



## **Florida Housing Government Program**

The Florida Housing Government Program is a partnership program between Lakeview Loan Servicing and Florida Housing designed to serve both first-time and “move-up” borrowers with the goal of making owning a home affordable in Florida.

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Fixed Rate Purchase				
Occupancy	Maximum LTV (CLTV per investor guidelines)	Units	FICO	DTI
Primary Residence	FHA: 96.5%	1-4 Units	640	Lesser of 50% or AUS
		Manufactured Homes <sup>1</sup>	660	Lesser of 45% or AUS
	USDA: 100%	1-4 Units	640	Lesser of 50% or AUS
		Manufactured Homes <sup>1</sup>	660	Lesser of 45% or AUS
	VA: 100%	1-4 Units	640	Lesser of 50% or AUS
		Manufactured Homes <sup>1</sup>	660	Lesser of 45% or AUS
<sup>1</sup> See Eligible Property section for full requirements on Manufactured Homes				
Loan Product				
Eligible Products/Terms	• 30 Year Fixed Rate Only			
	Government First Mortgage Product Codes			
	FHA	USDA	VA	
	FFL325 - 30yr 203(b) or Limited 203(k) with Hometown Heroes DPA	UFL325 - 30yr with Hometown Heroes DPA	VFL325 - 30yr with Hometown Heroes DPA	
	FFL710 - 30yr 203(b) or Limited 203(k)Bond with FL Assist or FL HLP	UFL710 - 30yr Bond with FL Assist or FL HLP	VFL710 - 30yr Bond with FL Assist or FL HLP	
Income Limits	Refer to <a href="#">Florida Housing</a> for current income limits. All stable and verifiable income used for underwriting qualification as reported in the Transmittal Summary must be applied against the Program Income Limits.			
Ineligible Product Types	• <b>FHA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <u>Standard 203(k)loans</u></li><li>◦ <u>Good Neighbor Next Door</u></li><li>◦ <u>HUD \$100 Down with Repair Escrows</u></li></ul>			



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>VA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <u>Alteration and Repair Loans</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>USDA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <u>Rural Energy Plus Loans</u></li> <li>◦ <u>Section 504 Repair Pilot Program</u></li> <li>◦ <u>Single Close Construction</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Purchase Price Limits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to <a href="#">Florida Housing</a> for purchase price limits</li> </ul>
<b>Loan Purpose</b>	Purchase
<b>Occupancy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary residence, owner occupied only</li> <li>• Borrowers and spouses must reside in the U.S. and occupy the property as their primary residence within 60 days of closing</li> </ul>
<b>Buy downs</b>	Not Permitted
<b>Eligibility</b>	
<b>Borrower Eligibility</b>	<p>Acceptable Residency statuses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• US Citizen(s)</li> <li>• Non-US Citizen(s) who are lawfully present in the United States. This includes both Permanent Qualified Resident Aliens and Non-Permanent Qualified Aliens as defined in the <a href="#">Lakeview Loan Servicing Seller Guide</a> or the <a href="#">Residency and Eligibility Guide</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ FHA and VA: DACA Borrowers are eligible- See Residency and Eligibility Guide for full requirements</li> <li>◦ USDA: DACA Borrowers are ineligible</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Note: <u><i>If closing in a Trust, the Trust beneficiaries must meet one of the above residency statuses</i></u></li> <li>• <u><i>Loans to Limited Liability Corporations are not permitted</i></u></li> </ul>
<b>Homebuyer Education Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><i>Homebuyer Education is required for at least one borrower on all transactions (with the exception of veterans using the Hometown Heroes program)</i></u></li> <li>• <u><i>Education course must meet all applicable investor guidelines as well as Florida Housing guidelines</i></u></li> </ul>
<b>Co-signers/Non-occupant co-borrowers</b>	<u><i>FHA only. Co-Signers cannot execute the mortgage or appear on deed.</i></u>



