Homeownership Set-aside Program (HSP)

HSP User Guide

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Homeownership Set-aside Program Details

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

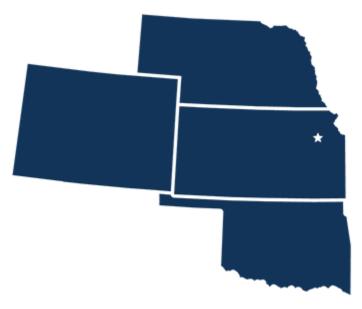
HLBank Topeka annually sets aside funds within the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) to assist very low-, low-, and moderate-income first-time homebuyers. The Homeownership Set-aside Program (HSP) provides down payment, closing cost and repair assistance to first-time homebuyers earning at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for households purchasing or constructing homes in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, or Oklahoma. HSP subsidy is provided to households

as a forgivable grant with a five-year retention period. The program is offered in partnership with FHLBank members — members work with qualified homebuyers, submit required documents to FHLBank, advance the grant funds at closing and request reimbursement of the funds after closing.

hrough the HSP, FHLBank will provide between \$2,500.00 and \$7,500.00 in most areas and up to \$15,000.00 in High-Cost Areas per qualified household. Available funding for the HSP funds is available on a first-come, first-served basis subject to the Member Limit (see below) and availability of funds.



In most areas, members may reserve up to \$37,500.00 in reservations per month beginning March 6, 2023 and the first business day of each month thereafter. The monthly limit is \$45,000.00 in reservations per member, per month in High-Cost Areas. Members may access the current month's limit plus the unused portion of the previous months' limits if funds are available. Members are neither allocated nor guaranteed the member limit(s) in reservations per month. Members may participate in



FYI:

The Member Limit is based on the amount of funds **reserved** by the member in HSP Online during the month.

The loan closing date does not have any impact on the Member Limit.

The total HSP funds used in loan closings per month does not affect the Member Limit.

The total disbursement requests submitted via HSP Online per month does not affect the Member Limit.

HSP Online will not allow members to reserve funds once they have reached their limit.

Withdrawn, ineligible and expired reservations are subtracted from the limit.



the HSP and the High-Cost Area HSP concurrently. The member limit for both programs are separate and cannot be combined or transferred. The limit(s) are increased by 9:00 a.m. on the first business day of each month during the HSP funding period. Reserving funds in excess of the member limit is not allowed unless the limit is increased or eliminated by FHLBank. Housing and Community Development (HCD) management will evaluate funds remaining after July 1, to determine whether to continue, discontinue or change the individual member funding limit. FHLBank will announce changes to member limits.

KEY CHANGES FOR THE 2023 HSP

- 1. For the 2023 HSP, all reserved funds must be disbursed to the member on or before May 1, 2024 or FHLBank will withdraw the reservation.
- 2. \$750,000.00 will be allocated for first-time homebuyers in High-Cost Areas.

HSP ONLINE

HSP Online is FHLBank Topeka's online, automated system through which members submit and FHLBank reviews and processes HSP reservation and disbursement requests. FHLBank **will not** review reservation or disbursement requests that are not submitted through HSP Online.

ACCESS TO HSP ONLINE

Members New to AHP/HSP Online: For members who are new to AHP/HSP Online who do not currently have any authorized users, follow the steps below for access:

- Complete an AHP/HSP Authorization Form (Authorization Form). The form designates the member institution's authorized users. Members may access the Authorization Form and accompanying instructions on the HSP public web page.
- Upon receipt of the Authorization Form, FHLBank will process the request and send an email to the authorized user(s) notifying them to contact their Members Only Member Administrator (Member Administrator).
- Each member has a designated individual within their institution who is authorized to serve as the administrator. The Member Administrator will add the AHP/HSP role to the authorized user's profile in Members Only. Email https://doi.org/10.1007/html
 Members Only. Email hsp@fhlbtopeka.com for assistance identifying your Member Administrator.

Authorized User:

Individual(s) designated by the member institution to execute applications, agreements, disbursement requests, reservations, forms, and other documents and otherwise complete all activities required to participate in Affordable Housing Program (AHP) and Homeownership Set-aside Program (HSP).

Authorized Users are responsible for reviewing all certification and income documentation and ensuring the household meets HSP guidelines.



Designating Additional Authorized Users: To designate additional authorized users, use the AHP/HSP **Supplemental** Authorization Form located on the HSP public web page.

Removing Authorized Users: To remove an authorized user, email hsp@fhlbtopeka.com.

If you have questions, email or call 866.571.8155.

Mail the original, completed Authorization Forms to:

Kellee Tinsley, Membership Coordinator FHLBank Topeka PO Box 176 Topeka, KS 66601-0176

Allow two weeks for FHLBank to process the Authorization Form.

Know the Difference:

AHP/HSP Authorization Form: The member's certification that each officer, employee or agent of the Institution listed is authorized on behalf of the institution to complete and execute such applications, agreements, disbursement requests, reservations, forms and other documents and otherwise complete all activities required to participate in the AHP and HSP.

AHP/HSP Supplemental Authorization Form: Form used by members to grant new authorized users to the AHP/HSP Authorization Form.

HSP REGISTRATION

The HSP Registration process changed prior to the 2020 HSP. Members that registered to participate in the 2020 HSP or a subsequent round, no longer need to register annually. Members that did not register to participate in the 2020 HSP or a subsequent round are required to submit a Registration Agreement to participate. Email hsp@fhlbtopeka.com to obtain registration instructions.

Members that originate home loans in High-Cost Areas should email hsp@fhlbtopeka.com to request participation in the High-Cost Area HSP.



HIGH-COST AREA HSP

First-time homebuyers purchasing homes in High-Cost Areas within FHLBank Topeka's district are

eligible to receive up to \$15,000.00 per household to assist with down payment, closing costs or eligible repairs. High-Cost Areas will be allocated \$750,000.00 of the annual AHP contribution. The funds will be available on a first-come, first-served basis of \$45,000.00 in reservations per member, per month beginning March 6, 2023. The High-Cost Area HSP is a separate program from the 2023 HSP. Member limits, reservations, disbursements, etc. cannot be combined or transferred between the two programs. All general and income HSP eligibility guidelines and rules apply to both programs.

High-Cost Areas within FHLBank Topeka district:

Adams County, CO Arapahoe County, CO Boulder County, CO Broomfield County, CO Clear Creek County, CO Denver County, CO Douglas County, CO Eagle County, CO Elbert County, CO Garfield County, CO Gilpin County, CO Jefferson County, CO Park County, CO Pitkin County, CO Routt County, CO San Miguel County, CO Summit County, CO



HSP ELIGIBILITY

HSP Online requires the authorized user to certify, through certifications on the Eligibility pages, that the household meets the HSP eligibility requirements. The authorized user submitting the reservation or disbursement request should have first-hand knowledge the certifications are accurate. Refer to the HSP Eligibility Questionnaire on the HSP public web page for help determining a household's eligibility. Additionally, members are required to obtain and retain back-up documentation for each certification and to provide that documentation to FHLBank upon request.

FHLBank reserves the right to request documentation to verify eligibility certifications.

Do not determine a household's eligibility prior to the household's identification of a specific home to purchase. For example: A homebuyer is pre-approved for a home loan and the household determined to be eligible for HSP subsidy several months prior to locating a home to purchase. When the homebuyer has an accepted contract to purchase a home, although the home loan pre-approval may still be active, the household's eligibility to receive HSP subsidy may not. Eligibility for HSP subsidy must be redetermined at this time due to the lapse in time between the eligibility determination and the location of the home to purchase.



ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATIONS

FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER

I certify all borrowers, co-borrowers and co-owners of the transaction are first-time homebuyers, as defined by FHLBank Topeka, who do not own and are not investors in another residence.

To be considered a first-time homebuyer, all borrowers, co-borrowers, and co-owners must meet the following definition:

First-time homebuyer: All borrowers, co-borrowers, and co-owners of the transaction, who do not own and are not investors in another residence, and who wish to purchase a home that will be their primary residence. In addition, the homebuyer(s) must meet any one of the following criteria:

- Have had no ownership in a residence during the prior three-year period ending on the date of purchase of the property;
- Have only owned a residence not permanently affixed to a permanent foundation in accordance with applicable Regulations;
- Has only owned a property that was not in compliance with State, local or model building codes and which cannot be brought into compliance for less than the cost of constructing a permanent structure; or
- Is a household displaced as a result of a Federally Declared Disaster (as designated by FEMA) within 24 months of the reservation date.

NON-OCCUPYING CO-BORROWERS/CO-OWNERS

I certify there are NOT any non-occupying co-borrowers or co-owners associated with the first mortgage loan.

All borrowers, co-borrowers and co-owners must be household members of the property being

purchased. **Non-occupying co-borrowers and non-occupying co-owners are not eligible for THE HSP.**

The scenarios below provide additional clarity to the differences between coborrowers, co-owners, and co-signers. The scenarios presented are for illustrative purposes and are not intended to encompass every possible scenario. After reviewing the scenario options, contact HCD prior to submitting a reservation request if you are unsure under which scenario a potential HSP subsidy recipient corresponds.

❖ Non-occupying Co-owner: A homebuyer is married but does not live in the same home as his/her spouse, and the spouse will not be on the loan or be living in the home after closing. However, because the couple is not divorced, the non-occupying spouse is considered a non-occupying co-owner. Nonoccupying co-owners are not eligible, so the

Know the Difference:

Co-borrower: Individual(s) included on the deed, mortgage/deed of trust, and promissory note for a property in conjunction with another individual(s) and is liable for repayment of debt secured by the mortgage/deed of trust. **Non-occupying co-borrowers are NOT ELIGIBLE.**

Co-owner: Individual(s) included on the deed and/or mortgage/deed of trust for a property in conjunction with another individual(s). **Non-occupying co-owners are NOT ELIGIBLE**.

Co-signer: Individual(s) included on the promissory note and liable for repayment of debt for real estate but is not on the deed and/or mortgage/deed of trust for property. **Non-occupying co-signers are eligible.**



- household is not eligible to receive the HSP grant. If the couple is divorcing, the divorce must be legally final prior to reservation submission (removing any requirement for a non-occupying co-owner).
- Non-occupying Co-borrower: A homebuyer's parent will be signing the loan documents along with him/her and will be included on the mortgage/deed of trust or deed. The parent is considered a non-occupying coborrower. Non-occupying co-borrowers are not eligible, so the household is not eligible to receive the HSP grant.
- Co-signer: A homebuyer's parent will be signing a Promissory Note but will not be on the mortgage/deed of trust or deed. The parent is considered a co-signer. The household is eligible to receive the HSP grant, assuming the household meets all other eligibility and regulatory requirements.

CASH BACK AT CLOSING

I certify the homebuyer will not receive cash back exceeding \$250.00 at closing.

Cash back to the homebuyer exceeding \$250.00 at closing is prohibited, regardless the amount of funds the homebuyer and/or other parties contributed to the transaction. If the homebuyer receives more than \$250.00 cash back at closing:

The amount equal to the cash received exceeding \$250.00 will be deducted from the member's reimbursement of grant funds.
 (Collecting those funds from the homebuyer and revising the Closing Disclosure is not an option to resolve the issue.)

FYI:

If, during preparation of the Closing Disclosure (CD), it is noted that the homebuyer will receive cash back at closing in an amount exceeding \$250.00, you can remedy this through:

- ✓ A principal reduction (must be shown on the CD).
- ✓ Reducing the HSP grant amount (must be shown on the CD).
- ✓ Reducing other sources of funds.

*Principal reductions should generally be for minimal amounts. If the cash back to borrower is a larger amount, FHLBank recommends restructuring the loan prior to the loan closing to allow for a larger down payment.

HOUSEHOLD

I certify that all individuals who currently, or will, occupy the residence will be disclosed as household members in the Income Calculation Workbook (ICW).

- All individuals who currently or will live in the home must be identified and their income included to determine eligibility, even if they are not included on the home loan application.
- Children and non-borrowing adult occupants must be disclosed as household members. It is imperative that the authorized user interviews the homebuyer(s) and asks who will be occupying the home. Given that homebuyer(s) are not aware of HSP guidelines, it is the responsibility of the authorized user to ensure all occupants are disclosed appropriately.



REPAYMENT OF OTHER DEBT

I certify the HSP subsidy will not be used for repayment of other debt as part of the home purchase.

