



# Homeownership with the HEART Loan Program

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Find out more at: heartofsmc.org





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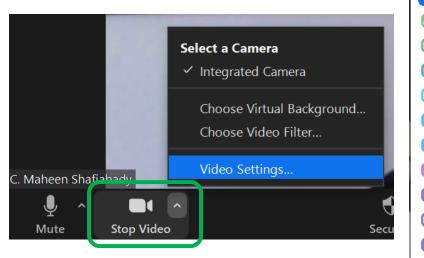
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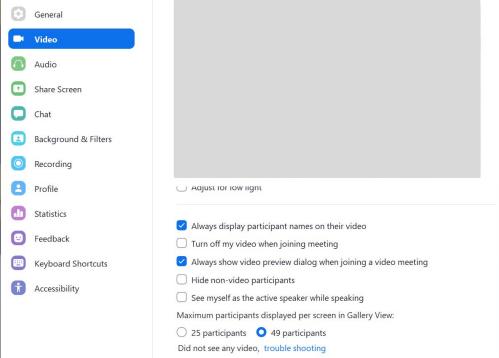
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## **Today's Presenters**



Boris Vatkin, Program Manager HEART of San Mateo County



Bob Fryer, Mortgage Loan Consultant Meriwest Mortgage



Liz Gozun and Lee Ginsburg, Intero Real Estate Services





## Today's Agenda

- HEART Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County
  - Boris Vatkin, HEART
- The HEART Down Payment Assistance Program
  - Boris Vatkin, HEART & Bob Fryer, Meriwest Mortgage
- The Finance Process
  - Bob Fryer, Meriwest Mortgage
- How your realtor can help you find a property for \$1,213,500 and make a successful offer
  - Liz Gozun and Lee Ginsburg, Intero Real Estate Services





## Workshop Overview

- Purpose of workshop:
  - 1. To go into detail of the HEART Program
  - 2. General homebuying information
- Won't fit everyone's situation and that's ok
  - Let others know about it
  - Prepare you for other programs or when you buy a home
- Copy of presentation on HEART website
  - Will email it to all attendees as well





## **Workshop Overview**

- Presentation time: 2pm 3pm
- Q&A: after presentation (but only via the chat feature)
  - Email for anything else or specific 1-on-1 questions
- Possibly unfamiliar terms or acronyms may be used.
  - <u>Here</u> is a link
  - Please ask via the chat feature if not explained and we will make sure to do so
- Workshop is being recorded and will be on our website
  - Don't worry, you won't be in the recording
- Workshop is not a requirement to use the program





## What is HEART?

Who we are

- "Housing Endowment and Regional Trust of San Mateo County"
- Nonprofit organization that is a public/private partnership between all 20 cities of San Mateo County, the County, and the business and nonprofit communities
- Mission: to create and preserve affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families by raising and investing money from public and private sources





## What is HEART?

#### What we do

- Finance the development or rehab of affordable or workforce multi-family housing
- Provide assistance to cities, school districts, and faith-based institutions to help them develop affordable or workforce housing
- First Time Homebuyer Program
- Have other programs. Feel free to go to our website to check them out





- Downpayment Assistance Program
- Created in 2008 → to help moderate/middle income families with roots in the community be able to stay through home ownership
  - So 1 person must either live or work in San Mateo County
- Available anywhere in San Mateo County
- Have maximum limits on income and home prices but no minimums
- Market rate homes not Below Market Rate (BMR)





- 5% downpayment and no Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI)
  - What is Private Mortgage Insurance?  $\rightarrow$  \$\$\$
    - Not fair to make those without savings pay more → makes homebuying even more unaffordable
    - 0 defaults
  - How? → HEART provides a 2<sup>nd</sup> loan of up to 15% (to get borrower to 20%) with Meriwest providing conventional 80% 1<sup>st</sup> loan
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> loan has higher interest rate, but structured to have low payment and not to hold until balloon payment – average refi is less than 3 years