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Non-Arm's Length Transactions	Per Investor Guidelines
Credit	
AUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FHA &amp; VA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Fannie Mae Desktop Underwriter (DU) with 'Approve / Eligible' or Freddie Mac Loan Prospect Advisor (LPA) with 'Accept' recommendation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <u>Manual Underwriting is permitted subject to the following:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <u>as long as the overall insurability and/or eligibility of the loan is not effected</u></li> <li>o <u>The loan receives an approve or accept/eligible recommendation but it requires a <b>downgrade</b> due to additional information not considered in the AUS decision.</u></li> <li>o <u>VA Only: The loan receives an refer/eligible recommendation</u></li> <li>o <u>43% maximum DTI*</u></li> <li>o <u>660 minimum FICO for all borrowers</u></li> <li>o <u>Not permitted on Manufactured Homes</u></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>USDA:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o GUS with 'Accept/Eligible' findings is required</li> <li>o <u>Manual underwriting is not permitted</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>*Follow VA agency guidelines for DTI &gt;41%</b></p>
Underwriting Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delegated underwriting only <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Non-delegated underwriting not permitted</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
FICO Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All borrowers must have a credit score subject to an AUS approval, see DTI section for additional information and minimums</li> <li>• <u>If any of the borrowers do not have a usable credit score, the loan is NOT eligible.</u></li> </ul>
Non-Traditional Credit	<u>Not permitted</u>
Significant Derogatory Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to Investor Guidelines with the exception of the below.</li> </ul> <p><b>USDA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>For borrowers in Consumer Credit Counseling, Chapter 12 or Chapter 13 Bankruptcies, The applicant must obtain written permission from the credit agency or bankruptcy court/trustee, as applicable, to enter into the mortgage transaction. If permission is not obtained, the loan is ineligible for purchase.</u></li> </ul>



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DTI	Lesser of 50% or AUS
<b>Employment/Income</b>	
Employment/Income Verification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow AUS and first mortgage program guidelines, including all additional investor diligence requirements for income and employment verification.</li> <li>All sources of qualifying income must be legal in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulation, without conflict.</li> <li>A 4506C form is required to be signed at closing for all transactions.</li> <li><u>Transcript Requirements:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>W-2/1099 transcripts will not be required for a borrower when all income for that borrower is derived from W-2 wage earner and/or 1099 fixed income sources.</li> <li><u>Tax transcripts are required in the following circumstances:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>When tax returns are used to qualify a borrower. The number of years provided must be based on the AUS findings. Income verified via tax returns includes but is not limited to the examples listed below:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Self-employment income</u></li> <li><u>Other income sources (i.e. Dividend Interest, Capital Gains, Alimony, etc.)</u></li> </ul> </li> <li><u>When a written VOE form 1005 is used as standalone income verification.</u></li> <li><u>Employment by family members</u></li> <li><u>When amended tax returns have been filed, transcripts are required and must support the amended income</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>USDA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A signed 4506-T is required for all borrowers and adult household members that will reside in the home (with the exception of full time students if they are not the applicant, the spouse of the applicant or the head of household)</li> <li>The previous two years of IRS 1040 transcripts are required for each borrower and all adult household members (with the exception of full time students if they are not the applicant, the spouse of the applicant or the head of household)</li> </ul>
<b>Assets/Reserves</b>	
Asset Documentation	Asset documentation must comply with the requirements of AUS findings and the FHA, USDA and VA Handbooks as applicable
Financing Concessions	Permitted in accordance with FHA, USDA or VA guidelines as applicable
Borrower Contribution	Per Investor guidelines
<b>Subordinate Financing</b>	