Payment of non-housing-related costs (i.e., debt collections, credit cards, etc.), as part of the home purchase is prohibited, regardless the amount of funds the homebuyer and/or other parties contributed to the transaction. If the Closing Disclosure indicates there is payment of non-housing-related costs as part of the home purchase:

■ The amount paid toward the non-housing related costs will be deducted from the member's reimbursement of grant funds. (Collecting those funds from the homebuyer and revising the Closing Disclosure is not an option to resolve the issue.)

REFINANCING OF EXISTING LOANS

I certify the HSP subsidy will not be used to refinance an existing loan.

HSP subsidy may be used only for purchase transactions with permanent financing.

LOAN CLOSING

I certify the first mortgage loan will not close prior to a reservation status of "Reservation Request Eligible."

The first mortgage loan should close only after the reservation has been approved by FHLBank. Reservation approval is indicated by a reservation status of "Reservation Request Eligible." In addition, all contacts (authorized users) associated with the reservation will receive email confirmation immediately following approval of the reservation by FHLBank.

HOMEBUYER NAME AND PROPERTY ADDRESS

I certify that the homebuyer name and property address identified at reservation will match the homebuyer name and property address for the disbursement request.

Reservations cannot be transferred to other homebuyers or other properties.

MORTGAGE INTEREST RATE

I certify all mortgage interest rates will be at or below the FHLBank maximum interest rates in effect as of the date of closing.

- FHLBank maximum interest rates are posted in the Resources section of the HSP public web page.
- FHLBank updates interest rates the first Friday of each quarter.



LENDER FEES AND DISCOUNT POINTS

I certify the lender fees and discount points for all mortgages will be at or below FHLBank's maximum in effect as of the date of closing.

- Lender fees paid by the homebuyer, including origination fees, shall not exceed 4.0 percent of the loan amount;
- Loan discount fees paid by the homebuyer shall not exceed 2.5 percent of the loan amount.

PROCESSING FEES

I certify that processing fees will not be charged by any entity for providing the HSP subsidy to a household.

Members or other entities may not charge a fee for processing and/or providing the HSP subsidy to the household.



HOUSEHOLD INCOME ELIGIBILITY

Member certifies, at the time of reservation, the Income Calculation Workbook accurately represents income from <u>all</u> household members, as defined in the AHP Implementation Plan (IP) and herein. FHLBank reserves the right to request supporting documentation to verify any or all member certifications.

Household: Includes <u>all</u> the individuals who currently, or will, occupy the house or residence.

All household members must be disclosed, including non-borrowing adults and minor children.

Co-borrowers and co-owners must occupy the house or residence and their income must be included to determine eligibility. If a co-borrower or co-owner will not occupy the residence, the household is ineligible to receive HSP subsidy.

FYI

The Income Calculation
Workbook (ICW) may be
updated from time to time.
Open the ICW from the
HSP public web page for
each reservation. Do not
save the uncompleted
ICW to your desktop to
use for future
reservations.

If the current version of the ICW is not submitted with the reservation, approval will be delayed.

Household income is calculated based on the household's current annualized income at reservation submission. Household income must be at or below 80% of the <u>Area Median Income (AMI)</u> for the county in which the home is being purchased. HSP Online uses the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) published median income for the area and adjusts for household size to determine the household's percentage of the AMI.

- The HSP does not have minimum credit score, debt-to-income, or loan-to-value requirements.
- The HSP Reservation and home loan application may have different requirements that should be
 addressed separately. ALL individuals who currently or will live in the home must be identified and
 their income included to determine eligibility, even if they are not included on the home loan
 application.

The best way to ensure a reservation request is approved quickly, is to complete the Income Calculation Workbook (ICW) accurately based on income documentation that meets HSP guidelines. Allow FHLBank 15 calendar days to provide reservation approval. If additional documentation or corrections are required, the approval may take longer than 15 days. Schedule loan closings accordingly. Reservations, including clarification submissions, are reviewed in the order of receipt. Requests to expedite reviews will not be honored.

Refer to the AHP/HSP Income Calculation Guide, on the HSP public web page, for income documentation requirements and instruction for completing the ICW. Do not provide income documentation in excess of what is required.



INCOME FAQS

Q: My homebuyer's significant other and children will be living in the home. The significant other will not be a borrower on the loan. Do I need to disclose all these individuals as household members?

A: Yes, all individuals (and their income) that currently or will occupy the home must be disclosed as household members, including non-borrowing adults and children.

Q: What type of income should be disclosed for the reservation?

A: All household income should be disclosed. This includes, but is not limited to, full-time and part-time employment income, seasonal income, unemployment benefits, non-employment income such as social security, child support, alimony, retirement benefits, etc.

Q: I'm working with a homebuyer that is getting married next month, should the fiancée's income be included as part of the household income?

A: Yes, the fiancée's income should be included as part of the household income. ALL individuals that intend to occupy the home must be disclosed and their income included.

Q: How many paystubs are required to calculate income for an hourly wage or salaried homebuyer?

A: One paystub is required, please do not submit multiple paystubs. The paystub must meet the following requirements to complete the ICW:

- Represents at least 28 days of YTD earnings;
- Includes a breakdown of all YTD earnings;
- Accurately represents a typical pay period;
- Is dated within 60 days prior to the reservation submission date;
- Identifiable employer name and homebuyer name;
- Discloses pay period dates, pay frequency, pay date, wage/salary and hours worked/paid.

Q: When completing the ICW, why is bonus, overtime, commission, tips, shift differential, etc. included in the YTD Other Income cell when I have already included it in the YTD Total Income? Isn't that counting it twice?

A: No, the ICW consists of two separate income calculations, the YTD Earnings, and the Base Wages. The income entered in the YTD Other Income cell is part of the Base Wages calculation.



Q: If a homebuyer typically works 40 hours a week, but the paystub that was provided to me shows 8 hours of Holiday Pay for a total of 48 hours paid for the week. Can I complete the Hours/Week cell with 40?

A: No, If the paystub provided demonstrates that the homebuyer was paid for 48 hours at the regular wage, the Hours/Week should be completed as 48. If it is not typical for the homebuyer to be paid 48 hours a week, do not submit that paystub. Obtain a paystub that represents a typical pay period.

Q: How many years of tax returns do I provide for selfemployed homebuyers?

A: Only the previous year signed, tax return is required. Provide all pages and schedules. Do not provide multiple tax returns. If the self-employment started in the current year, provide a YTD profit and loss statement signed by the homebuyer.

For additional income calculation requirements, refer to the AHP and HSP Income Calculation Guide on the HSP public web page.

Q: I am working with a homebuyer that has an employment contract. The home purchase will be completed before the start date of the new position. How do I document this homebuyer's income?

A: Future income cannot be used to qualify a homebuyer for HSP subsidy. Income at the time of reservation must be used. Provide one paystub or a VOE from the homebuyer's current employer (employer at the time the reservation is submitted). If the homebuyer is unemployed at the time of reservation submission, have the homebuyer sign an AHP/HSP Zero Income Certification.

Q: How do you calculate income if a bonus was received early in the year and it is a one-time bonus?

A: All income earned YTD will be annualized in the absence of documentation that states otherwise. If the employer can provide documentation, in writing, stating that the bonus is received once a year and no other bonuses will be received for the remainder of the calendar year, it can be removed from the YTD Total Income and YTD Other Income cells and shown as a one-time earning in the Section 3 of the ICW.



PROPERTY ELIGIBILITY

Eligible properties include <u>single-family dwellings</u>, townhouses, condominiums, cooperative housing units or <u>manufactured housing</u> (must be affixed to a permanent foundation and titled as real estate) to be used as the homebuyer's primary residence.

Investment properties are not eligible for HSP grant funds.

New construction of a single-family dwelling is allowed; however, the construction must be completed prior to closing.

Properties being purchased from family members are eligible for HSP grant funds.

The property being purchased must be located in FHLBank's four-state district (Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, or Oklahoma).

Properties in which the member currently has an ownership interest (REO) are eligible to be sold using HSP subsidy. For these properties, the member must provide an appraisal at the time of reservation, on the Site Selection screen, that meets the following requirements:

- The market value of the property is deemed to be the "as-is" or "as-rehabilitated" value of the property, as appropriate.
- The value is determined by an independent appraisal of the property performed by a state-certified or licensed appraiser, as defined in 12 C.F.R. §564.2 (j) and (k). County assessments and appraisals performed by the member cannot be accepted.
- The appraisal was performed within six months prior to the date of the reservation of funds.
- The purchase price of the property does not exceed the market value.

Properties located in the following counties are eligible for the 2023 High-Cost Area HSP:

- Adams County, CO
- Arapahoe County, CO
- Boulder County, CO
- Broomfield County, CO
- Clear Creek County, CO
- Denver County, CO
- Douglas County, CO
- Eagle County, CO
- Elbert County, CO
- Garfield County, COGilpin County, CO
- Jefferson County, CO
- Park County, CO
- Pitkin County, CO
- Routt County, CO
- San Miguel County, CO
- Summit County, CO



ELIGIBLE USES OF GRANT FUNDS

HSP funds may be used for down payment and closing costs for eligible properties, as well as homebuyer education and eligible repair costs.

Examples of closing costs include, but are not limited to:

- Loan origination and/or discount fees
- Appraisal and/or application fees
- Credit report
- Flood certification
- Closing fees
- Document preparation
- Attorney fees
- Title insurance and title fees
- Abstracting fees
- Recording fees and tax stamps
- Survey fees
- Prepaid interest
- · Escrow of property taxes, homeowner's insurance, mortgage insurance, and flood insurance
- Mortgage Insurance (including upfront premium)
- Property inspection fees

Eligible repair costs include restoration of parts of the dwelling in substandard condition, damaged, broken, or not working correctly, back to good condition or working order to address habitability issues, code deficiencies, or underwriting requirements of the dwelling including, but not limited to:

- Accessibility
- Roof
- Electrical
- Plumbing
- Sewer
- Mechanical
- Foundation or other structural
- Windows
- Doors
- Floor coverings
- Wall repair
- Paint
- Hazardous material remediation

Ineligible repair costs include, but are not limited to:

- Construction/repairs of an outbuilding
- Payment directly to a household member for repair labor
- Luxury items (i.e., landscaping, hot tubs, swimming pools)

If unsure whether the proposed repairs are eligible, contact FHLBank prior to beginning purchase-related repairs.



REPAIRS

Repair documentation should be obtained and reviewed by the member prior to the loan closing. Repair documentation is required to be provided as part of the Disbursement Request submission unless the homebuyer has contributed enough of their own funds to cover the cost of the repair(s).

If HSP funds are used to pay for all or part of purchase-related repairs, the repairs must be documented on the Closing Disclosure by one of the two methods identified below:

Option 1: Escrow

Repair expenses are held in escrow and disbursed by the member or closing agent.

- The funds held in escrow must be shown on the Closing Disclosure.
- An estimate from the contractor or vendor for the repairs and a detailed list of the repairs must be provided to FHLBank at Disbursement Request submission. Printouts of online shopping carts, home inspection reports, appraisal requirements, etc. will not be accepted as estimates. In addition, estimates should not be prepared or altered by the member or homebuyer.
- The estimate shall document the address of the property in which the repairs are to be made.
- Any unused funds must be applied to the new first mortgage as a principal reduction or held in escrow to be applied towards future payments.

Option 2: Paid at Closing

Repair expenses are listed on the Closing Disclosure.

- The repairs are listed on the Closing Disclosure, detailing the repair, as well as the cost for that specific repair.
- Copies of paid invoices and/or receipts detailing the repairs and cost of the repairs must be provided to FHLBank at Disbursement Request submission.
- The invoices or receipts shall match the vendor, amount, and repair type documented on the Closing Disclosure. Printouts of online shopping carts, non-detailed cash register receipts, home inspection reports, appraisal requirements, etc. will not be accepted as invoices. In addition, invoices should not be prepared or altered by the member or homebuyer.

HSP funds to be used for purchase-related repairs may not be disbursed to the homebuyer at closing.

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INELIGIBLE USES OF GRANT FUNDS

As described previously and summarized below, ineligible uses of grant funds include, but are not limited to:

- Transactions for homebuyers that do not meet the FHLBank first-time homebuyer definition;
- Transactions that include a non-occupying <u>co-borrower</u> or <u>co-owner</u>;
- Transactions in which all <u>household</u> members and income have not been disclosed.
- Cash back to the homebuyer exceeding \$250.00 at closing;
- Payment of <u>non-housing-related costs</u> (debt collections, credit cards, etc.);
- Refinance transactions;
- Home purchases closed prior to FHLBank's approval of the reservation (a status of "Reservation Request Eligible");
- Home purchases for properties not identified at the time of reservation submission;
- Transactions in which the mortgage interest rate(s) exceed the FHLBank maximum interest rate(s) in effect as of the date of closing;
- Transactions in which the <u>lender fees</u> and/or discount points exceed FHLBank's maximum guidelines;
- Transactions in which a processing fee was charged by any entity for providing the HSP subsidy to the household;
- Homebuyer education costs that have been covered by another source or that exceed \$500.00;
- Home purchases for properties outside of FHLBank Topeka's district.



