

*Minnesota Housing is a trusted state agency. We believe that housing is the foundation for success, so we collaborate with individuals, communities and partners to create, preserve and finance affordable housing.*

*Whether you're just starting your home search or ready to tackle home improvements, we've got you covered. Learn more at [mnhousing.gov](http://mnhousing.gov).*

# Ready to Buy a Home?

**mn** MINNESOTA HOUSING

We can make it work for your budget!

## How do I get started?



### 1. Learn about Homeownership

Homebuyer education is a great place to start learning about the process. It's required for most of our homebuyers. To find a course, visit [hocmn.org](http://hocmn.org).



### 2. Contact a Lender

Contact a Minnesota Housing lender to discuss your needs and learn which program is right for you. Visit [mnhousing.gov/findalender](http://mnhousing.gov/findalender) to search for a lender near you.



### 3. Find a Home

Work with a real estate professional to find the right home for you that falls within our home cost limits. Learn more at [mnhousing.gov/buyahome](http://mnhousing.gov/buyahome).



### 4. Mission Accomplished!

Finish up the paperwork, close on your loan, grab those keys, and celebrate your accomplishment.

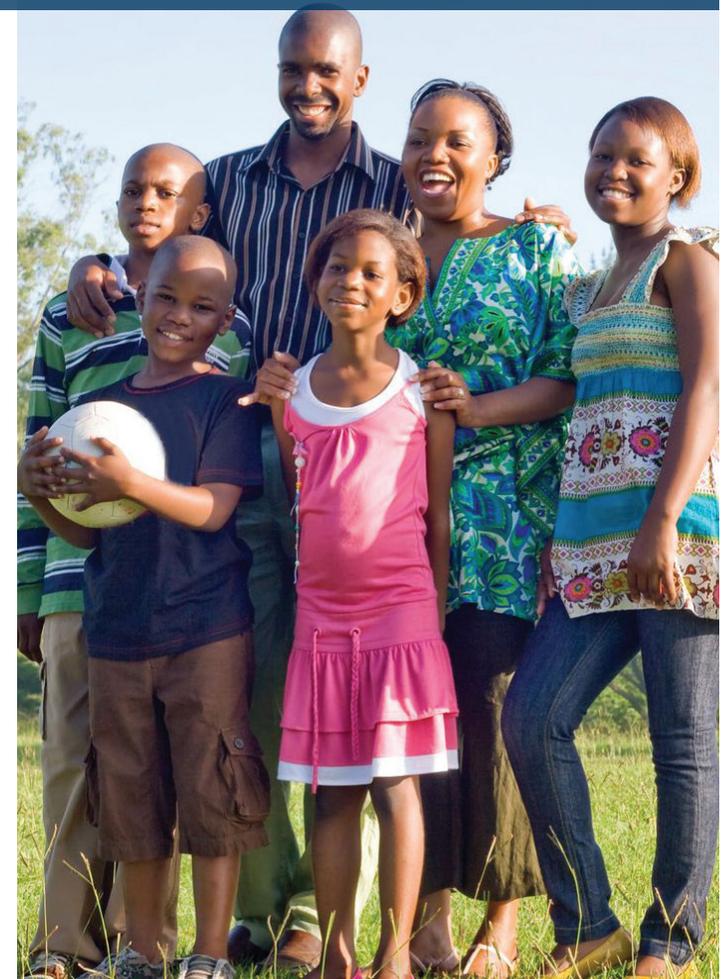
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*Minnesota Housing is a trusted state agency that works with local lenders to provide affordable home loan programs. Whether you're looking to buy your first home or your next home, we can help!*



### **I'm interested in buying my first home.**

The path to owning a home is closer than you think. Contact a Minnesota Housing lender about our **Start Up** loan program and how you can get all our money-saving benefits.

### **I already own a home, but I'd like to buy a new one.**

You don't need to be a first-time buyer to take advantage of our affordable programs. If you're a current homeowner (or owned in the last three years) and want to buy your next home, our **Step Up** loan program is just for you!



**"Homeownership in one sentence means stability, security and strength. Being a homeowner is the best decision I've ever made."**

*- Alesia, Minnesota Housing borrower*

### **What are the benefits?**

We offer programs that layer on top of your mortgage to save you money. These programs are just for Minnesotans and a wide variety of homebuyers are eligible.

The easy process doesn't involve additional applications. Simply work with a Minnesota Housing approved lender to access:

- Affordable, fixed interest rates
- As little as a 3% downpayment with our exclusive conventional loans
- Downpayment and closing cost loans up to \$17,000
- Low cost mortgage insurance options

### **I don't think I have enough saved for a downpayment or closing costs.**

Don't let this stop you from buying a home! Our downpayment and closing cost loan programs provide up to \$17,000 to help you bridge the gap.

Depending on your need and eligibility, you may qualify for:

- Monthly Payment Loan
- Deferred Payment Loan

You must pair a Start Up or Step Up first mortgage loan to access our downpayment programs. Loans must be fully repaid.

### **This sounds great! Am I eligible?**

You may be eligible if you:

- Qualify for an underlying mortgage product (FHA, VA, RD, Conventional)
- Purchase or refinance a home that meets home cost limits
- Meet income limits—they're higher than you might think!
- Meet minimum credit score requirements

Talk to an approved lender for more information about requirements. For more information about Minnesota Housing, visit [mnhousing.gov/buyahome](http://mnhousing.gov/buyahome).



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