



Re: FTHB Down Payment/Closing Cost Grant Funds

Dear First Time Homebuyer:

We are happy to announce that our First Time Home Buyer down payment/closing cost assistance grant program for Chenango County is open for application!

Enclosed you will find an application packet for the program. Based on the information you provide, we will start the initial eligibility review process and if you qualify, we will issue you a pre-approval letter to shop for a home contingent upon the use of our grant funds. You will be required to complete FTHB Education and also obtain primary financing for a first mortgage. Please provide a copy of your Mortgage Pre Approval letter.

Please fill out the application to the best of your ability and include the following documentation with your application:

- 1. Your most recent 30 days of pay stubs for all household members over age 18, students must provide proof of transcript for school or a notarized statement if not working and have no income.
- 2. Last two (2) year's SIGNED FEDERAL ONLY income tax returns including W-2's
- 3. For self-employed individuals, your last two (s) years income tax returns AND most recent 3 month profit & loss
- 4. Driver's license or photo ID
- 5. Proof of any supplemental income that comes into the household (child support, alimony, social security, etc. if applicable)
- 6. Verification of long-term (10 months or more) debt (credit cards, auto payments, loans, child support, alimony, etc.) Include name, address, account number, balance and payment
- 7. Last three (3) months of bank statements showing minimum borrower contribution of \$2,000

Please mail/drop off/scan&email application and COPIES of all supporting documentation to the First Time Home Buyer department at 44 West Main Street in Norwich, NY 13815

Thank you!

Cathy Berger FTHB Coordinator/ Housing Counselor 44 W Main Street Norwich, NY 13815 607-334-7114 ext. 4004 cberger@greaterops.org www.greaterops.org







PERSONAL PROFILE INTAKE FORM

CUSTOMER				Please Print Clearly
Name:			ŝ	
First	MI		Last	
Street				
City		State	e Zip Code	
Home: ()	Work: ()	Email:	
Fax: ()	Mobile/Cell: ()		
Social Security Number	·	<u> </u> Birth Date	/ Ag	e
Race (please circle):				
1. White	2. Black or African American		3. American Indian/Ala	askan Native
4. Asian	5. Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific	: Islander	6. American Indian/Ala	askan Native and White
7. Asian and White Other	8. Black/African American and V	White	9. American Indian/Ala	skan Native and Black 10.
Ethnicity (please selec	t "yes" or "no" for Hispanic Origin)	This is in addition to	o the "Race" category	
Hispanic: Yes	No			
Foreign Born (please s	elect one): Yes No			
Marital Status (pleas	<i>e circle):</i> 1. Single 2. Married	3. Divorced	4. Separated 5. Wi	idowed
Gender (please circle): Male Female			
Handicapped?	Yes No	×		
Current Housing Ar	rangement (please circle):	How m	any Years?Mo	onths?
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Are vou a first Time	Buyer (you do not currently own	a home and have	not owned a home in	the nast three years)?
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Household Type (please select the most accurate)?

1. Female headed single parent ho	usehold 2. Male	e headed single parent household	3. Single adult
4. Two or more unrelated adults	5. Married with children	6. Married without children	7. Other





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Family/Household Size	: How many depend	dents (other than tho	se listed by any	co-borrowe	er)?	
Name	DOB		SS#			
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Are there non-depended	nts who will be living in the	home?	Yes	No	If yes, list belo	W.:
Relationship		Age Relatio	nship			Age
Annual Family or He	ousehold Income: \$					
Education (please cir	cle one):					
1. Below High Scho	ol Diploma	2. High School	Diploma or Equ	uivalent		
3. Two-Year College	2	4.Bachelors De	egree			
5. Masters Degree		6. Above Mast	ers Degree			
Referred to by (please	e circle all that apply):					
Print Advertiser		Govern	ment	TV	Realton	r
Staff/Board men	nber Walk-In	Frie	nd	Radio	Newspaper A	Article
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Street			City	State	Zip Code
Phone: ()	-				
Part-Time or	Full-Time	(Please Circle)	Date of Hire:		
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Title					Hire Date	
Street				City	State	Zip Code
Phone: ()	<u> </u>				
Part-Time	or	Full-Time	(Please Circle)			
Gross Income (l	before	taxes): \$				
Is this amount p		hourly	weekly	every two weeks	twice a month	monthly?

