Purchasing a home can be expensive. Let the FIRSTDOWN program help.

Many homebuyers find it difficult to pay for the down payment and closing costs associated with buying a home. Three organizations -- First National Bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank and the Nebraska Housing Developers Association—have partnered to form the FirstDown program which provides $6,000 grants to qualifying home buyers to assist with their down payment and/or closing costs. *

How to Qualify for the FIRSTDOWN Program

In order to qualify for a FirstDown grant, a buyer must meet the following eligibility criteria:

• The home must be located in Nebraska
• Household incomes must be at or below 80% of the area median income
• Additional requirements may need to be satisfied as determined by the Nebraska Housing Developers Association

“We never thought we could afford to own a home because we didn’t have money saved for a down payment or closing costs. Then a friend told me about the FirstDown program, and we are now first time home owners. Thank you for helping us provide a home for our children to grow up in.”

— Bree, Lincoln, NE

Learn More and/or Apply

To learn more or to apply for the FirstDown program, contact a Readiness Education Awareness Collaborative for Homebuyers and Homeowners (REACH) affiliate in your area (listed on the reverse side of this flyer) or the Nebraska Housing Developers Association. By contacting a REACH affiliate, interested homebuyers will also have the opportunity to receive homebuyer education.

*Additional fees apply. Net assistance to the homebuyer is approximately $5,000-$5,500.
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