

Grant vs. Forgivable-Loan Comparison

Write the exact terms for each option before choosing. The largest assistance amount is not always the least expensive mortgage.

Option A

- ☐ Program and lender: _____
- ☐ Assistance amount: _____
- ☐ Type: Grant ☐ Forgivable lien ☐ Deferred lien ☐
- ☐ Mortgage rate and APR: _____
- ☐ Forgiveness period: _____
- ☐ Repayment triggers: _____

Option B

- ☐ Program and lender: _____
- ☐ Assistance amount: _____
- ☐ Type: Grant ☐ Forgivable lien ☐ Deferred lien ☐
- ☐ Mortgage rate and APR: _____
- ☐ Forgiveness period: _____
- ☐ Repayment triggers: _____

Compare the complete cost

- ☐ First-mortgage payment under each option
- ☐ Cash needed at closing
- ☐ Program and lender fees
- ☐ Amount owed if selling or refinancing in years 1, 3, and 5
- ☐ Total interest and mortgage-insurance cost
- ☐ Whether a no-assistance loan is less expensive overall

A forgivable loan is not automatically forgiven on closing day. Obtain the note, lien, and repayment terms in writing.

Notes