HOMEBUYER EDUCATION

The homebuyer education must be provided by, or based on one provided by, an organization experienced in homebuyer education. FHLBank has determined that HUD Approved Counseling

Agencies, organizations that have adopted the National Industry Standards for Homeownership Education and Counseling, homebuyer education programs accepted by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and homebuyer education programs provided as part of Habitat for Humanity programs meet these criteria. Links to these organizations can be found on the HSP public web page.

 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

 National Industry Standards of Homeownership Education and Counseling

• Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae)

• Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac)

Habitat for Humanity

If Homebuyer Education is taken through an online platform, such as EHomeAmerica, ensure the provider meets FHLBank Requirements. EHomeAmerica is not the Homebuyer Education provider.

FHLBank recommends the required homebuyer education course be taken prior to the loan closing. If the homebuyer does not complete a homebuyer education course, FHLBank will not fund the disbursement request.

Homebuyer Education courses must be completed within the current or previous calendar year of the purchase closing. Ensure that the date of completion is stated on the homebuyer education certificate.

For households with more than one homebuyer, only one adult homebuyer must complete the homebuyer education course and be named on the certificate.

If the homebuyer education is taken in a classroom or face-to-face setting, the certificate must be signed by the provider. If the course is taken online, the certificate must be signed by the homebuyer. If the certificate does not provide a signature line, the homebuyer may sign in any open space on the certificate.

HSP grant funds may be used to cover the cost of the homebuyer education if:

- The cost of the course does not exceed \$500.00.
- The cost has not been covered by another funding source.
- The cost is identified on the Closing Disclosure.



RESERVATION OF FUNDS

Reservations for HSP funds may be submitted beginning March 6, 2023, by registered members. HSP grant funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservation requests must identify a specific

FYI:

If a member has outstanding Reservation or Disbursement Requests from the 2022 HSP, the member may not reserve funds in the 2023 HSP until the 2022 HSP Reservations and/or Disbursements are funded or withdrawn.

homebuyer and a specific property address as listed on the purchase agreement.

Reservation requests are accepted through HSP Online. The member must submit the Income Calculation Workbook (ICW) and income documentation through HSP Online to reserve funds. The appraisal may also need to be submitted, if required (refer to the Property Eligibility section of this guide for more information).

Reservations are reviewed in the order of receipt. Requests to expedite a reservation review/approval will not be honored. Allow 15 calendar days for FHLBank to review the reservation. If clarification must be sent for corrections, additional documentation, information, etc. the approval will take longer. Schedule loan closings accordingly.

Reservations may be started and saved to complete later if the "Reservation Initiation Information" and "Additional Member Contacts" screens are complete. Once these two screens are complete:

- The reservation's status will change to "Reservation Request Pending;"
- Funds are reserved at this point.

The purchase contract and home loan application may be dated prior to the reservation date.

FHLBank cannot review Reservation Requests with a status of "Reservation Request Pending."

Pending Reservations must be submitted within one day of initiation. If not submitted in one day, HSP Online will expire the reservation and a new reservation will need to be initiated and submitted. Completed all screens (indicated by a green checkmark) and select "Submit" on the Reservation Home screen. Once the request is submitted:

- The status will change to "Reservation Request Submitted;"
- All selected contacts for the reservation will receive an email confirming submission;
- The reservation is no longer editable by the member.



Once FHLBank's review of the reservation request is complete, the status of the reservation request will change to "Reservation Request Eligible," "Reservation Request Clarification Pending," or "Reservation Request Ineligible."

- If the reservation request is approved, the disbursement request must be submitted within 90 days of the reservation approval (status of "Reservation Request Eligible").
- If the disbursement request is not received within 90 days of the reservation approval, HSP Online will withdraw the reservation. The expiration date is included on the Dashboard and on the Timeline screen.
- If clarification is requested ("Reservation Request Clarification Pending"), responding to the request promptly will help to ensure the reservation is approved in a timely manner.

Know the Difference:

Pending: A reservation with a status of "Reservation Request Pending" will expire (funds will no longer be reserved for the household and address) if the reservation is not submitted to FHLBank (status of "Reservation Request Submitted") within one calendar day. Refer to the expiration date displayed on the dashboard and/or the Timeline screen. For example, if a reservation request is initiated on Tuesday, it must be submitted by end of day Wednesday. Reservations with a status of "Pending" have not been submitted and cannot be reviewed by FHLBank.

Submitted: A reservation with a status of "Reservation Request Submitted" can be reviewed by FHLBank.

FHLBank's approval determination may be delayed when a request:

- Includes multiple and/or complex clarifications;
- Includes incorrect or missing documentation;
- Includes income documentation in excess of what is required;
- Has a lengthy timeframe between a request for clarification and submission of the clarification.

Timely response from the member is required. FHLBank may, at its discretion, withdraw Requests for which FHLBank has not received the requested additional information, correction, or clarification of submission within thirty days of FHLBank's request.

Remember: FHLBank cannot review reservations or disbursements with a status of "Pending."



DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Disbursement Requests for HSP funds may be submitted after the Reservation Request status is "Reservation Request Eligible" and after the loan has been closed. Disbursement requests must be submitted within 90 days of a status of "Reservation Request Eligible" or the reservation will expire, and funds will no longer be reserved for the household and address. The expiration date is included on the Dashboard and Timeline screen. In addition, all contacts associated with the reservation will receive a reminder email 30 days prior to the grant expiration date. It is the member's sole responsibility to monitor the 90-day submission requirement.

Disbursement of Funds must be requested through HSP Online and the following documentation provided:

- Final, signed Closing Disclosure
- Recorded Real Estate Retention Agreement
- Signed Homebuyer Education Certificate
- Repair estimates/paid invoices (if applicable)
- Grant/forgivable loan or second mortgage documentation (if applicable)

A Disbursement Request does not have to be started and completed in one sitting. If started, be sure to save frequently. When coming back to work on a Disbursement Request or when responding to a Clarification Request from an HCD Analyst, be sure to select the Disbursement Request Number on the Dashboard, not the Reservation Request Number.

FHLBank cannot review Disbursement Requests with a status of "Disbursement Request Pending."Disbursements requests in "Disbursement Request Pending" status will expire and must be submitted prior to the reservation expiration date. Complete all screens (indicated by a green checkmark) and select "Submit" on the Disbursement Home screen. Once the request is submitted:

- The status will change to "Disbursement Request Submitted;"
- All selected contacts for the disbursement will receive an email confirming submission;
- The disbursement is no longer editable by the member.



GRANTS/FORGIVABLE LOANS AND SECOND MORTGAGES

If there are any grants/forgivable loans or second mortgages included in the transaction, the corresponding documentation for those must be submitted. The documentation should be obtained from the provider of the grant/forgivable loan or from the second or subsequent mortgage lender. Documentation for grants/forgivable loans should include:

- Terms of repayment; or
- Verification that no repayment is required;

Documentation for second mortgages should include:

- Loan Amount;
- APR;
- Loan Term;
- Interest Rate;
- Borrower Paid Origination Charges;
- Discount Points.

Know the Difference:

Grant: Payments made to the household with no requirement or expectation of repayment. DO NOT INCLUDE THE HSP GRANT IN THIS AMOUNT.

Forgivable Loans: 1) If forgivable – The loan forgiveness might be structured to occur at one point in time (such as at the end of the affordability period) or forgiven incrementally (such as forgiving one-fifth of the loan each year over five years). 2) If repayable – Repayment might be required at the sale or transfer of the property or at the end of a fixed period of time. These loans are also referred to as "soft seconds."

Missing or incorrect documentation will require additional clarification leading to a delay in FHLBank's determination of the household's eligibility and/or reimbursement of grant funds.



PREPARATION OF THE CLOSING DISCLOSURE

Members use a wide range of mortgage programs including FHA, VA, USDA Rural Development, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, or MPF. Members should check with the secondary market investor regarding requirements for purchasing first mortgage loans where there is a recorded retention agreement on the property from a down payment assistance subsidy. Members must follow both HSP guidelines as well as first mortgage lender and investor guidelines. HSP grant funds may be combined with other federal, state, and/or local grants or loans.

Members are not required to hold the HSP recipient's first mortgage in their portfolios or sell them to FHLBank's Mortgage Partnership Finance (MPF) program. For information about MPF, contact FHLBank's MPF Account Manager, Chris Endicott at 866.571.8171 or chris.endicott@fhlbtopeka.com.

Details of the homebuyer's loan must meet the following requirements:

- The loan closing date is not prior to reservation approval (status "Reservation Request Eligible");
- The property address on the Closing Disclosure (CD) matches the property address for which funds were reserved. Contact FHLBank prior to closing if the reservation does not include the correct address;
- All names on the CD were included as household members on the Household Summary tab of the Income Calculation Workbook that was submitted with the reservation request;
- The first mortgage loan term is between five and 40 years;
- All mortgage interest rates are at or below the FHLBank maximum interest rates in effect as the date of closing. FHLBank maximum interest rates are posted on HSP public web page;
- Lender fees (fees paid to the member and/or lender) paid by the homebuyer, including but not limited to origination fees, document preparation fees, application fees, etc. do not exceed 4% of the loan amount for all mortgage loans associated with the transaction;
- Discount points paid by the homebuyer do not exceed 2.5% of the mortgage loan amount;
- Homebuyer Education fee does not exceed \$500.00;
- The HSP subsidy amount shown on the CD does not exceed the HSP subsidy amount reserved;
- The HSP subsidy amount shown on the CD is not less than \$2,500.00;
- The HSP subsidy amount shown on the CD does not exceed \$7,500.00 in non-high-cost areas and does not exceed \$15,000.00 in high-cost areas;
- The HSP subsidy is labeled "HSP Grant" or something similar that demonstrates positive identification of the HSP grant. Do not label the grant as "second mortgage" or "gift funds;"
- The loan terms and loan information sections of the CD (amount, interest rate, term, product, etc.) are filled out completely;
- A processing fee is not being charged by any entity for providing the HSP subsidy to the household;
- The HSP subsidy is not being used for non-housing-related expenses;
- The household will not receive cash back in excess of \$250.00 at closing;
- Non-occupying co-borrowers and co-owners are not part of the transaction;
- The final CD is signed by all borrowers shown on the CD.

The lender, investor and/or other grant source guidelines DO NOT supersede the HSP guidelines under any circumstance.



HSP ONLINE STATUS DESCRIPTIONS

RESERVATION REQUEST STATUS DESCRIPTIONS

Reservation Request Pending – A reservation request has been initiated, but not yet submitted. You may begin and save progress on the reservation request and return to complete the work at a later time/date. The reservation must be completed and submitted (status of "Reservation Request Submitted") to FHLBank within one day, or the reservation will expire, and funds will no longer be reserved for the household. FHLBank cannot review the request until it has been submitted. If the status includes the word "Pending," it has not been submitted for FHLBank review.

Reservation Request Submitted – Reservation has been submitted and is now available for FHLBank to review and approve/reject. You are no longer able to edit the reservation request.

Reservation Request Under Review – Request is under review by FHLBank.

Reservation Request Clarification Pending – Reservation has a clarification request outstanding. You can only edit the pages where FHLBank has indicated clarification is needed. FHLBank cannot review the clarification until it has been submitted. If the status includes the word "Pending," it has not been submitted for FHLBank review.

Reservation Request Clarification Submitted – Clarification has been submitted, returning the reservation request to FHLBank for review. You cannot edit the clarification once submitted.

Reservation Request Ineligible – The request has been reviewed, and FHLBank has determined the household is not eligible for a reservation.

Reservation Request Eligible – The request has been reviewed, and FHLBank has determined the household is eligible for a reservation. You may now proceed with the loan closing.

DISBURSEMENT REQUEST STATUS DESCRIPTIONS

Disbursement Request Pending – A disbursement request has been initiated, but not yet submitted. You may begin and save progress on the disbursement request and return to complete the work at a later time/date by selecting the disbursement number on your Dashboard. FHLBank cannot review the request until it has been submitted. If the status includes the word "Pending," it has not been submitted for FHLBank review.

