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Browning Announces Suffolk County Down Payment Assistance Program

\$14,000 Grants Available for Eligible First-Time Homebuyers

Mastic, NY – Legislator Kate Browning (WF-Shirley) announced today that Suffolk County has opened applications for its 2013 Down Payment Assistance program. A contribution of \$14,000 in grant funds is now available for those who qualify. Every year Suffolk County offers down payment grants to help Suffolk County residents realize the American dream, and keep young professionals from leaving Long Island.

To be eligible applicants must be a First-Time Homebuyer (cannot have owned a home during the 3 year period immediately prior to the purchase of a residence), occupy the property as a principal residence, attend one-on-one mortgage counseling at a HUD certified -not-for-profit housing agency, have at least a \$3,000 in the bank at the time of application, have a documented minimum annual household income of at least \$30,000, be able to obtain a mortgage and have a total household income within the HUD guidelines. An additional criterion requires that the maximum appraised value of a house cannot exceed **\$362,790**. Income guidelines are as follows:

2013 HUD INCOME GUIDELINES:

Household Size	Maximum Income	Household Size	Maximum Income
1	\$59,300	5	\$91,500
2	\$67,800	6	\$98,300
3	\$76,250	7	\$105,050
4	\$84,700	8	or more \$111,850

“Suffolk County’s Down Payment Assistance Program has been extremely successful over the years by allowing residents to purchase a home and stay in Suffolk County,” stated Legislator Kate Browning. “Homeownership builds stronger communities and I urge anyone seeking to buy a home in 2013 to take advantage of this program.”

Applicants must purchase a lead-based paint free home **within the Suffolk County HOME Consortium area**, which includes: the **Town of Brookhaven** (including the Villages of Bellport, Lake Grove, Patchogue, Port Jefferson and Shoreham), **Town of East Hampton** (including the Village of Sag Harbor), **Town of Huntington**, **Town of Riverhead**, **Town of Smithtown** (including the Village of the Branch), **Town of Southampton** (including the Villages of Sag Harbor, Southampton, Westhampton Beach and Westhampton Dunes), **Town of Southold** (excluding incorporated villages), and the **Town of Shelter Island** (excluding incorporated villages).

Funding is limited, so Legislator Browning is urging residents who are interested to apply as soon as possible. Applications can be downloaded from the Suffolk County web site at:

<http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/EconomicDevelopmentandPlanning/CommunityDevelopment/HOMEInvestmentPartnershipsProgram.aspx>

Applications are accepted by mail only, on a first-come, first-served basis, and must be received **by October 31, 2013**. For more information prospective applicants should contact the Suffolk County Community Development Office at (631) 853-5705 or Legislator Browning at 631-852-1300. Applications can be mailed to you upon request.

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