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Beyond Housing Foundation Continues OpenHome Down Payment Assistance Program with Support from U.S. Bank

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Fresno, CA – The Beyond Housing Foundation, the fundraising affiliate of Fresno Housing, today announced it has received a generous \$250,000 contribution from U.S. Bank to continue the OpenHome Down Payment Assistance Program, bringing the successful program back for 2026 to help more eligible homebuyers throughout Fresno and Madera Counties achieve homeownership. Through this initiative, qualifying applicants may receive up to \$10,000 to assist with their down payment, bringing them one step closer to the dream of owning a home.

Applications will be accepted beginning August 17, 2026, and will remain open until all available funding has been allocated.

"By helping 35 local families buy their first home, OpenHome is proving that removing the down payment barrier directly fuels economic mobility and community stability. With the support of our partners at US Bank, we were able to turn nearly \$500,000 in assistance into more than \$11.2 million in local home purchases - this shows what is possible when we invest in working families. As we look ahead, Beyond Housing is dedicated to scaling this impact—creating lasting wealth and affordable homeownership opportunities across this region," Tiffany Mangum, Executive Director, says.

Fresno Housing serves nearly 50,000 residents throughout Fresno County, and the Beyond Housing Foundation works to provide economic empowerment opportunities that extend beyond housing. The OpenHome program helps eligible homebuyers transition from renting to homeownership, reinforcing the Foundation's mission to create sustainable and thriving communities.

U.S. Bank is committed to powering human potential and creating lasting change in communities. The bank does this through the Community Possible platform, including philanthropy, community investments and team member volunteerism.

Eligible applicants must meet program requirements. Because funding is limited, eligible homebuyers are encouraged to apply as soon as applications open.

For complete program information, eligibility requirements and application instructions, visit beyondhousingfresno.org/down-payment-assistance/

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The Beyond Housing Foundation provides opportunities to empower Fresno Housing residents to achieve their educational and economic goals. The Beyond Housing Foundation is a fundraising affiliate of Fresno Housing. Learn more at: beyondhousingfresno.org