- Only such program of its kind
  - Verify with professional whether it's the best option for you
- Can use up to extra 5% during bidding → maximum becomes up to \$1,274,175
- Move-closer exception: home must be 50% closer to work and near Priority Development Area (PDA)
- Completely free to apply
- No order, first-come-first-served, or waitlists → just apply and find your home





- No internal funding limits. We can help everyone that applies
- Not a gov program. Everything streamlined w/ Meriwest → can close in 21-25 days
- Lending Partner is only Meriwest
- Can use any Realtor you want
- Total Accomplishments: 111 families able to stay in San Mateo County as homeowners





#### **Loan Details**

- Maximum purchase price: \$1,213,500
- 5% down payment (up to \$60,675), 80% conventional first mortgage (up to \$970,800), and 15% HEART second mortgage (up to \$182,025)
- HEART 2<sup>nd</sup> Lien will have a 15-year term with a balloon payment and amortized over 30-years.
- Interest rate for 1<sup>st</sup> (market) and 2<sup>nd</sup> loan (1.5% above the 1<sup>st</sup>)





#### **Income to Home Price Estimate**

| Home Type                 | Low Sales Price Range        | Estimated Monthly Cost        | Estimated Required<br>Annual Income*<br>(assumes no debt) |  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| Studio Condo              | \$425,000                    | \$3,670                       | \$89,866  |  |
| 1 Bedroom Condo           | \$550,000                    | \$4,569                       | \$111,903   |  |
| 2 Bedroom Condo           | \$750,000                    | \$6,009                       | \$147,163   |  |
| Single Family Home        | \$1,000,000                  | \$7,349                       | \$180,000   |  |
| Single Family Home        | \$1,213,500                  | \$8,886                       | \$217,612   |  |
| Estimated Minimum Req     | uired Annual Income is assun | ning no other debt and good c | redit   |  |
| Estimated Monthly cost is | assuming HOA dues of \$550   | ) for Condos                  |   |  |

#### Find out more at: heartofsmc.org





## **Underwriting Criteria & Guidelines**

- Residence Status:
  - US Citizen
  - Permanent Resident Aliens: Provide evidence of Green Card.
  - Non-Permanent Resident Aliens: Provide acceptable evidence of legal residency issued by the USCIC (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services) with legal permit to work in the U.S.
- Property Type: Single Family Residential Detached and attached PUDS (Condos and Townhomes)
- Household Income limit of \$180,000 for an individual or \$220,000 for households of 2 or more
- Maximum debt to income ratio (DTI) of 50%
- Minimum FICO score of 680
- Impounds will be required for all transactions.
- Underwriting will be based on Meriwest Mortgage Company, LLC guidelines





## **Advantages of the Program**

#### **Borrower Benefits**

- No PMI
- No resale restrictions
- Fast and Efficient Process Compared to FHA loans
- One of lowest payment options, even compared to FHA and Conventional First Mortgage with PMI
- Acts as 20% Down Program
- More Purchasing Power





## **Fannie Mae Underwriting Guidelines**

#### DEBT TO INCOME RATIO

- What is a debt to income ratio?
- What ratio is acceptable under Fannie guidelines?

#### CREDIT SCORE

- What is a credit score?
- What scores do you need to get approved for a loan?
- How does your credit score affect the cost of your loan?

#### LOAN TO VALUE

- What does loan to value mean?
- How does down payment affect loan to value?
- How much down payment is required to get a loan?
- RESERVES
  - What are reserves? PITI = principle, interest, tax and insurance
  - How much reserves do you need to qualify?





### Loan Preparation

- Preparing to purchase a home Importance of a pre-approval letter
- 4 key parts of the equation:
  - Income from all sources
  - Debt: Anything that comes from your credit report plus legal obligations
  - Assets: Bank Accounts, CDs, Retirement Accounts, 401Ks, Cash, Stocks, Investments Anything of Value
  - Credit History

Please note that Meriwest pays the credit check and all preapproval fees before closing, and if you don't close, Meriwest will eat the costs (most lenders make the borrower pay these costs up front)

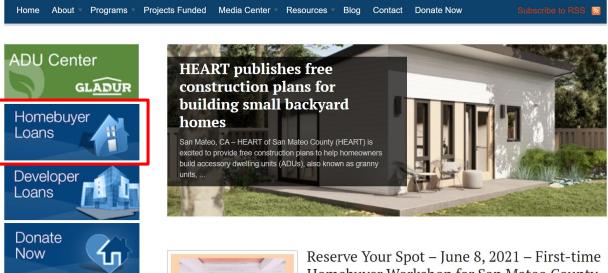


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## How do you apply?