INCOME		Please Print Clearly
Type of Income	CUSTOMER Monthly Amount	CO-APPLICANT Monthly Amount
Salary		
Alimony/Child Support		
Rental Income		
Social Security		
Pension Income		
Public Assistance		
Self-employment Income		
Dependent SSI Income		
Disability Income		
Other Employment		

	CUSTOMER	CO-APPLICANT
Can you document your child support/alimony income?	Yes No	Yes No
If yes, how long will it continue?		
If your child or a family member receives SSI, how many more years will the payments continue?		







If you receive disability income, is it for a permanent disability?	Yes	No	Yes	No
Regarding other employment, have you worked in this field for two years or more?	Yes	No	Yes	No

LIABILITIES/DEBT

Please Print Clearly

Please list any debts you have, including credit cards, auto loans, student loans, and child-care expenses. Do NOT include rent or utilities.

Paid To	Current Balance	Monthly Payment	Who's Debt? C=Customer, A=Co-Applicant B=Both
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Please use additional sheets if necessary.

	CUST	OMER	CO-APP	PLICANT	
Have your payments been made on time?	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Are you currently in Chapter 13 bankruptcy? If yes, when did it begin? If yes, when will it be paid out? If yes, how much is the payment?	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Have you had a Chapter 7 bankruptcy? If yes, when was it discharged?	Yes	No	Yes	No	







Do you have a checking account	ount? Yes No	
Bank	Account Number	Current Balance
Do you have a savings accou	int? Yes No	
Bank	Account Number	Current Balance

LIQUID FUNDS/SAVINGS/INVESTMENTS

Please Print Clearly

Please list the approximate value of the following:

	CUSTOMER	CO-APPLICANT
Cash		
CDs		
Securities (stocks, bonds, etc.)		
Retirement account (IRA, etc.)		
Other Liquid Funds (life insurance, etc.)		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

	CUS	STOMER	CO-APP.	LICANT
Are you a US citizen?	Yes	No	Yes	No
Do you intend to occupy the property as your primary residen	ce? Yes	No	Yes	No
Have you or anyone in your household ever been convicted of crime other than a traffic violation?	°any Yes	No	Yes	No
Have you owned a home in the last three (3) years?	Yes	No	Yes	No
Are you a Veteran?	Yes	No	Yes	No
Do you have a contract on a house at this time?	Yes	No		
Are you currently working with a real-estate agent?	Yes	No		
Most convenient time for an individual appointment?	Day: M T	W Th F	Time:AM	1PM







Conflict of Interest Disclosure

I/We certify to Greater Opportunities, Inc. that to the best of my/our knowledge, I/we are not related to any employee of GREATER OPS, Inc. any member of the board of directors of GREATER OPS, Inc. I/We am/are am not/are not an employee, (full time or part time), of GREATER OPS. Related is defined as a member of an immediate family, (spouse, parent, sibling or child), or any person described above. In addition I/we certify to GREATER OPS, Inc. that to the best of my/our knowledge, I/we am/are am not/are not related to a person with a business relationship with GREATER OPS, Inc. with the exception listed below:

Name	Relationship
Applicant Signature	Date
Co-Applicant Signature	Date

AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Greater Opportunities, Inc to:

- (a) pull my/our credit report to review my/our credit file for housing counseling in connection with my pursuit on a loan to purchase real property;
- (b) pull my/our credit report and review my/our credit file for informational inquiry purposes; and
- (c) obtain a copy of the HUD-1 Settlement Statement, Appraisal, and Real Estate Note(s) when I purchase a home, from the lender who made me/us a loan and/or the title company that closed the loan.

I/We understand that any intentional or negligent representation(s) of the information contained on this form may result in civil liability and/or criminal liability under the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001.

If at any point of this program, GREATER OPS, Inc. becomes aware for any reason that any information that you have provided GREATER OPS, Inc. is untrue or inaccurate, GREATER OPS, Inc. has the right to immediately terminate your eligibility to participate in this program.

