

NSP Home Purchase Program

HOME BUYER OVERVIEW



What is the Volusia County NSP Home Purchase Program?

The Volusia County Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Home Purchase Program is designed to help qualified, credit-worthy persons purchase a county-owned NSP home that has been repaired/renovated.

Is financial assistance available to help potential homebuyers purchase an NSP home?

Yes. Purchase assistance for gap financing, down payment assistance and closing cost assistance based on income and need is included.

How would potential homebuyers receive this assistance?

The assistance is provided as a deferred payment loan with a term of 15 years at 0 percent interest. Buyers will sign a note and mortgage for the amount of assistance provided. The mortgage will be recorded as a lien against the property.

Will buyers have to repay this assistance?

Buyers have to pay back the amount of the loan if they stop living in the house because they sell or rent the home, or otherwise stop living in the house, before the end of the 15 years. Also, if they sell or rent the home in the first 10 years, they will have to pay back a portion of any profit they receive in addition to the full amount of the assistance.

Where are NSP homes located?

Volusia County's NSP homes are in:

- **West Volusia:** DeBary, DeLand and Orange City
- **East Volusia:** Edgewater, Holly Hill, New Smyrna Beach and Ormond Beach

The City of Deltona has a separate NSP program. Please contact the city at 386-878-8614 for more information.

NSP homes are listed for sale with the county's selected listing brokers based on their location.

Am I eligible to buy an NSP home?

Who is eligible for the NSP Home Purchase

Program? You can apply for approval to purchase an NSP home if you meet **ALL** the following guidelines:

- You are a first-time homebuyer (have not owned a home within the past three years).
- You have not had a foreclosure sale in the past seven years.
- You meet the NSP income limits.
- You qualify for a first mortgage with a local lender that meets NSP mortgage guidelines.
- You are able to contribute up to \$1,500 toward the home purchase. (Your lender may require additional funds.)
- You agree to occupy the home as your primary residence for 15 years.

Can I purchase an NSP home if I am a private investor?

No. NPS homes are not available for sale to private investors.

Can I purchase an NSP home if I am a cash buyer?

No. NSP homes are intended to be sold to households that need a first mortgage and purchase assistance to buy the home. In general, verifiable cash and other

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assets (combined with gifts from family members, if applicable) should not exceed 15 percent of the purchase price. Tax-deferred accounts may be excluded from asset limitations.

Am I ready to be an NSP homebuyer?

Do I have good credit?

Applicants need to be able to qualify for a first mortgage. This usually takes one to two years of good credit. Your Affordable Housing Partner can help direct you to agencies that can answer questions about your credit report.

Have I taken homebuyer education classes?

You are required to take eight hours of homebuyer education from a Volusia County approved housing counseling agency. The housing education will help you determine if you are ready to become a homebuyer, the process for getting a mortgage and buying a house, responsibilities of homeownership, and information about Volusia County's NSP Home Purchase Program.

What is the process to buy an NSP house?

How do I purchase an NSP home?

A contract to purchase an NSP home will be accepted only from an approved NSP buyer.

How do I become an approved NSP buyer?

You must contact an approved Affordable Housing Partner to find out if you meet the requirements.

Why do I need an Affordable Housing Partner?

An Affordable Housing Partner will:

- Help you fill out and submit the Volusia County NSP application
- Determine if you meet income limits
- Help you with the loan pre-qualification process
- Schedule the required homeownership counseling classes (you must take the class before you will be selected as an approved NSP buyer)
- Help you find an NSP home to purchase (if your partner is a realtor)

How do I contact an Affordable Housing Partner?

Call 386-736-5955, ext. 2969, or visit volusia.org/nsp to get a list of NSP Affordable Housing Partners.

When will I know if I have been selected as an approved NSP buyer?

After your application is reviewed, you will get a letter from Volusia County Community Assistance letting you know if you qualify as an approved buyer.

How long will this process take?

The application and qualification process takes two to four months because verification from third parties of all sources of income and assets is required and the homeownership counseling course must be taken. Interested persons are encouraged to apply early to become an NSP approved buyer.

Can I choose my first-mortgage lender?

The Volusia County NSP Home Purchase Program works with lenders who are Affordable Housing Partners or have become approved lenders by the Volusia County NSP program. The approved lenders have agreed to meet certain lending conditions.

How will I locate NSP homes?

NSP homes are listed for sale with the county's selected listing brokers based on their location. You should contact one of Volusia County's listing brokers (through your own real estate agent or directly if you are not working with a real estate agent) to look at available NSP homes. NSP homes are listed on the MLS and also posted on Volusia County's website.

Important considerations

- Volusia County will not accept purchase offers unless the potential buyer is an NSP approved buyer.
- Interested persons are encouraged to apply early to become an NSP approved buyer.
- NSP homes are sold on a first-ready basis.

For further information

Visit volusia.org/nsp.

