

**Bulletin #296**

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To: CHFA Participating Lenders  
From: CHFA Homeownership Department  
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 and Subject Matter Shortage Areas, **effective with Reservations dated July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027**, for the CHFA Teachers Mortgage Assistance Program.

***There are no changes to the 2025 – 2026 eligibility criteria.***

*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, pursuant to Section 10-8b of the C.G.S.; or
4. graduated from a public high school in an Opportunity/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:**

|                                              |                                          |
|----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Bilingual Education, PreK-12                 | Science, 4-12                            |
| History and Social Studies, 4-12             | 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, 4-12                    |
| 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.*

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## OPPORTUNITY/EDUCATIONAL REFORM DISTRICTS:

|            |             |            |          |           |
|------------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Bridgeport | Manchester  | New Haven  | Norwich  | Waterbury |
| Hartford   | New Britain | New London | Thompson | Windham   |

## PRIORITY & TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS:

|            |               |             |          |               |
|------------|---------------|-------------|----------|---------------|
| Ansonia    | East Hartford | Manchester  | Norwalk  | Stratford     |
| Bloomfield | East Haven    | Meriden     | Norwich  | Torrington    |
| Bridgeport | Enfield       | Middletown  | Putnam   | Waterbury     |
| Bristol    | Fairfield     | Naugatuck   | Sprague  | West Hartford |
| Danbury    | Hamden        | New Britain | Stamford | West Haven    |
| Derby      | Hartford      | New Haven   | Sterling | Windham       |
|            |               | New London  |          |               |

Please be sure to use the updated ***Teachers Mortgage Program - Statement of Eligibility (Form 031-030)***  
Effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 located at [chfa.org](http://chfa.org) under the Lender Forms section.

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