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<b>Subordinate Financing/Down Payment Assistance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer to <a href="#">Florida Housing</a> guidelines for subordinate financing requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Property/Appraisal</b>	
<b>Eligible Property Types</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-4 unit primary residence</li> <li>Townhomes</li> <li>PUDs in accordance with HUD guidelines</li> <li><b>Condominiums in accordance with investor guidelines</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Manufactured homes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>FHA, USDA and VA</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Minimum 660 FICO</u></li> <li>Approve/Eligible or Accept findings required</li> <li>Manual underwrite/downgrade not permitted</li> <li><u>Doublewide or greater manufactured homes only</u></li> <li><u>Leaseholds not eligible</u></li> <li><u>45% maximum DTI</u></li> <li><u>Must not have been constructed prior to 1994</u></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Ineligible Property Types</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Cooperatives</u></li> <li><u>Mobile Homes (Single-Wide)</u></li> <li>Working Farms and Ranches</li> <li>Community Land Trusts</li> <li>Unimproved Land</li> <li>Leaseholds</li> <li>Timeshares</li> <li>Condotels</li> <li><u>Geodesic Domes</u></li> </ul>
<b>Appraisal Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full Appraisals are required</li> <li>Appraisal Condition Rating of C5/C6 or a Quality Rating of Q6 is not permitted.</li> <li><b>FHA</b> - Refer to HUD Handbook 4000.1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appraisers must be on FHA Connection with State Certification designation of Certified General or Certified Residential</li> <li>Appraiser must comply with the FHA Appraisal Independence Policy</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>VA</b> - Refer to the VA Lender's Handbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All appraisals must be ordered through VA's WebLGY (The Appraisal System), which will assign the order to a VA approved Appraiser -include an interior and exterior inspection of the subject property</li> <li>A notice of value for property appraised as existing or new construction is valid for six months. Rapidly fluctuating real estate market conditions may temporarily dictate the use of a shorter validity period.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No new Appraisal can be requested on a property which already has a valid VA value determination (No duplicate appraisals)</li> <li>• <b>USDA</b>- Refer to the <a href="#">USDA SFH Guaranteed Loan Program Handbook</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The appraisal must have been completed within six months of the date of the request for a conditional commitment</li> <li>o Appraisal transfers must be executed in accordance with USDA SFH Guaranteed Loan Program Handbook (3555)</li> <li>o Purchase Transactions for existing dwellings must meet the current requirements of HUD Handbooks 4150.2 and 4905.1, typically verified through an RHS Adequacy Certification (Existing Dwelling Inspection Report), or by the appraiser certifying in the comments section of the appraisal that the property meets HUD Handbooks 4150.2 and 4905.1.</li> <li>o Reuse of an appraisal from a prior transaction is not permitted</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Appraisal Transfers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FHA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Appraisal transfers must be executed in accordance with HUD Handbook 4000.1</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>VA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Appraisal transfers must be executed in accordance with the VA Lender's Handbook</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>USDA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Appraisal transfers must be executed in accordance with USDA SFH Guaranteed Loan Program Handbook (3555)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Appraisal Re-Use</b>	<p><b>FHA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The re-use of an appraisal under another case number is not permitted</li> </ul> <p><b>VA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The re-use of an appraisal under another loan identification number is not permitted</li> </ul> <p><b>USDA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The re-use of an appraisal from a prior transaction is not permitted</li> </ul>
<b>Disaster Area Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer to the Disaster Guidelines in the <a href="#">Lakeview Loan Servicing Seller Guide</a> for requirements pertaining to properties impacted by a disaster in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o FEMA Major Disaster Declarations with designated counties eligible for individual assistance (IA);</li> <li>o Areas where FEMA has not made a disaster declaration, but Lakeview Loan Servicing or an Investor (Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, FHA, USDA or the Veterans Administration) has determined that there may be an increased risk of loss due to a disaster;</li> <li>o Areas where the Seller has reason to believe that a property might have been damaged in a disaster</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Correspondent lenders are responsible for monitoring the <a href="#">Disaster Declaration File</a> and the <a href="#">FEMA Website</a> including the FEMA Declarations Summary on an ongoing basis to ensure that the property is not located in an area impacted by a disaster.</p>



