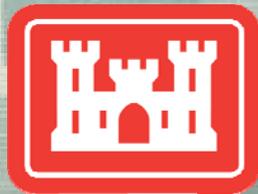


**Expansion of the Homeowners Assistance Program (HAP)  
by  
the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

September 2009



US Army Corps of Engineers  
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# Basis for HAP

- Section 1013 of the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966.
- Loss must be “...as the result of the actual or pending closing of a base...”
- Expanded HAP – no requirement to prove market decline was caused by the BRAC announcement.



# HAP Expansion

- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 authorizes expansion of HAP benefits:
  - ▶ Wounded, Injured, Ill and Surviving Spouse homeowners.
  - ▶ BRAC 05 organizations without proof of causal relationship.
  - ▶ Service member homeowners permanently reassigned during the home mortgage crisis.



# Home Purchase Price Cap of Expanded HAP

- 2009 Fannie Mae/Freddie Mac conforming loan limits by county
- \$417,000 - \$729,750
- Apply to all ARRA applicant homes.



# Military Wounded , Injured, Ill Eligibility

- Any member of the Armed Forces (including Coast Guard) in medical transition who:
  - Incurred a wound, injury, or illness in the line of duty during a deployment on or after 11 Sep 2001; and is
  - Disabled to a degree of 30 percent or more as a result of such wound, injury, or illness; and
  - Reassigned in furtherance of medical treatment or rehabilitation, or due to medical retirement in connection with such disability, and
  - Establish and adequate nexus between condition and decision to relocate from primary residence.



# Wounded, Injured, Ill Civilian Eligibility

- Any civilian employee of the Department of Defense or the United States Coast Guard who:
  - Suffer wound, injury, or illness on or after 11 Sep 2001, in the performance of his or her duties during a forward deployment occurring, in support of the Armed Forces; and
  - Relocate from their primary residence in furtherance of medical treatment, rehabilitation, or due to medical retirement resulting from the sustained disability, and.
  - Establish and adequate nexus between condition and decision to relocate from primary residence.



# Military Eligibility Tied to Deployment

Deployment: Performing service in a training exercise or operation at a location or under circumstances that make it impossible or infeasible for the member to spend off-duty time in the housing in which the member resides when on garrison or installation duty at the member's permanent duty station, or home port, as the case may be.



# Civilian Eligibility Tied to Forward Deployment

Forward Deployment: Performing service in an area where the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary's designee has determined that Service members are subject to hostile fire or imminent danger under Section 310(a)(2) of title 37, United States Code.



# Surviving Spouse Eligibility

- The spouse of a member of the Armed Forces or a civilian employee of the Department of Defense or the United States Coast Guard if:
  - The member or employee dies as a result of a wound, injury, or illness while deployed (or forward deployed for civilian employees) on or after September 11, 2001, and
  - The spouse relocates from the member's or civilian employee's primary residence within two years of the death of such spouse.



# BRAC 05 Eligibility

- Military personnel and civilian employees (other than temporary and contractor employees).
- Assigned to announced organization / installation.
- Position is relocated or eliminated.
- Must have purchased home prior to 13 May 2005.
- County home values must have declined at least 10%.
- Individual home value must have declined at least 10%.



## BRAC 05 Eligibility (Continued)

- Organization and home must move at least 50 miles to new location.
- Civilian employee retirees eligible only when position relocated or eliminated.
- Military retirees eligible only for mandatory retirement.
- Sell home between 1 Jul 2006 and 30 Sep 2012.



# Military PCS Eligibility

- Military personnel only.
- PCS orders dated 1 Feb 2006 thru 30 Sep 2012\*
- Must have purchased home prior to 1 Jul 2006.
- County, parish, city home values must have declined at least 10%.
- Individual home value must have declined at least 10%.

**\* Note: Pending availability of funds**



## Military PCS Eligibility (Continued)

- Receive benefits only once under this expanded program.
- Property is primary residence on date of PCS orders.
- Member must move at least 50 miles (Duty station and home).
- Retiring personnel: only mandatory retirements are eligible.
- New accessions (entering active duty) are not eligible.
- Sell home after 1 July 2006.