- Go to the HEART of San Mateo County website: ulletheartofsmc.org
- Click on "Homebuyer Loans" link on the left side: ullet





Homebuyer Workshop for San Mateo County

by Admin on MAY 25, 2021 in FEATURED, FIRST TIME HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP





• Scroll down to "Apply Now" button or click on the link





#### First Time Homebuyer Loans

#### Downpayment assistance loans for first-time homebuyers in San Mateo County

Our goal is simple: *to help you purchase a home with a 5% downpayment and no Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI)*. HEART has created a unique loan package in partnership with Meriwest Mortgage, a subsidiary of Meriwest Credit Union, that is not offered by any other lender.

Do I Qualify? How does the program work? Apply Now Frequently Asked Questions Resources Contact Us





#### • Choose the green "Apply Now" Link

#### **OUR RESULTS**

"[[] would never have been able to own a home without the [First-Time Homebuyer] Program" ~Julie Barnard

"Like an FHA loan, but more flexible for the condo we wanted...." ~Jennifer & Andrew

"With the money I saved through HEART, I have enough to fix up the house..." ~Krystal

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Reserve Your Spot – First-time Homebuyer Workshop for San Mateo County

- The borrower is not required to buy private mortgage insurance (PMI) which can cost thousands of dollars annually. This results in significant savings to the homebuyer.
- If you meet the qualifications below, apply online below for a pre-qualification letter from Meriwest Mortgage to find out how much you can borrow.
- Please note that this is for market-rate homes only, and not BMR (below market rate).

#### Apply

Did you complete the qualification checklist by answering YES to all of the questions? If so, you may qualify for HEART's program.

#### ⇒Apply Now⇐

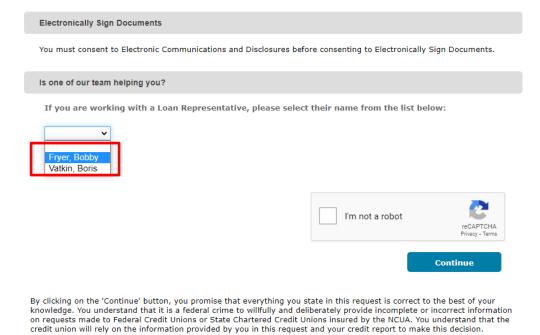
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#### Resources





- Important When Filling Out the Application
  - When prompted on drop down bar, choose Fryer







- Important When Filling Out the Application:
  - Don't worry about address, just put TBD and a city and corresponding zip code in San Mateo County (it will not affect your application)

| Alloruzation type outer            |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Loan Number                        | 147382634              |
| MIN                                | 100383201473826344     |
| Generate MIN Clear MIN             |                        |
| Member Number                      |                        |
|                                    |                        |
| II. Property Information           | on and Purpose of Loan |
| The property is not located in one | e of these unsolctions |
| Address                            | To Be Determined       |
| City                               | Millbrae               |
| State / Zip                        | CA - 94030             |
| County                             | San Mateo 🛩            |
| Number of Units                    | 1 unit ~               |
| Legal Description                  |                        |
|                                    |                        |