Disbursement Request Submitted – The request has been submitted and is now available for FHLBank to review and approve. You are no longer able to edit the disbursement request.

Disbursement Request Under Review – Request is under review by FHLBank.

Disbursement Request Clarification Pending – Request has a clarification request outstanding. FHLBank cannot review the clarification until it has been submitted. If the status includes the word "Pending," it has not been submitted for FHLBank review.

Disbursement Request Clarification Submitted – The clarification request has been submitted to FHLBank for review.

Disbursement Request Rejected – The request has been reviewed and FHLBank has determined the disbursement is not eligible for reimbursement.



Disbursement Request Approved – The request has been reviewed and FHLBank has determined the disbursement is eligible for reimbursement. Funds will be deposited into the member's FHLBank DDA.

WITHDRAWAL & EXPIRATION STATUS DESCRIPTIONS

Expired – The length of time for grant reservation has passed. Reservations with this status are no longer eligible for reimbursement.

Reservation Request Withdrawn – FHLBank has approved withdrawal request.



STEP BY STEP OVERVIEW

ACCESS HSP ONLINE AND MEMBER REGISTRATION

- Member completes the AHP/HSP Authorization Form if the member has NEVER completed a form. If FHLBank currently has an AHP/HSP Authorization Form on file for the member, a new form is not required.
- 2. Member notifies Members Only Member Administrator of new AHP/HSP contacts.
- 3. Member completes the HSP Member Registration Agreement if the member did not register for the 2020 HSP or a subsequent HSP round.

MEMBER PREPARATION FOR HSP PARTICIPATION

- 1. Member attends training opportunities provided by FHLBank.
- 2. Member reviews the AHP IP (specifically Section VIII).
- 3. Member reviews the HSP User Guide.
- 4. Member reviews the AHP & HSP Income Calculation Guide and HSP Income Calculation Workbook.

MEMBER RESERVATION OF HSP FUNDS

- 1. Using the HSP Eligibility Questionnaire, member interviews the homebuyer, gathers documentation required for reservation, and completes the Income Calculation Workbook.
- 2. Member reserves funds in HSP Online for eligible households that have identified a home to purchase.
- 3. Member retains all back-up documentation for information certified (see "Eligibility Certifications" section) at the time of reservation (i.e., first-time homebuyer, household size, income, etc.)
- 4. FHLBank reviews reservation and provides a determination of household's eligibility via HSP Online.
- 5. Member may close the loan after the reservation has been approved (status change to "Reservation Request Eligible").

MEMBER CLOSING OF MORTGAGE LOAN AND REQUEST FOR DISBURSEMENT OF HSP FUNDS

- 1. Member reviews the HSP User Guide, with careful consideration of the HSP Closing Checklist to ensure the household meets all program requirements for disbursement of grant funds.
- 2. Member closes the loan and ensures the Real Estate Retention Agreement is executed at closing.
- 3. Member records the executed Real Estate Retention Agreement.
- 4. Member requests disbursement of grant funds through HSP Online and provides required documentation:
 - Final, signed Closing Disclosure
 - Signed Homebuyer Education Certificate
 - o Recorded Real Estate Retention Agreement
 - Repair estimates/invoices (if applicable)
 - o Grant/forgivable loan and second/subsequent mortgage documentation (if applicable)

FYI:

Review of homebuyer eligibility and program compliance are crucial, as the member must disburse funds to the homebuyer(s) at the loan closing and then be reimbursed by FHLBank Topeka. Ineligible use of HSP funds and/or providing funds to an ineligible household may result in a reduction or denial of disbursement.



5. FHLBank reviews the disbursement request and required documentation, requests clarification if necessary, and reimburses the member by depositing the HSP funds in the member's FHLBank Demand Deposit Account (DDA). Notification of the deposit is made to the member contacts associated with the disbursement request via email. Deposits are also reflected in Members Only.



REAL ESTATE RETENTION AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS

The homebuyer must agree to a five-year retention period, to maintain ownership of the property for a period of five years from the closing date or potentially repay a prorated share of HSP funds. The amount of the subsidy declines $1/60^{th}$ each month for 60 consecutive months and is then forgiven.

The retention period commences on the date the loan is closed.

The <u>Real Estate Retention Agreement</u> (RERA) must reference the property address and legal description of the property being purchased. All required fields must be completed (dates, names, etc.).

FHLBank recommends the RERA be signed at the loan closing and recorded immediately following the loan closing. The RERA should be recorded separately from other documents. A copy of the recorded RERA must be provided with the submission of the HSP Online disbursement request. **Do not submit a disbursement request until the recorded RERA can be provided.**

Use the current version of the RERA. Obtain a RERA from the HSP public web page for each household to ensure submission of the current version. **DO NOT** save HSP documents on your computer to be reused for multiple households.

DO NOT MAIL THE ORIGINAL RERA TO FHLBANK. The copy uploaded to HSP Online with the disbursement request meets FHLBank requirements.

If the RERA is submitted to FHLBank and it is not completed correctly, FHLBank will request corrections to be made and acknowledged (initialed) by the homebuyer and/or notary. The corrected and acknowledged RERA will be required to be re-recorded. The disbursement request will not be approved until the RERA meets FHLBank's criteria. If the disbursement request is denied or the grant amount is modified, the member will be required to record a release or of the RERA. In the instance that a release is necessary, FHLBank will not approve the disbursement request until the release has been received and reviewed. A sample RERA to assist with completing the document correctly is available on HSP public web page.

REPAYMENT OF SUBSIDY

In the case of a sale, transfer, assignment of title or deed, or refinancing of the home by the household during the retention period, a portion of the HSP subsidy may be required to be repaid to FHLBank unless one of the exceptions listed below applies. Contact FHLBank to determine the repayment amount.

- The unit was assisted with a permanent mortgage loan funded by an AHP subsidized advance;
- The unit is sold, transferred, or assigned to a very low-, low-, or moderate-income household, or proxy for such household, as defined in FHLBank's AHP IP;
- The amount of the HSP subsidy required to be repaid is \$2,500 or less;
- Following a refinancing, the unit continues to be subject to a deed restriction or other legally enforceable retention agreement or mechanism;
- The obligation to repay the HSP subsidy to FHLBank terminates after any foreclosure, deed-in-lieu of foreclosure, assignment to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or the death of the homeowner.



CALCULATING REPAYMENT OF SUBSIDY

If the property is sold before the end of the retention period, the repayment amount shall be the lesser of:

- The HSP subsidy, reduced on a pro rata basis per month until the unit is sold, transferred, or its title or deed transferred, or is refinanced, during the HSP five-year retention period;
- Any Net Proceeds, as defined in the AHP IP, from the sale, transfer, or assignment of title or deed of the unit, or the refinancing, as applicable, minus the HSP-assisted Household's Investment as defined in the AHP IP.

REFINANCING AND HOME EQUITY LOANS

- FHLBank Topeka will subordinate the retention agreement if the homebuyer wishes to refinance their first mortgage or wishes to establish a home equity loan.
- To obtain a RERA release, payoff, or subordination, complete a Request for Repayment Quote Form found on the FHLBank public website, Request for Repayment Quote web page.

For questions regarding payoffs, releases and subordinations of FHLBank's RERA, contact Housing and Community Development at 1.866.571.8155 or via email at HousingPayoffRelease@fhlbtopeka.com.

^{*}It is important for the homebuyer to save documentation of capital improvements made during ownership of the property.



TERMS

AHP/HSP Authorization Form (Authorization Form) – identifies your institution's officers, employees and/or agents who are authorized to complete and execute applications, agreements, disbursement requests, reservations, forms, and other documents related to the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) and Homeownership Set-aside Program (HSP).

AHP/HSP Supplemental Authorization Form - allows your institution to designate a new authorized user to the AHP/HSP Authorization Form on file with FHLBank Topeka. Do not use an AHP/HSP Supplemental Authorization Form to remove an authorized contact from your AHP/HSP Authorization currently in place. This form is to be used for adding authorized users only.

AHP and HSP Income Calculation Guide – Document that sets forth the income calculation guidelines for the Affordable Housing Program (AHP) and the Homeownership Set-aside Program (HSP) of FHLBank and provides instruction for the completion of the Income Calculation Workbook.

AHP and HSP Request for Repayment Quote, Release or Subordination – Form that walks through the steps to request a determination whether an AHP or HSP grant is past retention or whether repayment is required. Also identifies documents required for FHLBank to complete the analysis.

Area Median Income (AMI) – For owner-occupied and rental households, the median income for the area, as published by the United States Department of Agriculture and adjusted for household size. NAHASDA income limits may be used for either owner-occupied or rental households for Native American projects.

Closing Costs - Expenses over and above the price of the property incurred by the buyer when transferring ownership of the property.

Co-borrower - Individual(s) included on the deed, mortgage/deed of trust, and promissory note for a property in conjunction with another individual(s) and is liable for repayment of debt secured by the mortgage/deed of trust. **Non-occupying co-borrowers are NOT ELIGIBLE**.

Co-owner - Individual(s) included on the deed and/or mortgage/deed of trust for a property in conjunction with another individual(s). **Non-occupying co-owners are NOT ELIGIBLE.**

Co-signer - Individual(s) that is included on the promissory note and is liable for repayment of debt for real estate but is not on the deed and/or mortgage/deed of trust for property. Non-occupying co-signers are eligible.

Disbursement - A transfer of program funds to the member for use by the homebuyer or project.

Family Member - Any individual related to a person by blood, marriage, or adoption.

First-time Homebuyer - All borrowers, co-borrowers, and co-owners of the transaction, who do not own and are not investors in another residence, and who wish to purchase a home that will be their primary residence. In addition, the homebuyer(s) must meet any one of the following criteria:

- 1. Have had no ownership in a residence during the prior three-year period ending on the date of purchase of the property;
- 2. Have only owned a residence not permanently affixed to a permanent foundation in accordance with applicable Regulations;



- 3. Has only owned a property that was not in compliance with State, local or model building codes and which cannot be brought into compliance for less than the cost of constructing a permanent structure; or
- 4. Is a household displaced as a result of a Federally Declared Disaster (as designated by FEMA) within 24 months of the reservation date.

Forgivable Loans – 1) If forgivable – The loan forgiveness might be structured to occur at one point in time (such as the end of the affordability period) or forgiven incrementally (such as forgiving one-fifth of the loan each year over five years). 2) If repayable – Repayment might be required at the sale or transfer of the property or at the end of a fixed period of time. These loans are also referred to as "soft seconds."

Grant – Payments made to the household with no requirement or expectation of repayment.

Head of Household – Household member identified as "Head of Household" on the Household Summary tab of FHLBank's Income Calculation Workbook or similar spreadsheet.

High-Cost Area – High-Cost Areas are counties in which 115 percent of the local median home value exceeds the baseline confirming loan limit, as established annually by the Federal Housing Finance Agency.

Homebuyer/Homeownership Education - Recipients must complete a homebuyer education program, within the current or previous calendar year of the purchase closing date, provided by, or based on one provided by, an organization recognized as experienced in homebuyer education.

Household - Includes all the individuals who currently, or will, occupy the house or residence.

Homeownership Set-aside Program Member Registration Agreement (Registration Agreement) - Agreement that must be signed by the member and on file to participate in the HSP. By signing the Registration Agreement, the member agrees to comply with the statutes, regulations, policies, procedures, and rules that govern the HSP.

HSP Online – FHLBank's automated online system for HSP reservations and disbursements.

HUD - U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Lender Fees - Fees charged by lender in association with the loan.

Low- or Moderate- Income Household - A household that has an income of 80 percent or less of the AMI, with the income limit adjusted for household size in accordance with the methodology of the applicable median income standard, unless such median income standard has no household size adjustment methodology.

Manufactured Housing - A structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent frame and is designed to be used as a dwelling when connected to the required utilities.

Member - An institution that has been approved for membership in FHLBank and has purchased capital stock in FHLBank.

Mortgage Partnership Finance (MPF) – A secondary market alternative for fixed rate mortgage loans available to FHLBank members and housing associates who apply and are approved to become a Participating Financial Institution (PFI).

Native American Housing Income Limits (NAHASDA Income Limits) - The income limits published annually by HUD's Office of Native American Programs for the purpose of determining eligibility for assistance under programs funded by block grants under NAHASDA.



Non-housing-related Costs - Payment of costs not directly related to the home purchase. Costs include, but are not limited to, debt collections, credit card bills, child-support payments, and federal or state income taxes.