# Appeals

- HAP applicants may appeal program policies, home value estimates, etc.
- Appeals must be written (no specified format), and submitted to the executing district for review/approval.
- If appeal is not approved at the district, it will be forwarded to the regional HQ and HQUSACE for consideration. If neither the regional HQ or HQUSACE approve the appeal, it will be forwarded to the DUSD-ATL for final consideration.
- Eligibility criteria specified in the law may not be appealed.



# WII and SS Benefits

- **Foreclosure:** Assist after the foreclosure. Benefits may include direct cost of judicial foreclosure, expenses and enforceable liabilities according to the terms of the promissory note
- **Private Sale:** Reimburse:  
95% of purchase price - sale price + closing costs



## WII and SS Benefits (Continued)

- **Govt. Acquisition:** Reimburse the greater of  
90% of purchase price  
OR  
Mortgage payoff

**Note: HAP will not reimburse or pay-off second mortgages, including equity lines of credit, unless obtained when home purchased, or funds were used to improve home.**



# BRAC 05 & Mil. PCS Benefits

- **Foreclosure:** Assist after the foreclosure. Benefits may include direct cost of judicial foreclosure, expenses and enforceable liabilities according to the terms of the promissory note
- **Private Sale (Mil.):** Reimburse:  
90% of purchase price - sale price + closing costs



# BRAC 05 & Mil PCS Benefits

(Continued)

- **Govt. Acquisition:** Only with approval of USACE, following a mandatory 120 day marketing effort.

applicant eligible to receive the greater of:

75% of the purchase price

OR

Mortgage payoff

**Note: HAP will not reimburse or pay-off second mortgages, including equity lines of credit, unless obtained when home purchased, or funds were used to improve home.**



# Tax Liability of Expanded HAP Benefits

- Benefit amounts above current fair market value (sale price) will be taxed as part of applicant's gross income (Federal, state, local).
- Tax laws require that taxes be withheld prior to paying lien holders and applicants.
- Proposed House Ways and Means Committee legislative change, HR 3590, will eliminate expanded HAP benefits tax liability if signed into law.



# Applicant Processing

- Applicants submit application packet.  
Required documents include:
  - ▶ Form HUD-1 – Proof of home purchase price.
  - ▶ Proof of ownership - copy of deed.
  - ▶ Proof of occupancy at time of announcement, deployment or receipt of PCS orders (e.g., utility bill).
  - ▶ Proof of program eligibility



# Applicant Processing (Continued)

- Proof of program eligibility (Continued)
  - WII: DOD disability documentation & proof that disability resulted from deployment.
  - SS: DD Form 1300 (Report of Casualty) – proof that death resulted from deployment.
  - BRAC 05: Proof of assignment to BRAC 05 organization and position relocation/elimination.
  - PCS (Military): copy of orders
- Processing priorities: WII & SS, BRAC 05, PCS



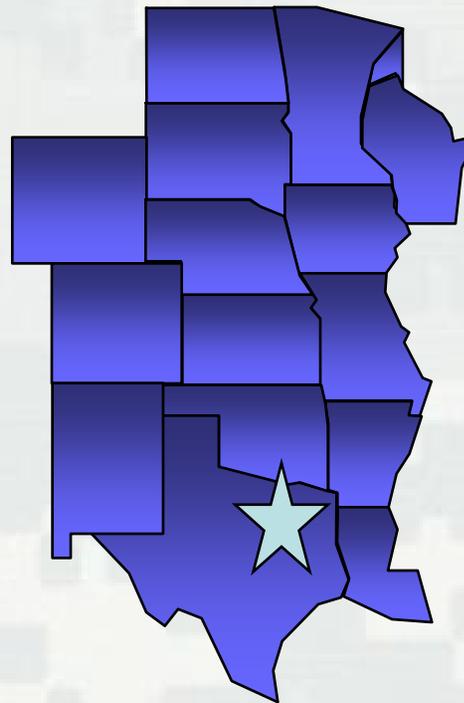
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Pacific

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Savannah District



Europe



# HAP Website

**<http://hap.usace.army.mil/>**

- **Program Information**
- **HAP Application**
- **FAQs**

