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Governor Rell: Veterans Eligible for CHFA Homeownership Program

Governor M. Jodi Rell announced today that in response to recent federal legislation, the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) is expanding its Military Homeownership program to include veterans.

“This expanded mortgage financing program will be a significant benefit to Connecticut veterans,” Governor Rell said. “This is a great way to give back to those who have selflessly served our country in uniform and to help them become proud homeowners. I encourage all eligible veterans who are shopping for mortgage financing to contact CHFA for more information.”

For more information on CHFA’s Military Homeownership Program, visit CHFA’s website at www.chfa.org or contact CHFA’s Single Family Underwriting Department at (860) 721-9501.

“This program will help make housing affordable to our military service personnel, whether they are currently serving or have served in the past,” said Gary King, President – Executive Director of CHFA. CHFA provides mortgage financing at rates below the conventional market.

The Military Homeownership Program offers financing at a rate one-eighth of a percent below CHFA’s normal rate.

To qualify for the Military Homeownership Program, borrowers must be serving in the U.S. military whether Active Duty, Guard or Reserve, or be a veteran who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. In addition, CHFA will now allow unmarried surviving spouses or civil union partners of eligible veterans who died as a result of military service or service connected disabilities to be eligible for the Military Homeownership Program.

Under CHFA’s current mortgage programs, borrowers must be first-time homebuyers or may be prior homeowners if purchasing a home as their primary residence in one of the State’s 18 targeted areas.

In light of the Federal Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, veterans who have never previously received a mortgage financed with a Mortgage Revenue Bond will be exempt from the first-time homebuyer requirement and will therefore be able to purchase a home anywhere in the state. Under the law, Veterans who get a CHFA Military Homeownership Program loan can only use the first-time homebuyer exemption one time.

Last week, Governor Rell announced "CT FAMLIES" -- a new \$50 million refinancing program to address the subprime mortgage crisis in Connecticut. Under the new program, borrowers with a subprime mortgage who cannot make their mortgage payment and currently reside in their home may apply to CHFA for refinancing. The new CT FAMLIES program will assist low and moderate income borrowers who took out a subprime loan to purchase their first home by refinancing them into 30-year, fixed rate amortizing loans. CT FAMLIES loans will be offered at .25% above CHFA's regular rate, which is currently 6.00%. CHFA will begin taking applications for the new CT FAMLIES program on December 10th. A call center (tel. 860-571-3500) has been set up at CHFA to help borrowers determine if they will qualify for the program.

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