

MIDDLE-INCOME DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COMMUNICATIONS TOOLKIT

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This communications toolkit is designed to help our members announce their participation in our 2026 Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance Program, which is providing, in partnership with participating members, matching downpayment assistance grants of up to \$50,000 for eligible middle-income first-time homebuyers.

This communications toolkit includes:

- Key messages
- Sample social media copy
- FHLBank San Francisco naming conventions
- Logos
- Template news release

Members planning to distribute a news release or promote their participation in our Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance (MDPA) Program on social media, are welcome to contact FHLBank San Francisco's public relations team for support, including a review of content or providing descriptive language about the MDPA Program. Please contact [Chris Hammond, Associate Director, Corporate Communications](#) for assistance.

Later this year, FHLBank San Francisco will also issue a news release about member participation in the 2026 Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance Program and will amplify this news with a LinkedIn post highlighting how these matching grants for downpayment and closing costs are helping middle-income first-time homebuyers across our region. We encourage participating members to like, repost, and cross-promote the Bank's communications regarding this program.

Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance Program Key Messages

- The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco renewed its Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance Program with a \$11 million allocation for 2026. Intended to provide an innovative solution that opens more doors to homeownership, the program opened participation to its members on February 25, 2026, and will release funding in two rounds during the 2026 program year.
- The 2026 [Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance Program](#) offers matching grants up to \$50,000, delivered by participating member financial institutions, to eligible middle-income individuals and families earning just over 80% up to 140% of the area median income (AMI) in Arizona, California, and Nevada.
- The grant can be used toward downpayment and closing costs and can be combined with local, state, and federal financial assistance programs to help middle-income families and individuals purchase their own home.
- Member requests for grants are processed on a first-come, first-served basis until the \$11 million allocation is fully exhausted. Members only need to [sign up](#) once in 2026 to participate.
- Since the program first launched in 2023, FHLBank San Francisco has provided a total of \$40 million in Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance Program funding. The program has assisted 818 individuals and families.
- For more information, please contact our Community Investment team by sending an email to MDPA@fhlbsf.com or call us at (415) 616-2542.

Storytelling Tactics

FHLBank San Francisco can partner with our member financial institution on storytelling opportunities, including by:

- Assisting members who would like to issue a news release to announce their participation in the 2026 Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance Program.
- Posting a social media post on our LinkedIn page that can be reshared on the member's social media channels.
- Partnering with you to create a photo/video capturing a key presentation ceremony or featuring a happy homeowner telling their success story that can be co-published on websites and YouTube channels and shared on social platforms.

News Release Template

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[Financial Member Institution] Delivers Grants to Middle-Income First-Time Homebuyers to Help Boost Local Homeownership

[Financial Member Institution] participated in Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's \$11 Million Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance Program to assist ### first-time homebuyers

LOCATION – DATE, 2026 – For hard-working families and individuals who want to buy a home, saving enough money for a downpayment and closing costs remains one of the most significant obstacles to homeownership. This challenge is exacerbated by rising housing prices, shrinking inventory of affordable homes, and higher interest rates, keeping homeownership out of reach for many middle-income workers – such as healthcare professionals, teachers, firefighters, and other civil servants – who are vital to their communities.

[Financial Member Institution] participated in the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco's Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance grant program to deliver grants of up to \$50,000 each to ## eligible first-time homebuyers.

"...QUOTE HERE..." said [Financial Institution Representative]. **"CONTINUE QUOTE HERE..."**

The Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance Program was designed for first-time homebuyers who meet income eligibility requirements, earning just over 80% up to 140% of the area median income. To qualify to receive a grant of up to \$50,000, an applicant who is a first-time homebuyer must complete a homebuyer counseling program and contribute a minimum of \$10,000 toward their downpayment and closing costs. The 2026 program opened participation to its members on February 25, 2026, and will release funding in two rounds during this program year. FHLBank San Francisco anticipates the initial \$8 million funding round will quickly be exhausted. The remaining \$3 million will be made available later this year for participating members.

"Grants like this open the door to homeownership for middle-income families and individuals dreaming of a home of their own," said Tom Dapice, Community Investment Officer at FHLBank San Francisco. "We're proud to partner with our member, **(INSERT MEMBER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION)**, to make this support available for the hardworking members of the community who contribute so much every day, yet often face the challenges of rising rents and housing instability."

Since the program first launched in 2023, FHLBank San Francisco has provided a total of \$40 million in Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance Program funding to assist 818 individuals and families. Interested homebuyers should contact **(INSERT MEMBER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION)** directly to learn more about enrollment in the Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance Program.

The Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance Program reflects FHLBank San Francisco's commitment to creating affordable homeownership through a variety of programs, including the **WISH Program**, which has delivered \$160 million in grants to over 10,000 low-income first-time homebuyers since 2000.

About Financial Institution

Financial institution boilerplate

About the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco

The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco is a member-driven cooperative helping local lenders in Arizona, California, and Nevada build strong communities, create opportunity, and change lives for the better. The tools and resources we provide to our member financial institutions — commercial banks, credit unions, industrial loan companies, savings institutions, insurance companies, and community development financial institutions — propel homeownership, finance quality affordable housing, drive economic vitality, and revitalize whole neighborhoods. Together with our members and other partners, we are making the communities we serve more vibrant and resilient.

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Sample Social Media Copy

Facebook or LinkedIn

[insert member name] partnered with @Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco to deliver Middle-Income Downpayment Assistance grants of up to \$50,000 to help families and individuals who earn just over 80% up to 140% of the area median income purchase a home of their own.

[insert member name] awarded ## grants to support vital members of our communities – such as health care workers, firefighters, teachers, and other civil servants – who may struggle to save enough for a downpayment to buy a home. We're proud to deliver these funds to our [customers/members]. Contact us at ###, stop by a branch, or visit [insert URL] to learn more about how we can help you reach your #homeownership goal.

X, Instagram, or Threads

We're proud to partner with FHLBank San Francisco to award ## of Middle-Income Downpayment #grants of up to \$50,000 to help hard-working families and individuals achieve #homeownership. Learn more: [insert URL]

Logos

FHLBank San Francisco's logo is available for download and use on the websites of participating members. Access [downloadable formats and usage guidelines](#).

FHLBank San Francisco Naming Conventions

When referencing FHLBank San Francisco, please use the Bank's full name, the **Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco**, or the approved shortened logo version, **FHLBank San Francisco** (please note that FHLB is not an approved acronym and the words "the" or "of" should not be included in the shortened version).

FHLBank San Francisco Boilerplate Descriptor

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