Real Estate Retention Agreement (RERA) – Recorded document in which the homebuyer agrees to maintain ownership of and reside in the property for which grant funds were received for a period of five years (60 months). If homebuyer sells or refinances home before the five-year period expires, repayment of a pro-rated amount may be required.

Repair - To restore those parts of a dwelling in substandard condition, damaged, broken, or not working correctly, back to good condition or working order to address habitability issues, code deficiencies, or underwriting requirements. FHLBank's subsidy for rehabilitation should be used to accomplish the objective of maintaining affordable housing, defined as housing that is targeted to the low-and-moderate income markets. Repairs or improvements inconsistent with the objective of maintaining affordable housing are not eligible as a rehabilitation cost.

Eligible Repair Costs – AHP subsidy may be used to pay for rehabilitation including by not limited to: accessibility, roof, electrical, plumbing, sewer, mechanical, foundation or other structural, windows, doors, floor coverings wall repair, paint, or hazardous material remediation.

Ineligible Repair Costs – AHP subsidy cannot be used to pay for repairs (unless specified above) including, but not limited to: construction/repairs of an outbuilding, payments directly to the household for repair labor, luxury items (i.e. landscaping, hot tubs, swimming pools).

Reservation Date - The date the Reservation Request was initiated in HSP Online. The status of the reservation is "Reservation Request Pending."

Retention Period – Owner-occupied projects that include the purchase of existing and newly-constructed homes shall have agreements ensuring retention for five (5) years (60 months) from the date of the closing as evidenced by the closing document.

Single-family Home – A structure with one to four dwelling units.

Subsidy — Monetary assistance granted by FHLBank in support of affordable housing in communities served by FHLBank. The AHP subsidy may take one of two forms: 1) A direct subsidy, provided that if a direct subsidy is used to write down the interest rate on a loan extended by a member, project sponsor, or other party to a project, the subsidy must equal the net present value of the interest foregone from making the loan below the lender's market interest rate; or 2) The net present value of the interest revenue foregone from making a subsidized advance at a rate below FHLBank's cost of funds.

USDA Income Limits – The income limits for a county developed by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and published annually to determine eligibility of applicants for USDA's assisted housing programs.

Very Low-income Household (VLI Household) - A household that has an income at or below 50 percent of the applicable AMI, with the income limit adjusted for household size in accordance with the methodology of the applicable median income standard, unless such median income standard has no household size adjustment methodology.



Using HSP Online

HOURS OF OPERATION

HSP Online will be available between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to midnight CST. It will be offline for routine maintenance and updates between the hours of midnight and 6:30 a.m. CST.

ACCESSING HSP ONLINE

Select the link to HSP Online on HSP public web page.

On the Welcome Page, select "Member Sign In."

FYI:

Most members will also be able to access HSP Online through Members Only.



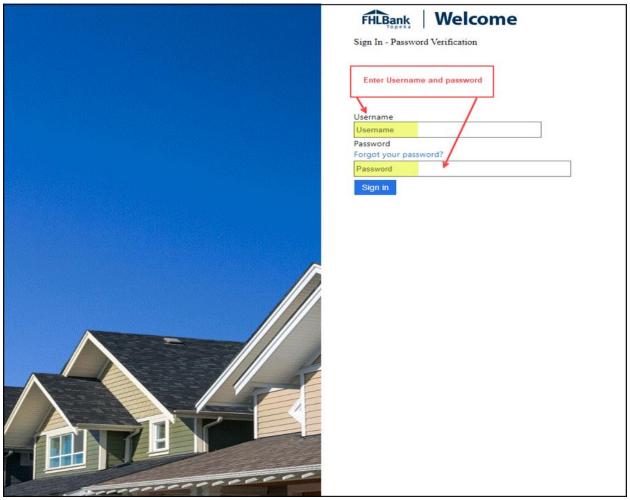
^{*}Screen design/layout may be different than shown above.



LOGGING IN FOR THE FIRST TIME

Enter Username and password.

If this is the first time you are logging in, you will need to reset your password. Otherwise, skip this section, and continue to <u>Logging in to HSP Online</u>.



^{*}Screen design/layout may be different than shown above.

You will be prompted to update your password.

The password must be 8-16 characters and must include three out of four of the following:

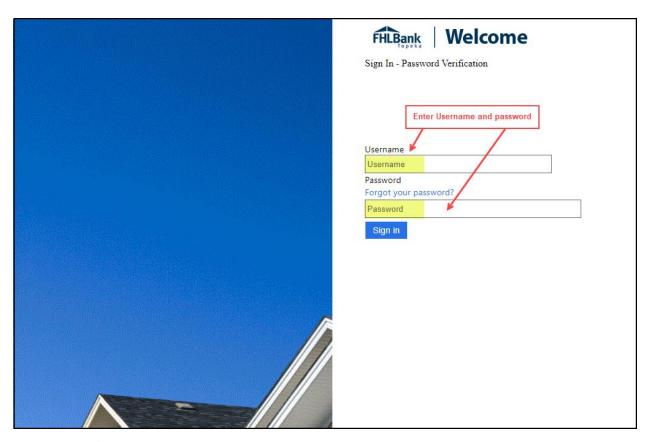
- Lowercase characters
- Uppercase characters
- Numbers (0-9)
- One or more of the following symbols: @#\$%^&*_+={}[]|\:'"~`().



LOGGING IN TO HSP ONLINE

Enter Username and password.

Your Username is not your email address. Contact FHLBank at hsp@fhlbtopeka.com or 1.866.571.8155 with questions or difficulty logging in. When contacting Housing and Community Development, provide your contact information (name, member name, phone number, and email) and general description.



^{*}Screen design/layout may be different than shown above.



Authenticating your FHLBank Topeka Member account.

- 1. Enter the phone number you want to use to receive the verification code.
- 2. Enter the method by which you want to receive the verification code.
 - o Text
 - Phone Call



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Upon receipt of the verification code, enter it in the appropriate box. The verification code must be

entered within approximately three minutes, or you will be required to request a new verification code.



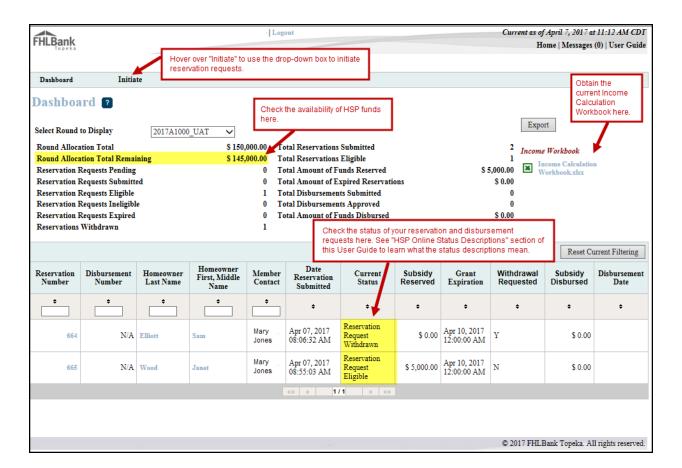
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NAVIGATING THE DASHBOARD

Use the Dashboard to:

- Select and view previous funding rounds;
- Initiate reservations;
- Track reservation and disbursement request statuses;
- Obtain the amount of HSP funds remaining for the round;
- Obtain the current version of FHLBank's Income Calculation Workbook;
- Track grant expiration dates.

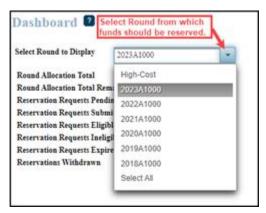




INITIATING AND COMPLETING A RESERVATION

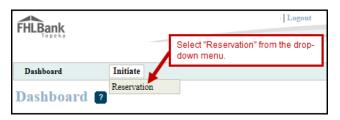
DASHBOARD

Ensure the correct round displays in the "Select Round to Display" drop-down menu.



FYI: For helpful information, select the ? at the top of the screen, and review the sidebar Help Text.

INITIATE RESERVATION - HOMEBUYER INFORMATION



Hover over "Initiate" at the top left of the screen. From the drop-down menu, select "Reservation."

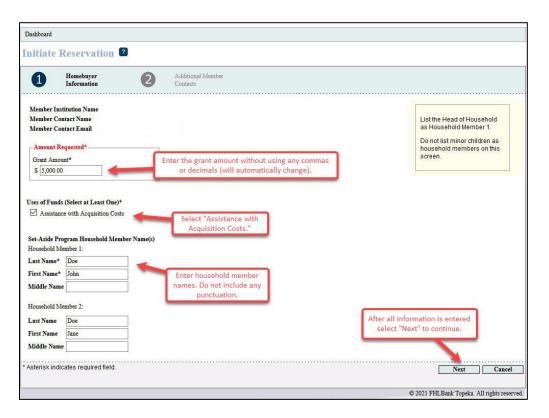
Enter the following information:

- Grant Amount
- Use of Funds
- Homebuyer last and first names

Select **Next** at the bottom right of the screen.

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Initiate Reservation Additional Member Contacts

Select additional contacts that should receive notifications for this reservation.

Select one of the following:

- "Save and Exit" to initiate the reservation, but not complete it. This will take you to the Dashboard. At this point, funds are reserved for this household. However, the reservation request will expire if it is not completed in its entirety and submitted to FHLBank within one day of initiation.
- "Save and Continue" to complete the reservation if you have all the supporting documents and information.

FYI:

- Only representatives listed on the AHP/HSP Authorization Form are listed as possible contacts.
- Funds are reserved when the reservation is initiated. After one day, if the reservation is not submitted to FHLBank, the reservation will expire, and the funds will no longer be reserved for the homebuyer and property address.

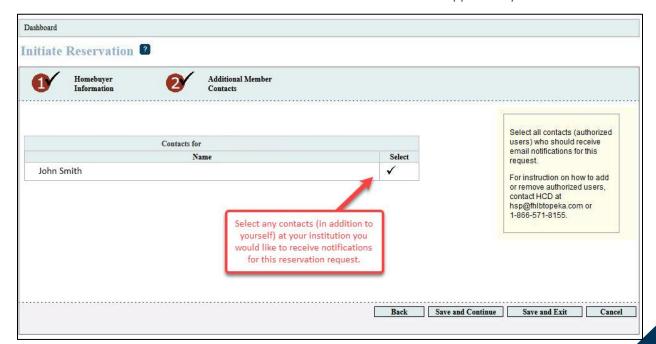
Know the Difference

Reservation Request Pending – A reservation request has been initiated, but not yet submitted. You may begin and save progress on the reservation request and return to complete the work at a later time/date. The reservation must be completed and submitted (status of "Reservation Request Submitted") to FHLBank within one day, or the reservation will expire, and funds will no longer be reserved for the household. The request has not been submitted. FHLBank cannot review the request at this time.

Reservation Request Submitted – Reservation has been submitted and is now available for FHLBank Topeka to review and approve/reject. You are no longer able to edit the reservation request.

This will take you to Reservation Home. Funds are now reserved for this household.

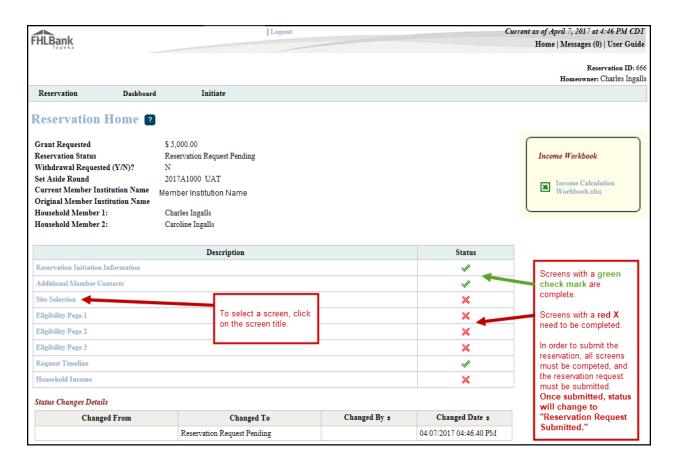
"Cancel" to cancel the reservation initiation. The reservation will not appear on your dashboard.





RESERVATION HOME

To continue, select screens with a status of \nearrow , and complete the corresponding screens.







SITE SELECTION

Enter the address of the property being purchased. DO NOT enter the homebuyer's current address. Once the reservation is submitted, the address cannot be changed or corrected.

Enter the following information:

- Street address of the property being purchased (as reflected on the purchase agreement). DO NOT enter the city, state and ZIP on Address Line 2.
- ZIP
- ZIP+4

Use the "Quick Tools" option at USPS.com to obtain the ZIP+4. Unitedstateszipcodes.org can also be used to obtain this information.

