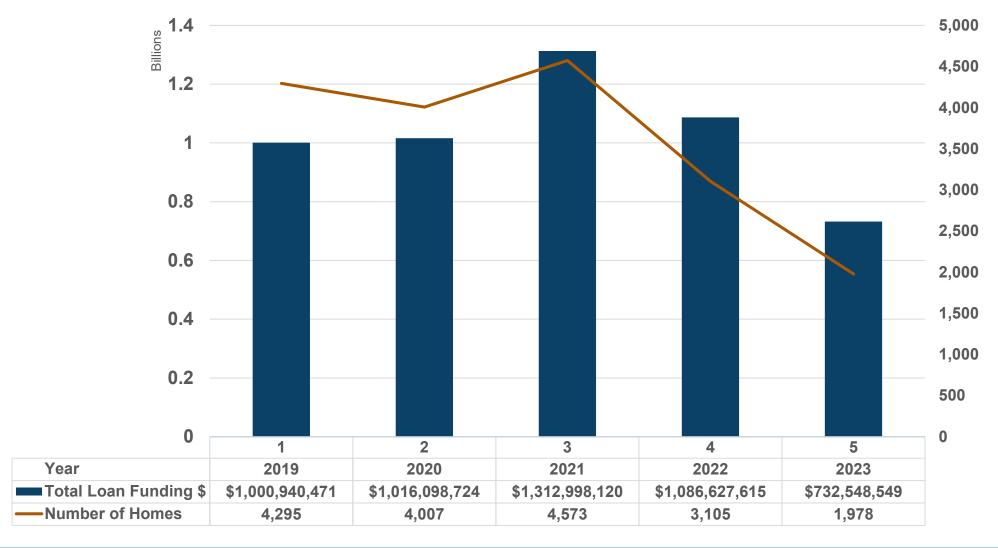


#### **Economic Headwinds**





# **Impact**





- Re-configuring T/E capital funding methodology: \$415MM in new bond issuance (new)
- Tax-exempt/taxable bond structure = 75-100 bps interest rate reduction for lowest-income borrowers (new)
- Reduced 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage interest rate by 25-50 bps for 173 <80% AMI borrowers (new)
- Reduced 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage interest rate by 25-50 bps for 83 LE grant recipients; capped DPA 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4% (new)
- Offer permanent rate buy down option of up to 2% (new)



- Up to 6% DPA 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage available on all UHC loan products (new)
- Capped 2<sup>nd</sup> mortgage rate at higher of 8% or 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage rate if 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage rate exceeds 7% (new)
- Collaborated with Pres. Adams on creation of SB240 (new)
  - Invested hundreds of hours & thousands of \$\$ to develop P&P for program
- Created \$10MM lending facility for H4H Salt Lake; in discussion with other H4H entities regarding construction lending (new)



- HFA1 Aligned
  - Reduce overlays & time to purchase loans
  - Create uniform 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage & DPA product across 23 HFAs
  - Increase loan production with national lenders
- Extensive education & outreach: Lenders, Realtors®, & Brokers
- # of Participating Lenders
- Monthly payment comparison tool



#### **Monthly Payment Comparison**



| Credit Score |   |  |  |
|--------------|---|--|--|
| 700 - 719    | ~ |  |  |

| Rate Reduction * |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
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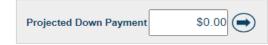
Use Law Enforcement Grant
Use First-Time Homebuyer Assistance
Use UHC Down Payment Assistance



#### Freddie Mac HFA Advantage (Conventional)

|                                 | FirstHome    | FHA Mortgage | VA Mortgage  | < 80% AMI      | > 80% AMI      | > 80% AMI      |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Today's Base Interest<br>Rate   | 7.000%       | 7.875%       | 7.875%       | 8.125%         | 8.375%         | 8.375%         |
| Buydown Cost                    | N/A          | \$12,000.00  | \$12,000.00  | \$10,500.00    | \$9,500.00     | \$9,500.00     |
| Interest Rate with<br>Buydown   | N/A          | 6.875%       | 6.875%       | 7.125%         | 7.375%         | 7.375%         |
| LTV                             | 96.5%        | 96.5%        | 100%         | 97%            | 97%            | 95%            |
| Upfront MI / Funding<br>Fee     | \$7,000.00   | \$7,000.00   | \$8,600.00   | Contact lender | Contact lender | Contact lender |
| Loan Amount with MI             | \$407,000.00 | \$407,000.00 | \$408,600.00 | \$400,000.00   | \$400,000.00   | \$400,000.00   |
| Principal & Interest<br>Payment | \$2,707.78   | \$2,673.70   | \$2,684.21   | \$2,694.87     | \$2,762.70     | \$2,762.70     |
| Approx Monthly MI               | \$186.54     | \$186.54     | \$0.00       | \$293.33       | \$483.33       | \$326.67       |
| Monthly Mortgage<br>Payment     | \$2,894.32   | \$2,860.24   | \$2,684.21   | \$2,988.21     | \$3,246.03     | \$3,089.37     |

