



**STEVEN BELLONE, SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION AVAILABILITY AND INTAKE  
 2019 Home Down Payment Assistance Program  
 For First Time Homebuyers**

As part of an ongoing commitment to help make the “American Dream” of home-ownership a reality for first time Suffolk County homebuyers, County Executive Steven Bellone’s Community Development Office will be accepting applications from first time Suffolk County homebuyers for down payment assistance towards the purchase of a single family residence.

Under the provisions of a federally funded program, County Executive Steven Bellone has allocated HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds provided by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to assist income eligible homebuyers with up to **\$14,000** toward the purchase of a single family residence. The eligible homebuyer will be responsible for the balance of the down-payment and all closing costs.

**Type of Housing Eligible:** Housing must be (1) a single family residence that has no rental units in it and (2) located within the Suffolk County Consortium which includes all of Suffolk County except the Townships of Islip, Babylon and Brookhaven. Housing purchased may be a pre-existing or newly constructed single family residence, condominium, co-operative apartment (Co-op) or manufactured home. Manufactured homes must be placed on real property owned or to be owned by the purchaser.

**Property Value Limit:** The maximum appraised value of an existing home cannot exceed **\$385,000**. For a newly constructed home, the appraised value cannot exceed **\$421,000**.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

1. Applicants must be a first time homebuyer, defined by HUD as a person who has not owned a home during the three year period immediately prior to the purchase of a residence with HOME funding.
2. Applicant’s adjusted gross household income must be within the HUD guidelines listed below:

**2018 Income Guidelines as Determined by HUD**

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Maximum Income</u>	<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Maximum Income</u>
1	\$69,450	5	\$107,150
2	\$79,400	6	\$115,100
3	\$89,300	7	\$123,050
4	\$99,200	8	\$130,950

3. Applicant must occupy the property as their principal residence for 5 years.
4. Applicant must attend homebuyer counseling at a HUD certified not-for-profit housing agency in person.
5. Applicant must **not have entered into a Contract of Sale** to purchase a home prior to being awarded a Purchaser Certificate from the Suffolk County Community Development Office.
6. Applicant must have a minimum of \$3,000 of their own funds at the time of application in their savings, checking or investment accounts.
7. Applicant must have documentation to prove a minimum household income of at least **\$30,000** and must be able to obtain a mortgage.

**Funding is Limited.** Fully completed applications only will be evaluated on a first-come first-served basis.

**Applications may be obtained by downloading from the Suffolk County web site at:**

[www.scdownpayment.com](http://www.scdownpayment.com)

**Or by contacting the Suffolk County Down Payment Assistance Program  
 Suffolk County Community Development Office  
 100 Veterans Memorial Highway- 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hauppauge, NY 11788-0099  
 (631) 853-5705**