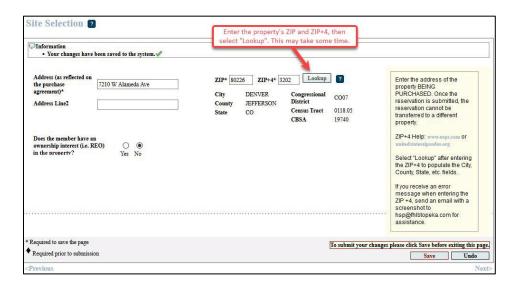
If you are unable to locate a ZIP+4, contact HCD. Do not enter a ZIP+4 in HSP Online unless it has been verified on USPS.com, Unitedstateszipcodes.org or provided to you by HCD staff.

Select "Lookup." Based on the data entered above, HSP Online will populate the following as applicable:

- City
- County
- State
- Congressional District
- Census Tract
- CBSA

FYI:

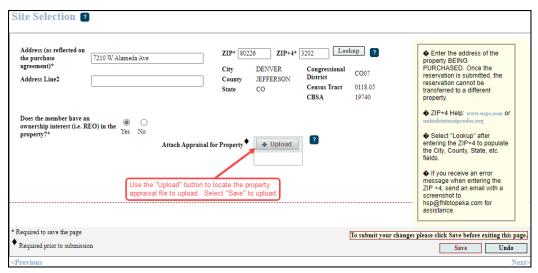
Verify the city, county, and state that display are correct. If not, contact HCD prior to submitting the reservation.



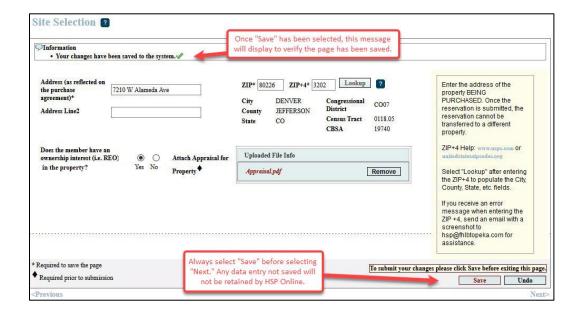


Does the member have an ownership interest in (i.e., REO) in the property?

- 1. If no, select "No" and continue to Step 3.
- 2. If yes, select "Yes." The screen will display an upload box for the property appraisal. Use the "Upload" button to locate the appraisal document. Appraisal requirements can be found in the Property Eligibility section of this guide.



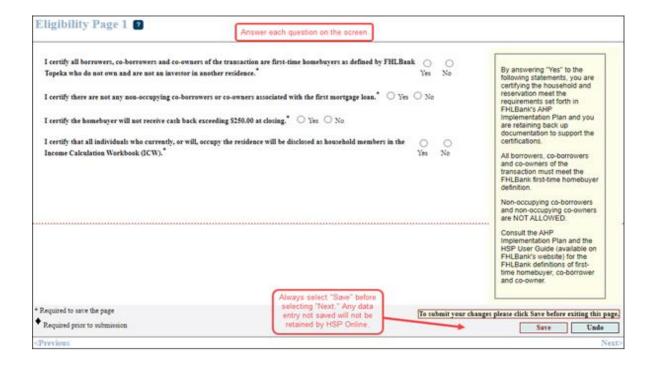
3. Select "Save" and "Next" to continue.

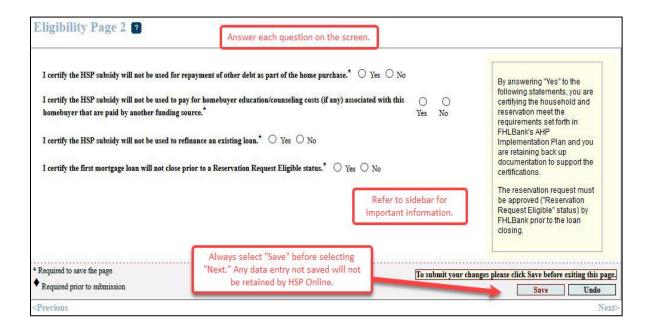




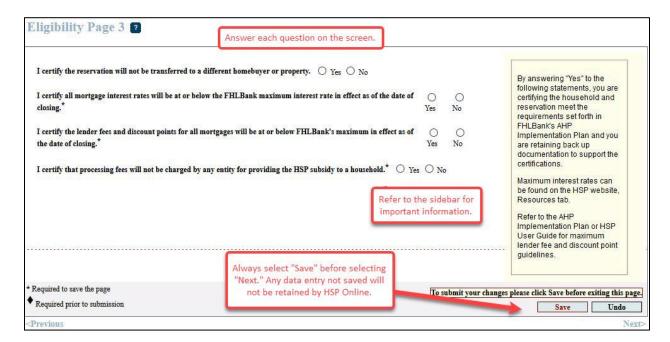
ELIGIBILITY SCREENS

Complete the certifications on each Eligibility screen by answering "Yes" or "No" to each question. Refer to the sidebar for important information.







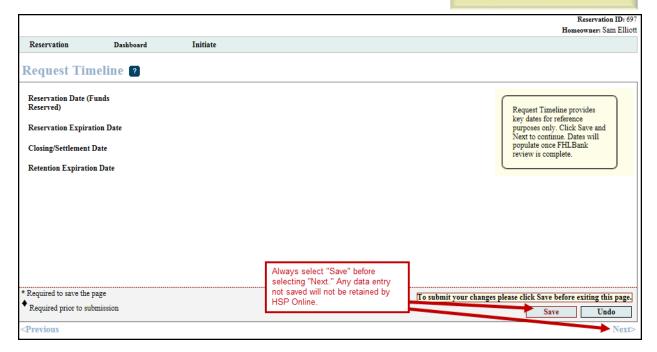




REQUEST TIMELINE

This screen is for information purposes. The dates will populate once FHLBank's review is complete. Review the screen and select "Save" and "Next" to continue.

FYI: For helpful information, click on the 2 at the top of the screen, and review the sidebar Help Text.





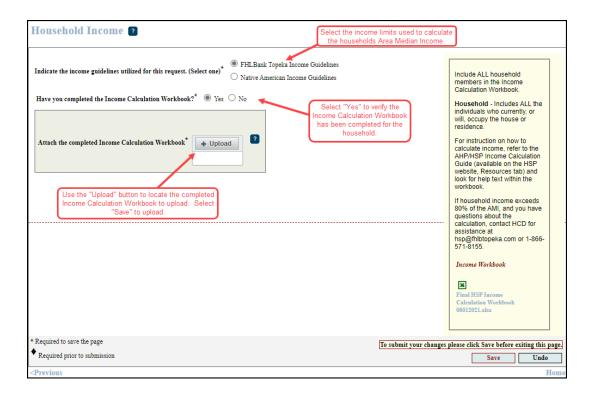
HOUSEHOLD INCOME

Obtain the Income Calculation Workbook from HSP Online or from the Resources tab of the FHLBank's Homeownership Set-aside web pages. Complete the Income Calculation Workbook according to calculation guidelines and instructions provided in the AHP & HSP Income Calculation Guide. Fill out all required cells on the Income Calculation Workbook to prevent an upload error. The Income Calculation Workbook must be completed, and back-up documentation provided in order to complete the pages required to submit the Reservation Request.

FYI:

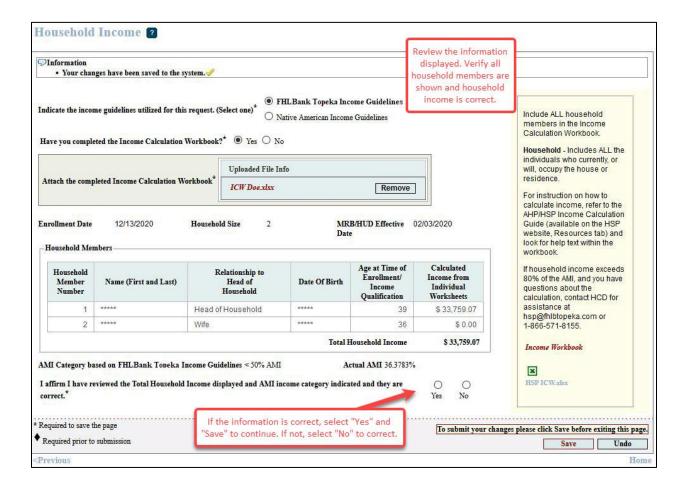
Do not include any punctuation in names entered in the Income Calculation Workbook (i.e., John Doe, Jr. should be entered as John Doe Jr.)

- 1. Select the income limits that were used to determine the household's Area Median Income (AMI). The "FHLBank Topeka Income Guidelines" will be the most commonly used income limits.
- 2. Select "Yes" to the question "Have you completed the Income Calculation Workbook?" The screen will display an upload box for the Income Calculation Workbook. Use the "Upload" button to locate the workbook.
- 3. Upload the completed Income Calculation Workbook (must include the income of all household members).
- 4. Select "Save."



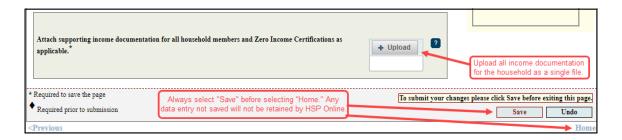


5. Review the income information displayed and select "Yes" if it is correct. Household member names and dates of birth will not display to protect Personally Identifiable Information (PII).





6. Upon selecting "Yes" to verify the information is correct, the screen will display an upload box for documentation to support the income entered in the Income Calculation Workbook. Use the "Upload" button to locate the documentation (paystub OR verification of employment, Zero Income Certification(s), etc.). The documentation must be submitted for all household members as one file.



7. Select "Save" and then "Home."

If the household income exceeds 80% of the Area Median Income, HSP Online will not allow the reservation to be submitted.

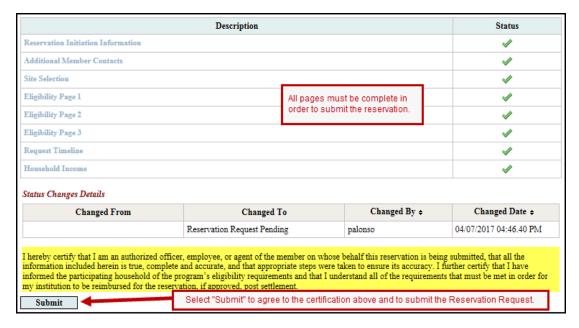
If the ICW is calculating income over 80% of the AMI, and you have questions, to ensure secure transmission of the household's data, initiate a Reservation Request, and upload the completed ICW and the supporting income documentation to the Household Income screen. Once complete, contact HCD to request a review. DO NOT email income documentation to HCD.



RESERVATION HOME

If all screen descriptions have a status of , the Reservation Request is complete and may be submitted.

Review the certification at the bottom of the screen. Selecting "Submit" indicates you agree to the certifications.



Once the reservation has been submitted, "Reservation Home" will reflect the status change at the top of the screen under the Grant Requested and in the "Status Changes Details" section. In addition to the individual submitting the Reservation Request, any additional Member Contacts identified on the "Additional Member Contacts" page will be notified via email the reservation has been successfully submitted.

| Status Changes Details | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Changed From | Changed To | Changed By \$ | Changed Date \$ |
| Reservation Request Pending | Reservation Request Submitted | | 04/08/2017 04:42.38 PM |
| | Reservation Request Pending | | 04/07/2017 04:46.40 PM |

If a reservation status of "Reservation Request Submitted" does not display, the reservation has not been submitted to FHLBank. Ensure all Status symbols are . Revisit, complete, and save any pages with Status symbols that are or . If the household income is over 80% of the AMI, the reservation request cannot be submitted.



RESERVATION AND DISBURSEMENT CLARIFICATION REQUESTS

If FHLBank requires clarifications or corrections for the reservation or disbursement request, the member will be notified via email. Status will change from "Reservation Request Under Review" to "Reservation Request Clarification Pending" and in the case of a disbursement clarification request, the status will change from "Disbursement Request Under Review" to "Disbursement Request Clarification Pending."

On the Dashboard, select either the Reservation Number or the Disbursement Number depending on whether the clarification request is for a reservation or disbursement request. **Do not select**

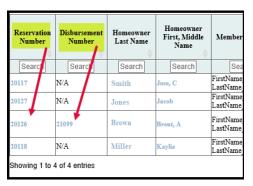
the reservation number from the Dashboard if the clarification request is for a disbursement. Disbursement information is not viewable on the reservation screens.