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<b>Escrow Holdbacks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Escrow holdbacks are permitted for outstanding minor repairs for incomplete construction or for alterations and repairs that cannot be completed prior to loan closing provided the subject property is habitable and safe for occupancy at the time of closing                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>VA Loans: Escrow holdbacks are not permitted for Minimum Property Requirements (MPR) and/or any repair that delays the guarantee of the loan file</u></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>Follow investor guidelines regarding reason, type of improvements, time to complete, quality, disbursements, and post-closing documentation</li> <li>It is the Seller's responsibility to forward final completion documents to Lakeview Loan Servicing per investor guidelines</li> <li>Loans with outstanding escrow repairs must not impact Lakeview Loan Servicing's ability to deliver/sell the loan to Ginnie Mae</li> <li><b><u>The correspondent lender or designated escrow company will be responsible for managing and disbursing the escrows</u></b></li> <li>The correspondent lender shall deliver loans that were originated in accordance with the first mortgage investor guidelines.</li> <li>Correspondent lender or designated escrow company is to retain the escrow funds until all improvements have been completed. Lender to provide Lakeview Loan Servicing confirmation of all work completed and that escrow funds have been released.</li> </ul>
<b>Geographic Restrictions</b>	Property must be located in Florida
<b>Limited 203(k)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May only be used for minor remodeling and non-structural repairs.</li> <li>Does not require the use of a 203(k) Consultant, but a Consultant may be used.</li> <li>The total rehabilitation cost must not exceed \$35,000. There is no minimum rehabilitation cost.</li> <li>All improvements to existing Structures must comply with HUD's Minimum Property Requirements and meet or exceed local building codes.</li> <li>Time frame for completion of repairs not to exceed six months.</li> <li>Work completed must be on the 203K Limited Eligible Improvement/Repairs list</li> <li>Follow FHA Handbook 4000.1 203k Limited guidelines regarding reason, type of improvements, time to complete, quality, disbursements, and post-closing documentation</li> <li><b><u>Lenders must handle all disbursements and are responsible for release of escrow and closing out the loans in FHA Connection</u></b></li> </ul>
<b>Special Restrictions</b>	
<b>High Cost Loans</b>	<b><u>Lakeview will not purchase High Cost Loans.</u></b>
<b>Higher Priced Mortgage Loans (HPML)</b>	Lakeview will purchase HPML in accordance with investor guidelines



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<b>Assumptions</b>	Permitted in accordance with investor guidelines, (USDA not permitted).
<b>Multiple Financed Properties</b>	Follow Investor Guidelines
<b>Insurance</b>	
<b>Mortgage Insurance</b>	Per Investor guidelines
<b>Other Considerations</b>	
<b>Age of Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All credit documents must be dated within 120 days of the note date</li> <li>• Preliminary title policies must be no more than 180 days old on the date the note is signed</li> </ul>
<b>Assignment of Mortgage</b>	All loans must be registered with MERS at the time of delivery to Lakeview. The MERS transfer of beneficial rights and transfer of servicing rights must be initialed by the Seller within 7 calendar days of purchase date. Refer to selling guide for transfer requirements.
<b>Seasoning</b>	See <a href="#">Lakeview Loan Servicing Seller Guide</a>
<b>Escrow Waivers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><i>Not permitted</i></u></li> <li>• <u><i>Escrow accounts for property taxes, homeowner's insurance and flood insurance (if applicable) are required on all loans.</i></u></li> </ul>
<b>Forbearance</b>	Lakeview Loan Servicing will not purchase any loan where the borrower is actively seeking a forbearance or any loan that is in an "active" forbearance status prior to purchase by Lakeview Loan Servicing.
<p>Seller shall deliver loans that were originated in accordance with FHA, USDA or VA guidelines as applicable, unless otherwise stated with this product matrix. **In the case of conflicting guidelines, lender must follow the more restrictive to meet the credit, income limits, total debt-to-income ratio and loan and property requirements of Florida Housing Finance Corporation, FHA, USDA or VA,(as applicable), Lender or Lakeview Loan Servicing.</p>	



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Author	Section	Date	Update
SG	All	10.3.22	Created matrix/Program released
SG	Eligibility Grid, Eligible Property Types & AUS	12.2.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added VA manufactured homes as an eligible property type. The following changes are effective for current pipeline loans</li> </ul>
SG	AUS	12.9.22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Added VA manual underwriting as eligible. The following changes are effective for current pipeline loans</li> </ul>
SG	AUS	1.26.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarified that an AUS refer/eligible is permitted per VA only for manual UW</li> </ul>
SG	Property Eligibility	3.8.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Removed FHA SUA overlay</li> </ul>
DM	Eligible Products/Terms	3.14.23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarification- added that 203(k) limited is also available with hometown heroes- effective for pipeline as well</li> </ul>



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