Customer

Date

Co-Applicant

Date







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Family Structure: Single Parent/Person Two-Parent/Persons Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Widowed Separated Other	Head Of Household Info: (You Are :) Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Best Descriptor: Mother Father Parents Grandparent(s) Relative Other than Grandparent(s) Foster Parent(s) Step Parent Other		Family Type: DSing DSingle Parent/Mac Household DTwo-P Single Person DTw Children) DNon-rel Children Multiger DUnknown/Not Re DOther	ale DTwo-Parent Parent Unmarried wo Adults (No lated Adults with herational Household ported
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Certification of Information

I certify that the information provided in this packet and the proof of income provided for the enrollment eligibility is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge. Providing false income/information could result in dismissal from the program.

Head of Household Name (Print)		Staff Name (Print)	
Head of Household Signature	Date	Staff Signature	Date
Co-Applicant Name (Print)			
Co-Applicant Signature	Date		
Firs	st Time Home Buyer an	d Revolving Loan Fund Only	
I authorize Greater Opportunities, Inc. to:			
 A) Pull my/our credit report to review real property; 	my/our credit file for hou	using counseling in connection with my pursuit on	a loan to purchase
 B) Pull my/our credit report and revie C) Obtain a copy of HUD-1 Settlemer me/us a loan and/or the title com 	nt, Appraisal, and Real Es	tate Note(s) when I purchase a home, from the le	ender who made
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Net Pay	Checking Account	
Child Support/Alimony	Savings Account	
Social Security/SSI/SSD	Cash Value of Life Ins.	
Public Asst./AFDC	Pension, Annuity, IRA	
Food Stamps/HEAP	Other	
Workman's Comp.		
Unemployment		
TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL ASSETS	

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MONTHLY EXPENSES

HOUSING	EDUCATION	
Rent	School Fees	
Mortgage	Books	
Property Taxes	School lunch	
Maintenance/Repairs	TRANSPORTATION	
SERVICES & UTILITIES	Gasoline/Bus Fare	
Oil	Car Repairs	
Propane	Car Maintenance (oil, tires)	
Electricity	RECREATION	
Phone	Movies/Games/Sports	
Water/Sewer	Newspapers/Magazines	
Garbage Collection	Vacations	
Cable TV	Bingo/Casino/Lottery Tickets	
INSTALLMENT LOANS	PERSONAL	
Automobile/Truck	Toiletries	
Furniture/Appliance	Childcare/Child support	
Charge cards	Spending money	
INSURANCE	GIFTS & CONTRIBUTIONS	
Homeowners/Renters	Charity giving	
Life	Gifts for family/friends	
Health	Church/religious giving	
Automobile	CLOTHING	
FOOD	Clothes	
Groceries	Laundromat/Dry Cleaning	
Meals at restaurants		
Food at work	MEDICAL	
HOUSEHOLD	Physician	
Items not includ. In groceries	Dentist	
Pet food/products	Prescriptions	
Alcohol/Tobacco		
TOTAL COLUMN 1	TOTAL COLUMN 2	
TOTAL EXPENSES		

TOTAL	TOTAL	BALANCE	+
INCOME	EXPENSES		



CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

I/We certify to GREATER OPS, Inc. that to the best of my/our knowledge, I/we am/are not related to any employee of GREATER OPS, Inc., any member of the board of directors of GREATER OPS, Inc. I am/am not an employee (full time or part time) of GREATER OPS. Related is defined as a member of an immediate family (spouse, parent, sibling or child) of any person/official described above. In addition I/we certify to GREATER OPS, Inc. that to the best of my/our knowledge I/we am/are not related (same definition of related as above) to a person with a business relationship with GREATER OPS, Inc. with the exception listed below:

Name	Relationship	÷
Applicant Signature	Date	-
Co-Applicant Signature	Date	



I have received and read the document:

<u>Ten Important Questions to Ask Your Home Inspector</u> and <u>For Your Protection</u> <u>Get a Home Inspection</u>.

I understand the importance of getting an independent home inspection before purchasing a home of my own.

