

Imagine.

GSFA Member County — “Assist-to-Own”
Down Payment Assistance



Call Today to Get Started

Dream

For over 32 years, Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) has been turning homeownership dreams into reality with innovative mortgage programs that combine competitive interest rates and valuable down payment and closing cost assistance.

GSFA has empowered more than 86,400 individuals and families to become homeowners—delivering over \$675.3 million in down payment assistance and opening doors across California.

Believe

Homeownership could be closer than you think. Connect with a GSFA Participating Lender to find out whether the “Assist-to-Own” Down Payment Assistance is the right fit for you.



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Your Path to Homeownership Starts Here

Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance,
up to 5.5% of the Mortgage Loan —
for GSFA Member County Employees



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If you're employed by a GSFA Member County, you may be eligible for up to 5.5% in Down Payment Assistance to help make homeownership a reality.



With the “Assist-to-Own” Down Payment Assistance, you may be able to buy a home with little-to-no money upfront—and much sooner than you thought possible.

The program is flexible, compatible with FHA, VA, USDA, and Conventional loans, doesn't require perfect credit, and is available to both first-time and returning homebuyers.

Ready to take the next step toward owning a home? Let us help you get started!

Flexible Qualifying Guidelines*

- Available to both first-time and repeat homebuyers
- Eligible properties include 1–4 unit primary residences, condos, townhomes, and certain manufactured homes
- Credit challenges? No problem—minimum FICO score of just 640
- Generous Debt-to-Income (DTI) ratios up to 50% may qualify
- Low-to-moderate income limits – often higher than expected
- FHA, VA, USDA, and Conventional Mortgage Loan options available



GSFA Member Counties

You Don't Have to Be a First-time Homebuyer



*Alpine County, CA
Photo by Craig Koski*

Will the assistance need to be repaid in the future?

The “Assist-to-Own” Down Payment Assistance is made up of both a deferred loan and a gift:

- A deferred Second Mortgage equal to 3.5% of the First Mortgage amount. This loan comes with 0% interest and no monthly payments, and is only due upon sale or refinance of the home.
- An additional Gift of up to 2%, which never has to be repaid.

“Assist-to-Own” Down Payment Assistance is only available to individuals who are employed by one of the GSFA Member Counties (a County Employee). Verification of employment with the County itself is required for eligibility.