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Stimulus Money for Homebuyers

Help is still available

Can you still access government funds to purchase a home now that the homebuyer tax credit has expired? Can first time and returning homebuyers still qualify for other funds to help with down payment, closing costs, and even repairs?

The answer is yes. The Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) has federal stimulus money that's been filtered down through counties and municipalities to help stabilize targeted neighborhoods by assisting eligible buyers to purchase foreclosed, and in some cases pre-foreclosed, houses that they plan to occupy.

Eligible buyers qualify based upon median family income and household size, and may borrow up to

\$50,000 in the form of a zero percent interest loan depending upon the particular program offered. Further, a borrower makes no payments throughout the stabilization program's loan term, the sum is paid when one refinances or sells the property. Houses must pass an inspection and lead-based paint screening. In many cases, an energy audit is required too along with other home inspections.

Local stabilization program areas include parts of Clackamas County, Washington County and Gresham. Clackamas County also offers other home loan programs. The Portland Metro Association of Realtors offers a public service website with more details at hownw.com. Buyers should work with experienced, knowledgeable professionals.

IRS Hiring 50 New Service Reps

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for 50 experienced customer service personnel to assist and answer telephone calls from taxpayers in Portland. The seasonal positions will last from six to eight months.

The most competitive applicants will have at least one year experience which involved applying established rules and procedures when working with records, documents or financial accounts. Applicants should also have customer service experience which involved frequent contact with the public, and may have involved researching or adjusting customer accounts. A bachelor's degree or equivalent credits qualifies an applicant in lieu of experience.

For more information or to apply online, go to usajobs.gov. Look for the job announcement number: 10FR1-WIX0009-0962-05POR. Starting pay is \$15.82 per hour.



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