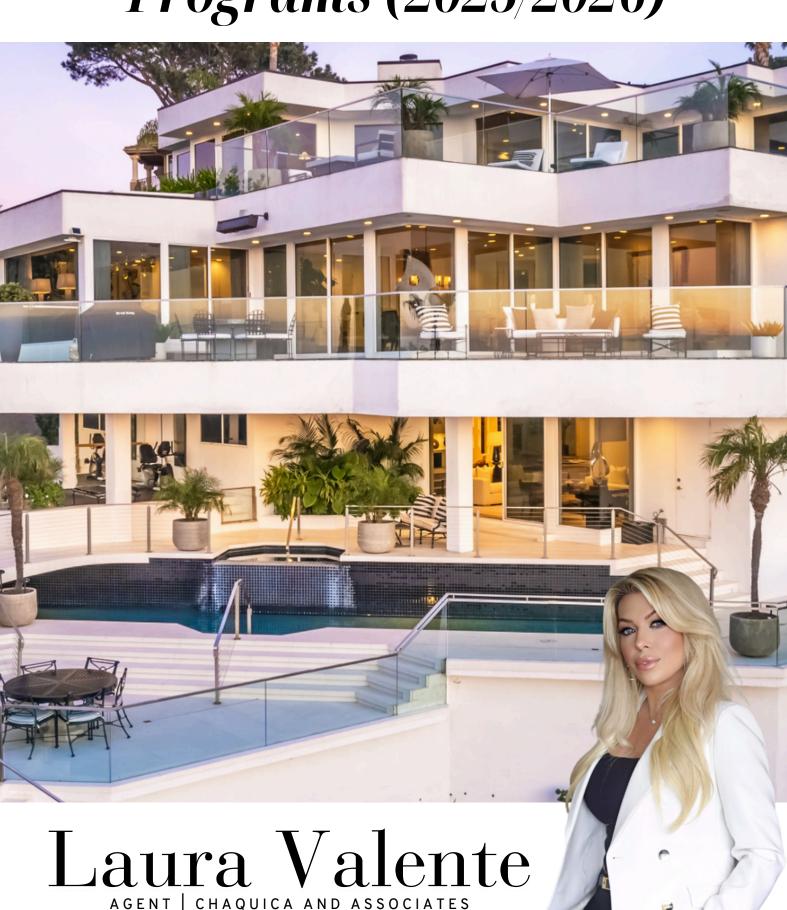
# California Homebuyer Programs (2025/2026)



### 1. FHA Loan (Federal Housing Administration)

Best for: Buyers with smaller down payment and moderate credit.













- 0%
- NO PMI
- EXCLUIVE TO VA-ELIGIBLE BUYERS
  - As little as 3.5% down with ~580+ credit score;
    10% down if credit is 500-579. Bankrate +1

- More flexible credit and debt-to-income guidelines than many conventional loans.
- Must be primary residence, not an investment property. +1



### 2. FVA Loan (for Veterans & Eligible Service Members)

Best for: Eligible veterans, active-duty, reservists, and some surviving spouses.



- LOW DOWN PAYMENT
- FLEXIBLE CREDIT
- OWNER OCCUPIED ON
  - Often \$0 down payment (no down required by VA in most cases). Benefits +1

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- No private mortgage insurance (PMI) and typically
  lower interest rates than conventional. Benefits +1
- Must be primary residence; can use benefit multiple times. Benefits +1





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### 3. Conventional Loan (3-5% Down)

Best for: Buyers with stronger credit and more stable income.



- 3-5% DOWN
- STRONG CREDIT
- FLEXIBLE PROPERTY TYPES
  - As little as 3.5% down with ~580+ credit score; 10% down if credit is 500-579. Bankrate +1

- More flexible credit and debt-to-income guidelines than many conventional loans.
- Must be primary residence, not an investment property. +1





## 4. USDA Loan (Rural Areas Only)

Best for: Buyers purchasing in eligible rural areas of California.



- o% DOWN
- RURAL PROPERTIES ONLY

- \$0 down payment possible on qualifying rural properties. CalHFA +1
- Income limits and property location requirements apply.





### 5. CalHFA First Mortgage Programs

(These are first-mortgage loans offered through the California Housing Finance Agency and used with approved lenders.)

- CalHFA FHA 30-year fixed FHA loan with CalHFA benefits.
- CalHFA Conventional / CalHFA Dream For All Conventional 30-year fixed conventional loans paired with down payment help. CalHFA +1
- CalHFA USDA USDA-guaranteed first mortgage for eligible rural properties in CA. CalHFA
  - Designed for first-time homebuyers and primary residences. CalHFA +1

#### **KEY POINTS:**

- homebuyer Buyer usually must complete education. CalHFA
- Income and purchase price limits vary by county and program. CalHFA





### 6. CalHFA MyHome Assistance Program

Best for: Buyers with stronger credit and more stable income.



- HELPS WITH DOWN PAYMENT & CLOSING COSTS
- NO MONTHLY PAYMENT ON ASSISTANCE

- Type: Deferred-payment junior loan (2nd/3rd loan). CalHFA +1
- Use: Helps cover down payment and/or closing costs.
- Amount: Up to 3.5% of the purchase price for FHA loans.
- Up to 3% of the purchase price for conventional loans. CalHFA
- Key notes: No monthly payments on this assistance while you live in the home; repaid later (sale, refi, etc.). CalHFA





### 7. CalHFA "Dream For All" Shared Appreciation Loan

Best for: Buyers purchasing in eligible rural areas of California.

- UP To 20% TOWARD DOWN PAYMENT
- SHARED APPRECIATION
- LIMITED FUNDS PROGRAM



#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Type: Down payment assistance program paired with a CalHFA Dream For All first mortgage. CalHFA +1
- Amount: Provides up to 20% of the home's price for down payment/closing costs (when available).
- The Mortgage Reports +2
- First Time Home Buyer Real Estate +2
- Repayment: Uses a shared appreciation model when you sell or refinance, you repay the assistance plus a percentage of your home's price appreciation. CalHFA +1
- Eligibility (high level): First-time homebuyer.
- At least one borrower usually must be a first-generation homebuyer. CalHFA
- Income and price limits apply; funding can be limited and opens in "rounds."
- Quick label: Up to 20% toward down payment Shared appreciation • Limited-funds program
- You can visually emphasize this as a "special / limited funding" program with a badge.

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