

265—27.4(16) Grant award. Grants awarded hereunder shall be up to \$5,000 toward the purchase of a qualified home and may be used for down payment or for closing costs, or for both. Grant funds must be applied to the purchase of a qualified home and, in the case of mortgage financing, the mortgage must be a qualified mortgage. Any grant proceeds which are not used for down payment or closing costs toward the purchase of a qualified home which is financed by a mortgage must be returned to the authority.

27.4(1) Grant reimbursement. The participating lender or cash payment home buyer shall advance funds at closing in an amount equal to the amount of the grant on behalf of the eligible service member to be applied toward closing costs or the down payment. The participating lender or cash payment home buyer, as applicable, shall, within 30 days of closing, submit to the authority a copy of the executed HUD-1 Settlement Statement (or, if the transaction is a cash purchase, the eligible service member may use the settlement statement certified by a closing agent and the eligible service member), a copy of the deed conveying title to the qualified home, a copy of a title guaranty certificate issued for the qualified home, and the military grant agreement and certification (form obtained from the authority) for reimbursement for the amount of the grant. In the event the mortgage financing is not made pursuant to the authority's first-time home buyer program, reimbursement documentation shall include a certified copy of the promissory note and mortgage.

27.4(2) Grant restrictions and limitations. All grants under the program are subject to funding availability. Grants will be awarded in the order in which completed grant applications are received. Grants awarded pursuant to the program are personal to their recipients and may not be assigned. Only one grant shall be awarded per home purchase. An eligible service member shall receive only one grant award under the program. While program funds are available, the grant award shall be valid for 60 days in the case of purchases of existing or completed property and 120 days in the case of purchases of property being constructed or renovated. A reasonable extension may be granted with evidence of a purchase loan in progress which has been delayed due to circumstances beyond the service member's control.