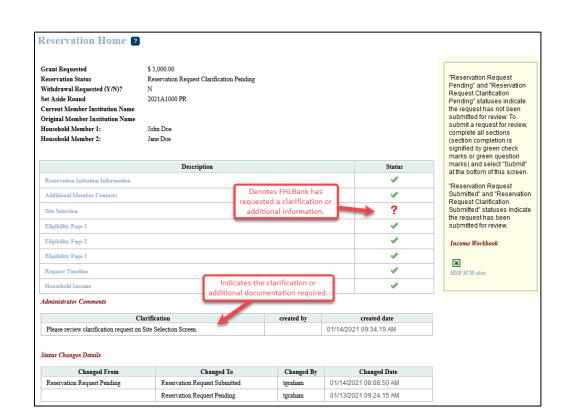
On the Reservation or Disbursement Home screen, will appear in the status column.

Select the Description line with ? to respond to the clarification request.

FYI:

Designated contacts for the reservation or disbursement, as identified on the "Additional Member Contacts" screen will be notified by email when a clarification has been requested by FHLBank.

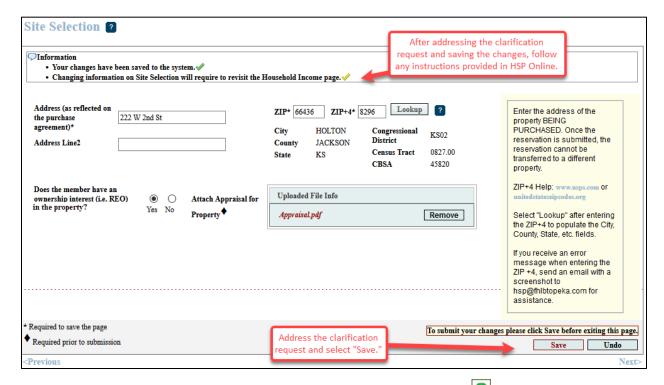






For this example, a clarification has been requested for information submitted for the "Site Selection" screen. Address the clarification(s) requested and select "Save" to save changes.

HSP Online will indicate the changes were saved and may indicate those changes require action on additional screens. This will be indicated at the top of the screen as shown below.



The status on the Reservation or Disbursement Home screen will change to

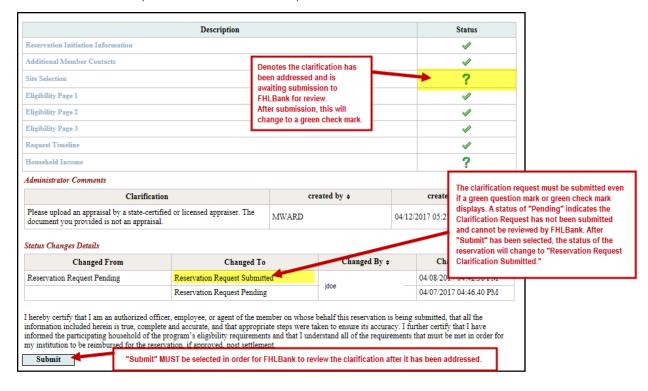
Select "Submit." The status of all screens will change to

The clarification request must be submitted to enable FHLBank to review the clarification.



When the clarification is successfully submitted, the following statuses will display:

- Reservation Requests: "Reservation Request Clarification Submitted"
- Disbursement Requests: "Disbursement Request Clarification Submitted."



Once a clarification has been submitted to FHLBank for review, the clarification cannot be modified. Contact Housing and Community Development if the clarification needs to be modified.



REQUESTING WITHDRAWAL OF A RESERVATION REQUEST

A member may submit a request to withdraw a Reservation Request without penalty.

Log into HSP Online (see Accessing HSP Online).

DASHBOARD

Ensure the correct round is displayed in the "Select Round To Display" drop down menu.

Select the reservation number of the household for which a withdrawal is being requested.

From the "Initiate" drop-down menu, select "Withdraw."

FYI:

DO NOT request a withdrawal unless you are certain a withdrawal is required. Once the withdrawal has been processed, it cannot be reversed.



INITIATE RESERVATION WITHDRAWAL SCREEN

Enter the reason for the withdrawal. A reason must be entered to save the screen.

Select "Save" and "Home."



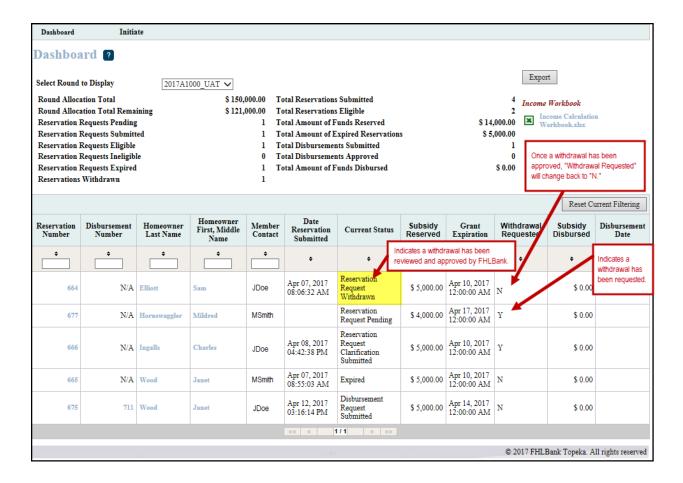
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RESERVATION HOME SCREEN

Selecting "Home" will return you to the "Reservation Home" screen. To verify the withdrawal request was successfully submitted, return to the Dashboard.

The request's "Current Status" will not change until the withdrawal request is reviewed by FHLBank. The "Withdrawal Requested" column will have a "Y" to indicate the withdrawal request was successfully submitted. Once the withdrawal request has been processed by FHLBank, the reservation status will be "Reservation Request Withdrawn," and the member contacts for the reservation will receive email notification.





INITIATING AND COMPLETING A DISBURSEMENT REQUEST

Log into HSP Online (see Accessing HSP Online).

DASHBOARD

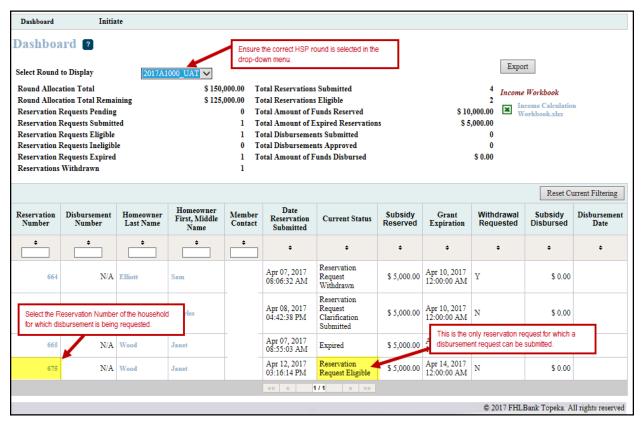
Ensure the correct round is displayed in the "Select Round To Display" drop down menu.

Select the reservation number or homebuyer last name of the household for which disbursement is being requested.

Reservation requests must have a "Current Status" of "Reservation Request Eligible," and the loan must be closed before a disbursement request can be initiated and submitted.

FYI:

Reservation requests must have a Current Status of "Reservation Request Eligible" before a disbursement request can be initiated and submitted.





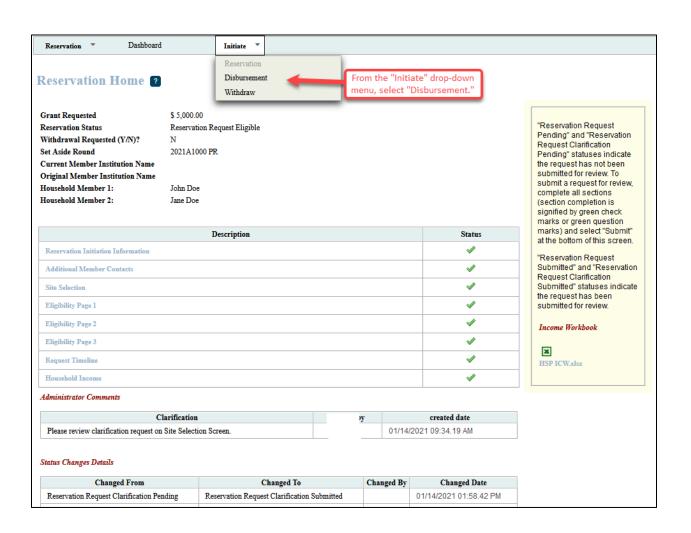
RESERVATION HOME

Select "Initiate" at the top left of the screen.

Select "Disbursement."

FYI:

For helpful information, click on the at the top of the screen, and review the sidebar Help Text.



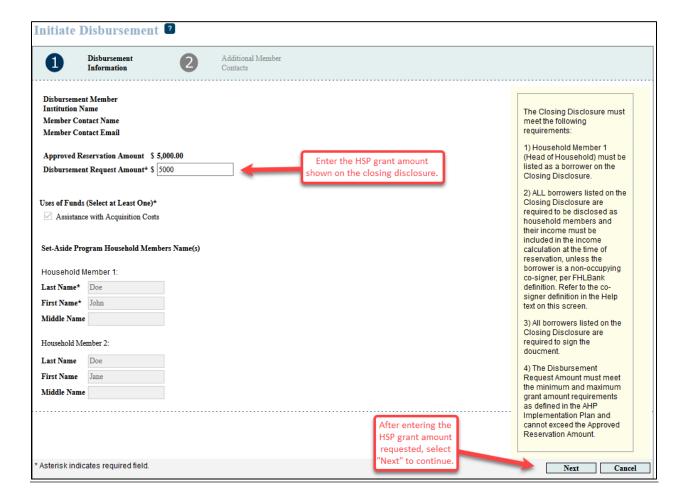


INITIATE DISBURSEMENT - DISBURSEMENT INFORMATION

Review the information on the screen to ensure the information is correct.

Enter the Disbursement Amount Requested. The amount entered must match the grant amount shown on the Closing Disclosure. It may be less than the amount requested, but not less than \$2,500 and never more than the amount reserved.

Select "Next."





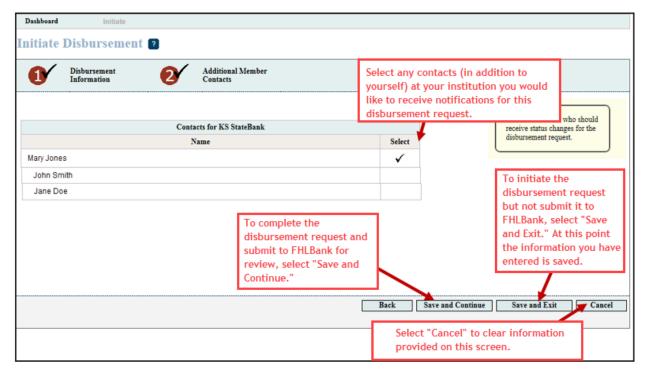
INITIATE DISBURSEMENT - ADDITIONAL MEMBER CONTACTS

Only representatives included on the AHP/HSP Authorization Form will be listed as possible contacts.

Select additional contacts that should receive notifications for this disbursement.

Select one of the following:

- "Save and Exit" to initiate the disbursement request, but not complete it. This will take you to the Dashboard.
- When you are ready to continue preparing or to complete and submit the disbursement request, select the Disbursement Number on the Dashboard. Selecting the Reservation Number from the Dashboard will not allow you to work on the disbursement screens. Do not attempt to "initiate" another disbursement request for the reservation from the Reservation Home screen.
- "Save and Continue" to complete the remaining screens and submit the disbursement request to FHLBank for review.
- "Cancel" to cancel the disbursement request initiation.

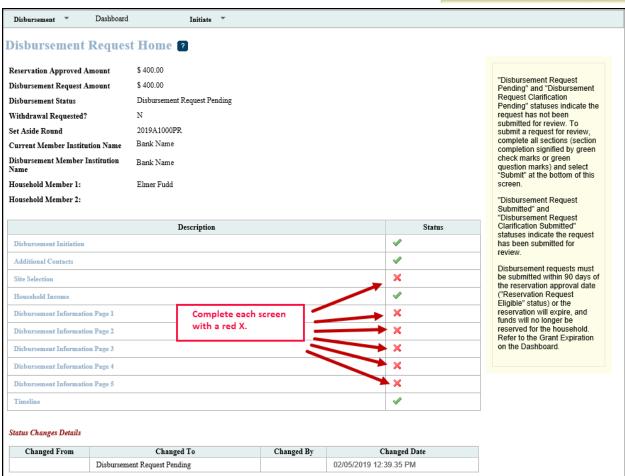




DISBURSEMENT HOME

To continue, select each screen description with a status of \times , and complete the corresponding screens.





