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LENDER UPDATE

Canada Guaranty Supports Government of Canada's New First-Time Home Buyer Incentive

On March 19, 2019, the Government of Canada published its 2019 Federal Budget. Focused on addressing the challenges of affordable homeownership, Canada's national housing agency introduced a new program targeted at first-time home buyers.

The <u>First-Time Home Buyer Incentive</u> will provide eligible borrowers with an interest-free shared equity mortgage, repayable upon the sale of the home. For applicants who have saved the minimum required five per cent down payment, the Incentive would contribute an additional 5% of the purchase price for an existing home <u>or</u> 10% for a new construction home. Limited to borrowers with an annual household income of less than \$120,000, the total insured mortgage and Incentive amount cannot exceed four times the participants' annual household income - to a maximum of \$480,000.

Expected to launch in the fall, this initiative will be supported as a down payment source for new applications insured through Canada Guaranty. We will continue to share information as details become available; however, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our National Accounts team with any questions.

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