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**Agency adds American Dream Downpayment Program to  
long list of options for first time low-income home buyers**  
*Buyers can layer loan programs for maximum affordability benefit*

*Sacramento* - The Sacramento City Council and the County of Sacramento Board of Supervisors have given approval for the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency to administer the American Dream Downpayment Initiative (ADDI) to help low-income first time homebuyers with downpayment and closing costs and rehabilitation after they qualify for a loan.

Under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the ADDI authorizes \$200 million annually nationwide for FY 2004-2007 to revitalize and stabilize communities, and to increase the overall homeownership rate, especially among minority groups who have lower rates of homeownership compared to the national average. More than two-thirds of all Americans own their own home while fewer than half of African-American and Hispanic families are homeowners.

The primary features of the ADDI are:

- \$10,000 maximum assistance
- Deferred payment loan forgiven after ten years
- Ten year loan term
- Three percent interest rate
- Income limits based on 80 percent area median
- Available to low-income, first-time homebuyers  
*Special provisions for displaced homemakers and single parents*
- Provides funds for downpayment and closing costs
- Provides funds for rehabilitation in conjunction with a home purchase

Eligible homebuyers can also take advantage of the Agency's program layering policy which allows buyers under 60 percent of area median or in target areas to layer up to four Agency programs to obtain the highest affordability benefit. Those programs include First-Time Homebuyer Program (FTHB), Target Area Homebuyer Program (TAHB), ADDI, CALHome, Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP), and Mortgage Credit Certificate Program Tax Credit (MCC). Buyers up to 80% of the area median may layer up to three programs. For more information on SHRA homebuyer programs, call (916) 264-1500, or visit our website at [www.shra.org](http://www.shra.org).