Signature & Date

Signature & Date







Quaranta Housing Services 43 Hale Street, Norwich NY 13815

Ten Important Questions to Ask Your Home Inspector - HUD

HUD > Program Offices > Housing > Single Family > Inspectors > Ten Important Questions to Ask Your Home Inspector

Ten Important Questions to Ask Your Home Inspector

I. What does your inspection cover?

The inspector should ensure that their inspection and inspection report will inset all applicable requirements in your state if applicable and will comply with a well-recognized standard of practice and colle of ethics. You should be able to request and see a copy of these items ahend of time and ask any questions you may have. If there are any areas you want to make size are inspected, be sure to identify them upfront.

2. How long have you been practicing in the home inspection profession and how many inspections have you completed?

The inspector should be able to provide his or her history in the profession and perhaps even a few names as referrals. Newer inspectors can be very qualified, and many work with a partner or have access to more experienced inspectors to assist them in the inspection.

3. Are you specifically experienced in residential inspection?

Related experience in construction or angineering is heipful, but is no substitute for training and experience in the unique discipline of home inspection. If the inspection is for a commercial property, then this should be asked about is well.

4. Do you offer to do repairs or improvements based on the inspection?

Some inspector associations and state regulations allow the inspector to perform repair work on problems uncovered in the inspection. Other associations and regulations strictly forbid this as a conflict of interest.

5. How long will the inspection take?

The average on-site inspection time for a single inspector is two to three hours for a typical single-family house; anything significantly less may not be enough time to perform a thorough inspection. Additional inspectors may be brought in for very large properties and buildings.

6 How much will it cost?

Costs vary dramatically, depending on like region, size and age of the house, scope of services and other factors. A typical range might be \$300-\$500, but consider the value of the house inspection in terms of the investment being made, Cost does not necessarily reflect quality. HUD Does not regulate home inspection fees.

7. What type of inspection report do you provide and how long will it take to receive the report?

Ask to see samples and determine whether or not you can understand the inspector's reporting style and if the time parameters fulfill your needs. Most inspectors provide their full report within 24 hours of the inspection.

8. Will I be able to attend the inspection?

This is a valuable educational opportunity, and an inspector's micesul to allow this should raise a red flag. Never pass up this opportunity to see your prospective home through the eyes of an expert.

9. Do you maintain membership in a professional home inspector association?

There are many state and national associations for home inspectors. Request to see their membership ID, and perform whetever due diligence you doom appropriate.

10. Do you participate in continuing education programs to keep your expertise up to date?

One can never know it all, and the inspector's commitment to continuing education is a good measure of his or her professionalism and service to the consumer. This is especially important in cases where the home is much older or includes unique elements requiring additional or updated training.

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Federal Housing Administration (FBA)



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For Your Protection: Get a Home Inspection

Why a Buyer Needs a Home Inspection

A home inspection gives the buyer more detailed information about the overall condition of the home prior to purchase. In a home inspection, a qualified inspector takes an in-depth, unbiased look at your potential new home to:

Evaluate the physical condition: structure, construction, and mechanical systems; Identify items that need to be repaired or replaced; and Estimate the remaining useful life of the major systems, equipment, structure, and finishes.

You Must Ask for a Home Inspection

A home inspection will only occur if you arrange for one. FHA does not perform a home inspection.

Decide early. You may be able to make your contract contingent on the results of the inspection.

Appraisals are Different from Home Inspections

An appraisal is different from a home inspection and does not replace a home inspection. Appraisals estimate the value of the property for lenders. An appraisal is required to ensure the property is marketable. Home inspections evaluate the condition of the home for buyers.

FHA Does Not Guarantee the Value or Condition of your Potential New Home

If you find problems with your new home after closing, FHA cannot give or lend you money for repairs, and FHA cannot buy the home back from you. Ask a qualified home inspector to inspect your potential new home and give you the information you need to make a wise decision.

Radon Gas Testing and other safety/health issues

The United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Surgeon General of the United States have recommended that all houses should be tested for radon. For more information on radon testing, call the toll-free National Radon Information Line at 1-800-SOS-Radon or 1-800-767-7236.

Ask your home inspector about additional health and safety tests that may be relevant for your home.

Be an Informed Buyer

It is your responsibility to be an informed buyer. You have the right to carefully examine your potential new home with a qualified home inspector. To find a qualified home inspector ask for references from friends, realtors, local licensing authorities and organizations that qualify and test home inspectors.



