

2020 EMPLOYER ASSISTED HOUSING INITIATIVE (EAHI)

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The eligible buyer will receive a grant toward the purchase of a one to four family home in the city of Rochester. The grant can be used to cover approved bank pre payable items, closing costs or down payment and recording fees; as determined by the City.

There are no income limits for this program. The eligible buyer(s) **must not currently own a home in the city of Rochester**. The buyer must meet their employer's qualifications for participation.

The buyer must complete a Home Buyer Services application including all required documentation for a financial review, and then interview with a Home Buyer Services Counselor **before signing a purchase offer**.

Unless exempted by program guidelines, the eligible buyer must attend and complete an approved Home Ownership class before closing. Post purchase classes must be completed in the first year of home ownership.

The eligible buyer is required to provide a minimum of \$1,500 of their own funds for the purchase (the deposit must be \$1,000 or more).

Written purchase offer must contain a contingency for a "Satisfactory City Inspection" report. (The City does not charge a fee for this inspection). The executed purchase offer must be submitted to Home Buyer Services along with attorney approval.

The locked mortgage commitment, loan estimate and closing cost details and pre purchase class certificate must be submitted to Home Buyer Services for review.

Assuming all other requirements are completed, after submission of eligible buyer's locked mortgage commitment and pre purchase class certificate to Home Buyer Services, it may take 3-4 weeks before the City funds are available for buyer's closing. City Law Department staff will notify the buyer's attorney to schedule closing once the check is received from Accounting Department.

Current EAHI partner employers: City of Rochester; Connected Communities; Eastman Kodak; Highland Hospital; Hillside Family of Agencies; Paetec Communications/Windstream; Rochester City School District; RIT, Rochester Management, Inc.; Stantec Consultant Services, Inc.; University of Rochester; Visiting Nurse Service; Xerox

Please contact 428-6888 or HomeBuyer@cityofrochester.gov with any questions or to request an application.