#### **Estimated True Cost of Home Ownership**

| Purchase Price:                               | \$ 700,000          |             |              |  |
|---|---------------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| Down Payment:                                 | \$ 35,000           |             |              |  |
| First Loan Monthly Payment                    | \$ 560,000 @ 6.5% = | = \$ 3      | 3,540        | (\$3034 int & \$506 Principal)           |
| Second Loan Monthly Payment                   | \$105,000 @ 8.00%=  | = \$        | 770 (        | (\$700 int & \$70 Principal)             |
| Monthly Property Tax @1.15%                   |                     | \$          | 671          | (\$8,050 annually)                       |
| Monthly Homeowners Insurance                  |                     | \$          | 50           |  |
| HOA dues                                      |                     | \$          | 550          |  |
| Total Monthly Cost                            |                     | <b>\$</b> : | 5,581        |  |
| Interest Tax Deductible Fed and State         |                     |             | <u>3,734</u> |  |
| Monthly Tax Savings Fed and State @ 31%       |                     |             | 1,158        | (verify with your tax preparer)          |
| Monthly Property Tax Savings State @ 9%       |                     |             | 60           |  |
| Monthly out of pocket cost                    |                     | \$          | 4,363        | (will remain the same as rent increases) |
| Monthly Principal Pay down – (Forced Savings) |                     |             | 573          |  |
| True cost of monthly home ownership -         |                     |             | 3,790        |  |

This is only an estimate and is based on a Condominium. It is recommended to speak with your tax preparer.

A quarter point change in interest rate will change payment by about \$100.

Every \$50,000 adjustment in loan will change the payment by about \$325.





# What and where can I find a home for \$1,213,500? or a condo for \$700,000?

## How can I compete with all these multiple or cash offers?







## The Purchase Contract: Major Components are Time and Money

- Money for Offer Price Money for Deposit – 3%
- Time to close 25-30 days is standard Time for Contingencies –
  - I am going to buy this home if??? Time to decide.
  - Major contingencies are loan, appraisal, condo, and inspections.
    (0-17 days are standard)







A Berkshire Hathaway <u>Affiliate</u>

#### **Disclosure package** – consists of Seller Disclosures and Inspection Reports

- **Seller Disclosures** Includes 5-10 pages specific to the property relating to the condition, neighborhood, death on the property, and more
- **Inspections** Home and termite are the most common inspections in this area. But you can do: mold, lead, foundation, fireplace, pool and more
  - **Home Inspection**: A review foundation, electrical, plumbing, heating, roof, doors, windows, etc. Costs about \$600.
  - Termite: Looks for termites, beetles and dry rot. Not overly important for condos. Costs about \$400.
- **HOA Documents** Contains financials, rules, minutes, CC&R's of the Association.
- Many sellers are performing inspections before but you have the right to do your own. Due to offer competition you may choose to waive your right.





#### **Closing Costs**: Around 1.25% – 3%

- Title Insurance Insures that all previous liens are paid off
- Escrow Fee Cost to act as Neutral 3<sup>rd</sup> party & to manage the paperwork
- Lender Fee Bob's cost
- Prorated Property Tax Your share of property tax
- Prepaid Interest Interest from the time you close to the end of the month
- Home Owners Insurance
- Impound/Escrow Account Puts money into your Property Tax and Insurance Account.
- Many of these costs are tax deductible. Big Refund coming your way







#### What to Look For in a Realtor

- Find a Realtor who understands the HEART program and can communicate it well to the seller agent.
- Understands your needs.
- Available to your schedule to show homes not just open houses and responds quickly to your questions.
- Good knowledge, experience, and communication skills to explain the purchase contract and disclosures.
- Good successful reputation amongst local agents and clients. Read reviews on Yelp.
- Do Not use Out of the Area or Part Time Realtors.







#### How can I get my offer accepted, with multiple bids?

- Realtor presents your offer in person to seller & agent.
- Have Bob call the agent.
- Good negotiator for price and offer acceptance.
- Good reputation and relationship with other agents for offer acceptance.
- Quick time to Close
- Offer a fair price. Don't try for a "deal".
- Submit your offer before offer date.







#### How can I get my offer accepted, continued:

- Write a letter to seller and enclose a photo.
  - Mention what you like about the home, your occupation, your relationship with the area, and any connection to the seller such as hobbies or organizations.
- Sign all Disclosures
- Offer the seller rent back
- Low or no Contingency Time Frames for loan and inspections
- Large good faith deposit with a copy of the check
- Proof of down payment







## **Good Luck!**







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