

Luxury Real Estate Expert Ben Bryk Real Estate Shares Insights on Programs for First-Time Home Buyers in HelloNation

VERO BEACH, FL, UNITED STATES, June 11, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- What options are available for Florida's first-time homebuyers looking to break into the market, particularly in high-value areas? In [HelloNation Magazine](#), luxury real estate expert Ben Bryk of Ben Bryk Real Estate in Vero Beach, Florida, offers clarity on the Hometown Heroes Housing Program, a state initiative designed to support eligible first-time buyers and frontline workers in achieving homeownership. Bryk, who specializes in the Vero Beach luxury market, explains how this program can be particularly valuable for those entering the real estate space in competitive and upscale communities.



Ben Bryk

The Hometown Heroes Housing Program delivers meaningful financial assistance by providing up to five percent of a loan amount — with a maximum of \$35,000 — in the form of a zero-interest, non-amortizing second mortgage. This structure allows buyers to use the funds for down payments and closing costs, with repayment deferred until the home is sold, refinanced, or transferred. Bryk notes that this deferred model creates essential breathing room for new homeowners, especially in luxury markets where upfront costs can be a significant barrier.

Eligibility requirements are carefully designed to support those in essential professions while ensuring accessibility. First-time buyers must not have owned a home within the last three years and must work full-time for a Florida-based employer. Veterans are exempt from these two conditions. Income limits are based on county figures, up to 150 percent of the area median income. The program includes a broad range of professions such as law enforcement, educators, healthcare workers, emergency responders, and military personnel.

Other program requirements include a minimum credit score of 640 and completion of a HUD-approved homebuyer education course. Ben Bryk, drawing from his expertise in the luxury real estate market, emphasizes the flexibility of the program in working with FHA, VA, USDA, and conventional loans. This ensures that buyers at many price points, including those in premium

property brackets, can explore homeownership with more confidence.

Florida's essential workers now have enhanced access to homeownership with the help of the Hometown Heroes Housing Program. A full breakdown of this opportunity is available in [Florida's Hometown Heroes: Help for First-Time Homebuyers](#) in HelloNation Magazine.

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