#### **Utah Housing Down Payment Assistance Loan (DPA)**





What difference does a buy down make?

| Loar | n Amount   | FirstHome<br>Interest Rate | Monthly P&I Payment | FHA/VA<br>Interest Rate | Monthly P&I Payment | HFA Advantage<br>Interest Rate | Monthly P&I Payment |
|------|------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| \$   | 400,000    | 7.125%                     | \$2,695             | 8.000%                  | \$2,935             | 8.500%                         | \$3,076             |
| \$   | 400,000    | 7.000%                     | \$2,661             | 7.500%                  | \$2,797             | 8.000%                         | \$2,935             |
| \$   | 400,000    | 6.875%                     | \$2,628             | 7.000%                  | \$2,661             | 7.500%                         | \$2,797             |
| \$   | 400,000    | 6.750%                     | \$2,594             | 6.500%                  | \$2,528             | 7.000%                         | \$2,661             |
| \$   | 400,000    | 6.625%                     | \$2,561             | 6.000%                  | \$2,398             | 6.500%                         | \$2,528             |
| **M  | ax Monthly | Pmt Decrease               | \$134               |                         | \$537               |                                | \$547               |



#### **UHC** is an Essential Piece of the Housing Puzzle

- Many other pieces
  - Rural Housing and VA loans
  - Mutual Self Help programs
  - Non-profit and municipal housing organizations



- Federal, state, and local governments
- And . . .





# Single Family 1st Mortgage Programs

#### FirstHome - FHA insured

- Bond or TEMS financed
- Credit score >659
- First-time homebuyers, <80% AMI</li>
- Income limits vary by county & family size

#### FHA/VA Loan - FHA insured or VA guaranteed

- Bond or MBS financed
- First-time or repeat homebuyers; up to 140% AMI
- Rate adjustment for <660 credit scores</li>
- Higher income limits than FirstHome; loan amount limited by income
- Duplex/mother-in-law apartment properties eligible if owner occupied





# Single Family 1st Mortgage Programs

#### **HFA Advantage**

- Conventional loan with Freddie Mac
- Credit score of 700 or greater
- Monthly mortgage insurance required
- First-time or repeat homebuyers; up to 140% AMI
- Income limits same as FHA/VA loan; loan amount limited by income



# Grants & SB240 First-time Homebuyer Assistance Program



## **Grant Programs**

- Veterans grant
  - \$2,500 per grant; \$2.5MM appropriated since 2018
  - Funded 847 grants for over \$2.1MM; 32 grants are pending
- Law Enforcement & Correctional Officers grant
  - \$5MM one-time appropriation in 2022
  - No payment, no interest
  - Up to 3.5% of purchase price, not to exceed \$25,000
  - Five years of employment with Utah jurisdiction(s) required following receipt
  - Portion of the grant forgiven each year service provided





# **Grant Programs**

- Law Enforcement & Correctional Officers grant program
  - 148 grants funded totaling \$2.1MM
  - Average home sales price \$398,300
  - Average grant amount \$14,100
  - May be used in conjunction with UHC's regular DPA
  - Represents over \$59MM in home sales





### **SB 240** First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program

- Appropriated \$50MM
- New construction, never occupied
- \$20,000 per transaction, "soft second"
- Permanent rate buy down, closing costs, or down payment



- \$450,000 purchase price limit
- Usable in combination with UHC's regular DPA
- Incentivizes construction of additional affordable housing supply



# **SB 240** First-Time Homebuyer Assistance Program

- Launched July 11, 2023
- 225 units funded ~ \$4.5MM; 145 reservations outstanding ~ \$2.9MM
- Average home purchase price ~ \$377, 600
- Average income ~ \$90,700



- 41% of volume in Utah County, followed by Salt Lake (14%)
- 370 households in **new, affordable homes** ~ \$139.7MM in sales





# **Questions?**