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Authorization to Release Information

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Lender,										
Realtor,		,								
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to request /exchange Information abo	ut my mortg	gage loan number,,								
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DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Greater Opportunities, Inc. (GREATER OPS, Inc.) is a not-for-profit Community Action Agency that has been assisting customers with the housing needs since 1976. The agency offers a variety of housing related services including homeownership assistance, home improvement grant and loan programs, HUD Housing Choice Voucher Assistance (Section 8 Rental assistance), Weatherization services, and Foreclosure Intervention Counseling. (GREATER OPS, Inc. also provides grant writing assistance and administrative services for Chenango County government grants that provide low income customers with funds for homeownership

purchase and home rehabilitation. Greater Opportunities, Inc. became a NeighborWorks[®] America Charter Member in October 2001.

Greater Opportunities Inc. provides services to Chenango County residents to assist in such areas as:

- First Time Home Buyer Education and Financial Literacy Education
- Post purchase (non-delinquency) Home Buyer Education
- One-on-one continuing education for pre-purchase first time homebuyers
- Home Improvement Programs to assist existing homeowners in the county in maintaining their homes
- Provide Section 8 rental assistance workshops for qualified customers

• Provide Section 8 rental assistance Housing Choice Vouchers for qualifies customers who want to reside in Chenango County

- Child and Family Early Education Programs that include Head Start and Early Head Start
- USDA Child feeding program
- Provide services for volunteers and customers of Literacy Volunteers of America
- Provide nutritional counseling and checks for the Women, Infant and Child Feeding Program (WIC)
- Provide a second hand shop for customers in the northern end of the county to shop for low priced, quality gently used clothes

Mission Statement: Greater Opportunities, Inc. is committed to supporting families and individuals to:

- recognize their strengths,
- set realistic goals,
- make responsible choices and
- become involved members of our community

CHARTERED MEMBER

We achieve our Mission through programs that focus on housing security, life skills training, child and family development, education, literacy, health and nutrition, community and economic development.

- Housing Counseling both Pre-purchase and Post-purchase
- Foreclosure Intervention Counseling
- Fair Housing Counseling and assistance
- Section 8 vouchers
- Grants from the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation for homeownership and home improvement
- Grants from the New York State Department of Housing and Community Renewal
- Administer Chenango County CDBG grants from the New York State Office of Community Renewal
- Grants from the local United Way and other foundations
- Energy Savings and reduction counseling

• Weatherization Assistance with grant funds from the New York State Department of Housing and Community Renewal

- Revolving Loan Fund for down payment/closing cost assistance or home rehabilitation
- Screening, intake and placement into the Head Start of Early Head Start Programs
- Screening, intake and placement of daycare providers for the USDA Child Feeding Program
- Screening, intake and placement into the NYS WIC Program
- Volunteer screening and education for the Literacy Volunteers of America Program
- Customer screening, intake and placement into the Literacy Volunteers of America Program
- Accept donations to the Back on the Rack used clothing store
- Serve customers at the Back on the Rack used clothing store

Greater Opportunities, Inc. customers are not required to utilize any other programs provided to receive counseling of any type. Counseling services are free of charge and there are no income restrictions for housing and foreclosure intervention counseling. A fee for credit reports may be applied.

By signing this disclosure, I understand that I am not under any obligation to utilize any of Greater Opportunities, Inc. other services or programs in order to receive counseling services. I also recognize that I am under no obligation to utilize the services provided by Greater Opportunities, Inc. partners as well.

Customer

Date

Customer

Date





Non Recommendation of Services

Greater Opportunities, Inc. HUD Housing Counselors do not recommend lenders, realtors, contractors, insurance companies/brokers, or attorneys to customers.

Greter Opportunities, Inc. will provide customers with a list of these individuals at the customer's request. Customers are urged to look in the phone book, ask a friend, relative, or neighbor for a recommendation.

The Greater Opportunities, Inc. Homebuyer Team

Signed_____Date____

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Media Release Form

I/we hereby give permission to Greater Opportunities, Inc. to use the following information about my/ our family (check all that apply):



Greater Opportunities, Inc. may use the aforementioned information in print & online publications. This may include, but not be limited to : documentary videos, annual reports, brochures, web sites, and social media sites (Facebook, YouTube, etc.).

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