

Bulletin #239
July 25, 2023

To: CHFA Lenders
From: CHFA Single Family Underwriting
Subject: **Teachers Mortgage Assistance Program Update**

CHFA has been notified by the State Commission on Education regarding certified teachers eligibility criteria for the following Priority & Transitional School Districts, Subject Matter Shortage Areas, and eligible Alliance District subjects, **effective with Reservations dated July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024**, for the CHFA Teachers Mortgage Assistance Program.

Per Section 8-265pp of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), a mortgage assistance program is provided for the purchase of a primary residence for certified teachers who:

1. are employed by Priority or Transitional School Districts; or
2. are employed by the Technical Education and Career System in a technical education and career school that is located in a Priority or Transitional School District; or
3. teach in a Subject Matter Shortage Area or eligible Alliance District subject, pursuant to Section 10-8b of the C.G.S.; or
4. graduated from a public high school in an Educational Reform District, as defined in Section 10-262u of the C.G.S.; or
5. graduated from a historically Black college or university or a Hispanic-serving institution, as those terms are defined under the applicable federal laws.

SUBJECT MATTER SHORTAGE AREAS: *Changes Noted:*

Bilingual Education, PreK-12	Science, 4-12
History and Social Studies, 7-12	Speech and Language Pathologist**, PreK-12
Mathematics, 4-12	Technology Education, PreK-12
Special Education*, PreK-12	TESOL, PreK-12
School Library and Media Specialist**, PreK-12	World Languages, 7-12
School Psychologist**, PreK-12	

* *The Special Education shortage area designation comprises Partially Sighted, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Blind, Comprehensive Special Education, and Integrated Early Childhood teaching endorsement codes.*

** *A district is designated as a high-needs district for teacher shortage purposes if any of the following is true:*

The district is an Alliance District; OR The district's average annual percentage of students who qualified for free or reduced-price lunch was greater than or equal to 43% (over the period of 2014-15 to 2020-21); OR The district's percentage of students who qualified for free or reduced-price lunch in 2021-22 was greater than or equal to 43%. The full list of High-Needs Districts is available in Appendix A of the Staffing Shortage Areas in CT Public Schools Report.

ALLIANCE DISTRICTS: Changes Noted: New Towns Added

Ansonia	East Haven	Manchester	Norwich	Vernon
Bloomfield	East Windsor	Meriden	Plainfield	Waterbury
Bridgeport	Enfield	Middletown	Putnam	West Haven
Bristol	Groton	Naugatuck	Stamford	Winchester
Danbury	Hamden	New Britain	Stratford	Windham
Derby	Hartford	New Haven	Thompson	Windsor
East Hartford	Killingly	New London	Torrington	Windsor Locks
		Norwalk		

PRIORITY & TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS: No Changes Noted:

Ansonia	East Hartford	Manchester	Norwich	Torrington
Bloomfield	East Haven	Meriden	Sprague	Wallingford
Bridgeport	East Windsor	Middletown	Stamford	Waterbury
Bristol	Enfield	New Britain	Sterling	West Hartford
Danbury	Hamden	New Haven	Stratford	West Haven
Derby	Hartford	New London	Thompson	Windham
		Norwalk		

Please be sure to use the updated **Teachers Mortgage Program - Statement of Eligibility (Form 031-030)** Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 located at chfa.org under the Lender Forms section.