

Nurse Next Door Expands Home-Buying Support with Increased Grants and Down Payment Assistance

For 2026, grant amounts increase to up to \$9,000, with down payment assistance now available up to \$24,000.

TAMPA BAY, FL, UNITED STATES, January 8, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Nurse Next Door](#), a national homebuyer assistance program dedicated to supporting nurses and healthcare professionals, today announced expanded financial support for qualifying homebuyers with grant amounts up to \$9,000 and down payment assistance up to \$24,000. This represents a significant increase from last year's funding levels of \$8,000 in grants and \$15,000 in down payment assistance.

The increase is designed to help more nurses navigate current affordability challenges in the housing market, particularly as home prices continue to rise nationally.

"Nurses are essential to the health and well-being of our communities," said James Hadley, Director of Operations for Nurse Next Door. "By raising the assistance amounts, we're reaffirming our commitment to helping these healthcare professionals overcome affordability barriers and achieve the dream of homeownership."

Addressing Affordability in a Changing Market

Nurse Next Door maintains a comprehensive database of more than 200 different grant and down payment assistance programs, including its namesake Nurse Next Door grant program, to



Nurse Next Door National Home Buying Program 2026

support eligible homebuyers across the country. The decision to raise assistance amounts reflects several large-scale economic factors:

- Increased home prices nationwide, which have steadily risen over recent years.
- Affordability pressures facing first-time and essential worker homebuyers.
- Higher conforming loan limits, which influence financing options for conventional mortgages and the overall price points at which buyers can compete.

The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) recently updated the conforming loan limits effective for 2026, increasing the baseline limit for single-family homes in most U.S. counties to \$832,750 and up to \$1,249,125 in high-cost areas. Conforming loan limits determine the maximum mortgage size that can be purchased or guaranteed by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which can affect qualification thresholds and monthly payments for buyers making use of conventional financing. FHFA.gov

“With these updated assistance levels,” added Hadley, “we’re ensuring that nurses have access to meaningful, competitive support that aligns with the realities of today’s housing and lending environment.”

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Program Eligibility and Participation

Assistance awards through the Nurse Next Door Program are subject to eligibility criteria, including but not limited to:

- Being employed as a nurse or qualified healthcare professional
- Eligibility based on income, location, and purchase price
- Satisfying lender and financing program requirements

Prospective homebuyers interested in learning more about the Nurse Next Door Program —

The graphic features the Nurse Next Door logo at the top, which includes a red house icon and the text 'Nurse Next Door® National Home Buying Program'. Below the logo is an illustration of a smiling nurse in a blue uniform holding a clipboard, standing next to a two-story house with a blue roof. The main text reads 'INCREASED HOME BUYING ASSISTANCE FOR NURSES!'. Two callouts highlight the benefits: 'Up to \$9,000 GRANTS' (illustrated with a money bag) and 'Up to \$24,000 DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE' (illustrated with a house and keys). A plus sign connects these two callouts. Below this, it states 'Over 200 Grants & Assistance Programs TRACED' with a small icon of a checklist, and a note that '*Amounts vary by location & eligibility.' At the bottom, a blue bar contains the text 'Learn More: www.NurseNextDoorProgram.com'.

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including how to apply and access local assistance offerings — are encouraged to visit www.nursenextdoorprogram.us

About Nurse Next Door®

Nurse Next Door is a nationally recognized homeownership assistance program dedicated to helping nurses and healthcare professionals achieve the financial benefits of owning a home. Through targeted grants, down payment assistance, and comprehensive program resources, Nurse Next Door supports homebuyers in communities across the United States.

About Next Door Programs®

Next Door Programs® is the largest national home-buying program in the U.S., supporting America's public-service professionals — including [teachers](#), nurses, law enforcement officers, firefighters, [government employees](#), and military families — by providing access to home-buying assistance, grants, and educational resources.

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