

THERE--IS--A--MARYLAND--HOME--FINANCING--PROGRAM--IN--THE
DEPARTMENT.

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THE--PURPOSES--OF--THE--PROGRAM--ARE--TO--MAKE, PURCHASE, AND
PARTICIPATE--IN--MAKING:

(1)--PREFERRED--INTEREST--RATE--LOANS--TO--HOUSEHOLDS--OF
LIMITED--INCOME--FOR--THE--PURCHASE, PURCHASE--AND--REHABILITATION, OR
REFINANCING--OF--A--PRIMARY--RESIDENCE;

(2)--SHORT--TERM--CONSTRUCTION--LOANS--TO--DEVELOPERS--WHO
BUILD--OR--REHABILITATE--RESIDENTIAL--UNITS--AFFORDABLE--TO--HOUSEHOLDS
OF--LIMITED--INCOME;

(3)--EMERGENCY--ASSISTANCE--LOANS--TO--HOUSEHOLDS--OF
LIMITED--INCOME--WHO, BECAUSE--OF--UNEMPLOYMENT--OR--OTHER
EXTRAORDINARY--HARDSHIP, ARE--UNABLE--TO--MAKE--CURRENT--MORTGAGE
PAYMENTS--ON--THEIR--HOMES--AND--ARE--LIKELY--TO--HAVE--TO--FORFEIT--THE
TITLE--TO--THEIR--HOME, AND

(4)--REVERSE--EQUITY--LOANS--TO--ELDERLY--HOUSEHOLDS--OF
LIMITED--INCOME--FOR--HOUSING--RELATED--EXPENSES--AND--PERSONAL--EXPENSES
WHICH--ENABLE--THE--OWNER--TO--CONTINUE--TO--OCCUPY--THE--OWNER'S--HOME.

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THE--DEPARTMENT--SHALL:

(1)--MANAGE--AND--SUPERVISE--THE--PROGRAM;

(2)--CARRY--OUT--THE--PROGRAM--IN--A--MANNER--THAT:

(i)--SERVES--ALL--OF--THE--AREAS--OF--THE--STATE, AND

(ii)--AVOIDS--CREATING--OR--AGGRAVATING--LOW--INCOME
CONCENTRATIONS--THAT--ADVERSELY--AFFECT--COMMUNITIES;

(3)--ADOPT--POLICIES--TO--INSURE--THAT--ALL--LOANS--MADE
UNDER--THE--PROGRAM--ARE--MADE--ONLY--TO:

(i)--HOUSEHOLDS--WHO:

1.--HAVE--ADJUSTED--ANNUAL--INCOMES--AT--THE
TIME--THE--LOAN--IS--MADE--WITHIN--THE--APPLICABLE--UPPER--LIMITS
DETERMINED--BY--THE--SECRETARY--IN--ACCORDANCE--WITH--PARAGRAPH--(5)--OF
THIS--SECTION, AND

2.--CANNOT--QUALIFY--FOR--CONVENTIONAL--OR
OTHER--AVAILABLE--DEPARTMENTAL--FINANCING--TO--ENABLE--THE--OWNER--TO
CONTINUE--TO--OCCUPY--THE--HOME, OR--FOR--THE--PURCHASE, PURCHASE--AND
REHABILITATION, OR--REFINANCING--OF--A--HOME, OR