If you exit HSP Online, when you log in again select the household's Disbursement Number to continue completing the disbursement, not the Reservation Number.

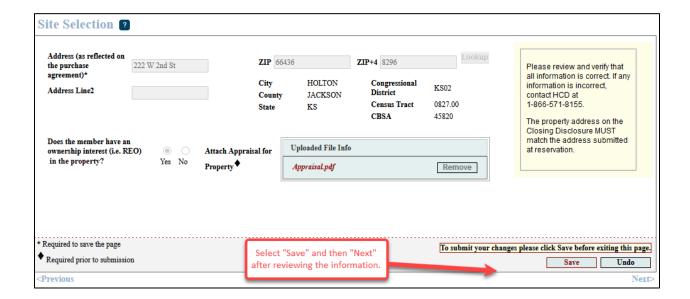




SITE SELECTION

At Disbursement Request this screen is for information purposes only. Content cannot be edited, and uploaded files cannot be viewed. Review the information to ensure it is correct. If any information is incorrect, contact HCD.

To continue after reviewing information, select "Next."



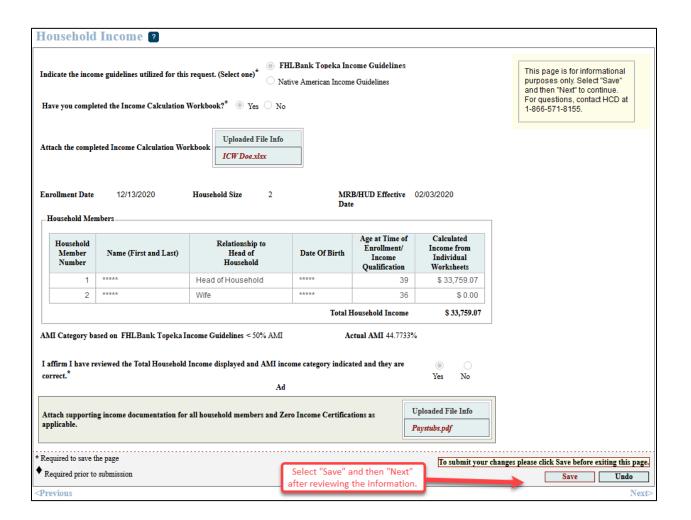


HOUSEHOLD INCOME

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To continue after reviewing information, select "Next."

To continue, select Next.





Answer the following:

- 1. What is the Settlement (Closing) Date (displayed on the Closing Disclosure)? The date must be after the "Reservation Eligible" date. Use the calendar to select the settlement date.
- 2. Is the property being purchased a single-family home (see definition)?
- 3. Is the property being purchased a manufactured home (see definition)?

Use the upload box to upload the final, signed Closing Disclosure for the first mortgage loan. HSP Online does not accommodate multiple files uploads.

FYI:

Useful Definitions (found in the sidebar of the screen):

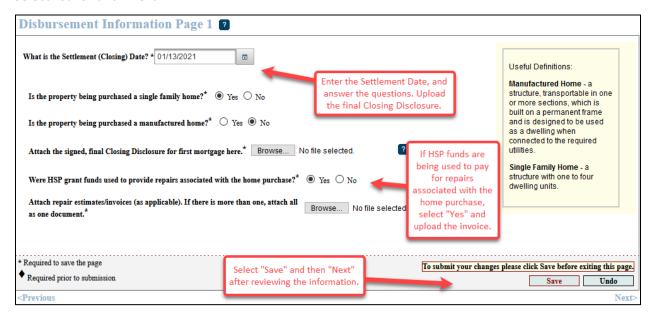
Manufactured Home: a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent frame and is designed to be used as a dwelling when connected to the required utilities.

Single Family Home: a structure with one to four dwelling units.

Answer the question "Were HSP grant funds used to provide any repairs associated with the home purchase?" as appropriate for the request and as identified on the final Closing Disclosure.

- If "No" select "Save" and "Next" to continue.
- If "Yes" upload, as one file, repair estimates/invoices (as applicable).

Select "Save" and "Next."





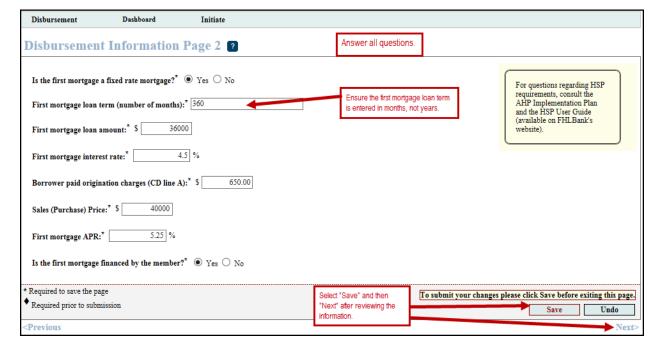
Answer the following questions:

- 1. Is the first mortgage a fixed rate mortgage?
- 2. First mortgage loan term (number of months)
- 3. First mortgage loan amount
- 4. First mortgage interest rate
- 5. Borrower paid origination charges (CD line A)
- 6. Sales (purchase) price
- 7. First mortgage APR
- 8. Is the first mortgage financed by the member?

Select "Save" and "Next."

FYI:

Enter the first mortgage loan term in months.

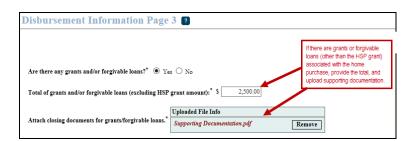




Enter the following information:

Are there any grants or forgivable loans?

- 1. If "No," continue.
- 2. If "Yes":
 - Enter the total amount of grants and/or forgivable loans
 - Upload the supporting documents for all grants/forgivable loans (as one file) in the upload box provided.



Know the Difference:

Definitions also found in the sidebar on the screen:

Grant: payments made to the household with no requirement or expectation of repayment. DO NOT INCLUDE THE HSP GRANT IN THIS AMOUNT.

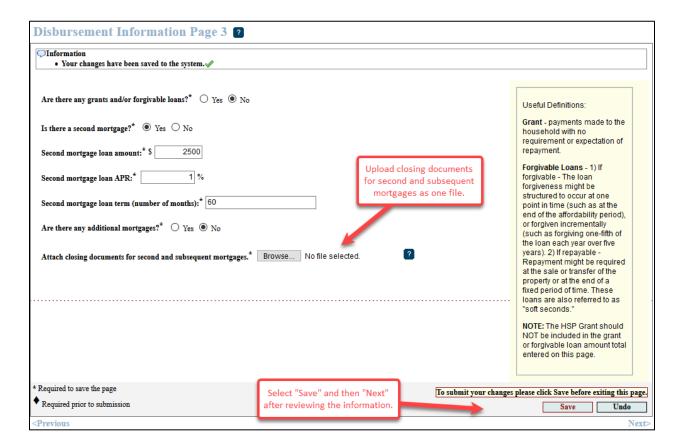
Forgivable Loans: 1) If forgivable – The loan forgiveness might be structured to occur at one point in time (such as at the end of the affordability period) or forgiven incrementally (such as forgiving one-fifth of the loan each year over five years). 2) If repayable – Repayment might be required at the sale or transfer of the property or at the end of a fixed period of time. These loans are also referred to as "soft seconds." DO NOT INCLUDE THE HSP GRANT IN THIS AMOUNT.



Is there a second mortgage?

- 1. If "No," continue.
- 2. If "Yes," answer/provide the following:
 - Second mortgage loan amount
 - Second mortgage APR
 - Second mortgage loan term (in months)
 - Whether there are any additional mortgages
 - Upload the closing documents for second and subsequent mortgages (as one file)

Select "Save" and "Next."





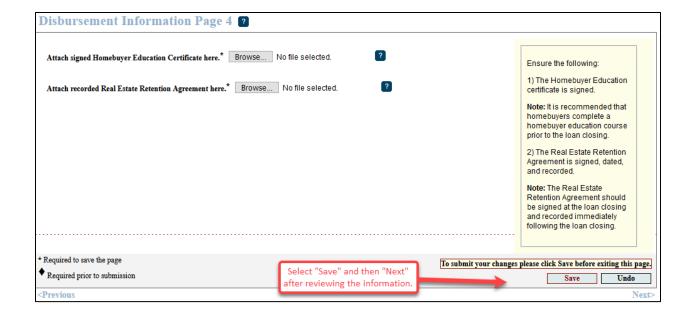
Upload the following documents:

- Signed Homebuyer Education Certificate
- Recorded Real Estate Retention Agreement

Select "Save" and "Next."

FYI:

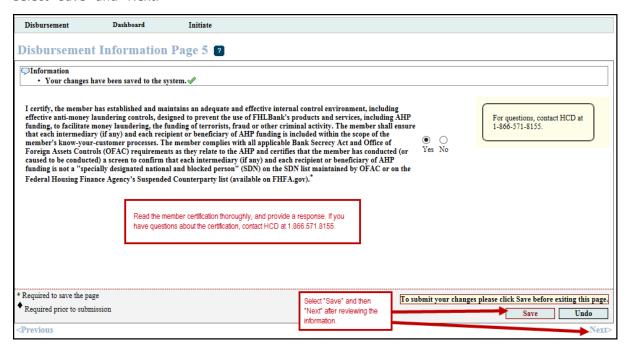
For helpful information, click on the at the top of the screen, and review the sidebar Help Text.





Read the member certification and provide a response.

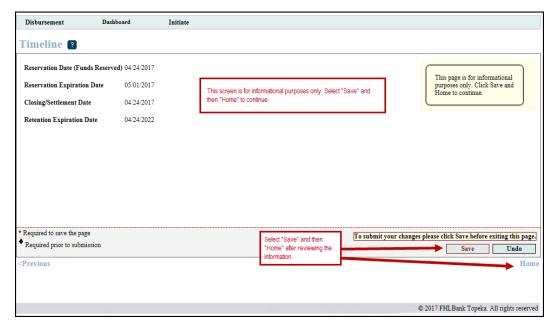
Select "Save" and "Next."



TIMELINE

At Disbursement Request this screen is for information purposes only.

Select "Save" and "Home."





DISBURSEMENT HOME AND DISBURSEMENT REQUEST SUBMISSION

If the status of all Screen Descriptions is , the reservation request is ready to submit.

Review the certification at the bottom of the screen. By selecting "Submit," you are agreeing to the certification.

I hereby certify that I am an authorized officer, employee, or agent of the member on whose behalf this disbursement request is being submitted, that all the information included herein is true, complete and accurate, and that appropriate steps were taken to ensure its accuracy. I further certify that I have informed the participating household of the program's eligibility requirements and that I understand all of the requirements that must be met in order for my institution to be reimbursed for reserved HSP funds provided by the member at closing.

Submit

By selecting "Submit," you are agreeing to the certification.

Verify the disbursement request was successfully submitted by reviewing the "Disbursement Status." If the submission was successful, the status will be "Disbursement Request Submitted."



FYI:

 If the "Disbursement Status" is not "Disbursement Request Submitted," verify the status of all Screen

or , and select "Submit."

 Member Contacts designated on the "Additional Member Contacts" screen will be notified via email of the disbursement request's successful submission.



Information Security

WHERE IS THE DATA STORED?

- The data is stored on Amazon Web Service servers in the cloud.
- Amazon Web Service Cloud Security website: https://aws.amazon.com/security/
 - Information on Assurance certifications:

 https://aws.amazon.com/compliance/pci-data-privacy-protection-hipaa-soc-fedramp-faqs/

USEFUL LINKS:

- Business Continuity Plan: https://www.fhlbtopeka.com/corporate-governance/business-continuity-plan
- Fraud Awareness: https://www.fhlbtopeka.com/corporate-governance-fraud-awareness
- FHLBank Information Assurance: https://www.fhlbtopeka.com/corporate-governance-information-assurance

FYI:

To protect sensitive information, after logging

browser windows.

out of HSP Online, close all

Internal Control System: https://www.fhlbtopeka.com/corporate-governance-internal-control-system

RESETTING YOUR PASSWORD:

To reset your password, follow the prompts.

FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE:

Contact Housing and Community Development at 1.866.571.8155 or https://new.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/html nd Community Development, provide your contact information (name, member name, phone number, and email) and a description of the issue.