# HOMEOWNERSHIP & DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

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### Homeownership (Mutual Help)

- Tribal Property
- Converted into In-house financing through LNHA



# Homeownership (Mutual Help)

- Criteria/Eligibility
  - Income eligible renters in current housing stock
  - Calculated income payments would not exceed the 30% rule
  - Payment history was good, no delinquencies in the last two years
  - Inspections were rated high as rental occupants
  - At least 5+ years in current housing stock

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  - Review and explain their responsibility as a homebuyer
  - Review and explain the purchase agreement and Mortgage Note
  - Discussed the financial responsibilities that they assume as homebuyers

## MacKenzie Site Homeownership

- 16 Homes, In-house financing by LNHA
- Built through Force account
- In-house construction



## MacKenzie Site Homeownership

- Criteria/Eligibility
  - Applicants were selected from our homeownership waiting list
  - Reference checks were made with current or former landlords
  - Screened the applicants, verified income and eligibility
  - Verified monthly debt-to-income ratio for financing
  - Credit checks on all applicants
  - Eligible applicants required to have background check and drug testing
  - Current renters that had long standing history with LNHA were given opportunity to be in program after waiting list was screened
  - Screened applicants as above but included history as a renter for LNHA

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- Additional assistance:
  - One year warranty inspections completed
  - Annual maintenance inspections to protect LNHA interest in the homes

### Down Payment Assistance – NAHASDA Funds

- Criteria/Eligibility
  - HUD 184 Loan on home within Whatcom County
  - 80% and below of median income
  - \$10,000 for Modular Purchase
  - \$40,000 for Build (if available)

### Down Payment Assistance – LIBC Funds

- Criteria/Eligibility
  - HUD 184 Loan on home within Whatcom County
  - 80% and below of median income
  - \$10,000 maximum assistance

#### Down Payment Assistance Process

- Consists of one-on-one meetings with interested Tribal Members
- Tribal Members come in and ask about building on their land, buying a home on or off reservation and building on Tribal Land that can be leased to the homebuyer
- Conduct a review of employment, income and credit
- Have applicant request a free copy of credit report through <u>www.annualcreditreport.com</u>
- Possess the ability to pull a tri-merge credit report using CoreLogic Credco at <u>www.credco.com</u>
- Inform them that the HUD 184 loans are not based on credit score, however derogatory items can cause them to be ineligible for a loan

#### **Down Payment Assistance Process**

- Provide one-on-one credit counseling to review credit report and work on any derogatory issues that could potentially hinder the loan process
- Possess the ability to do a pre-qualification prior to them proceeding with the bank
- Educational Services include:
  - Homebuyer Education workshops
  - Basic Budgeting Classes
  - One-on-one Credit Counseling
  - Home Maintenance Education