

## PRESS RELEASE

### ***Ogden City Announces New Round of Funding For Homeownership Assistance Program 06/24/2025***



**Ogden, UT** – Through the federal HOME Investment Partnership Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Ogden City is excited to announce a new round of funding for their *Own in Ogden* program, available on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

This long-running initiative supports residents working towards homeownership, one of Ogden City's key Community Development goals. Homeownership helps create healthy, stable neighborhoods, paving the way for opportunity and prosperity for Ogden families.

Since 1988, *Own in Ogden* helped make homeownership more accessible by offering downpayment assistance to individuals and families choosing to buy a home within city limits. These funds, **up to \$10,000**, are not just for first-time homebuyers and can be used toward your down payment, closing costs, or reducing your mortgage balance. Last year alone, *Own in Ogden* helped more than 50 residents become homeowners in Ogden City.

"When we help residents put down roots in Ogden, we're investing in the long-term success of our city," said Ogden City Mayor Ben Nadolski. "Homeownership builds equity, strengthens neighborhoods, and helps families thrive."

Income guidelines apply for those looking to participate in the program taking the area's median income into account, with the objective of making homes affordable to those in lower income brackets.

In recognition of the critical role essential workers play in the city's well-being and future, *Own in Ogden* also offers expanded assistance for those in public safety, education, and municipal service. Supporting these professions helps improve retention, create neighborhood stability, and strengthen community bonds.

- State-certified K-12 classroom teachers or administrators in schools which serve Ogden City students can receive a **\$15,000** loan when buying their primary residence within Ogden city limits.
- Ogden City employees and new hires who reside outside Ogden City boundaries, or who rent within Ogden City, can receive up to a **\$15,000** loan to buy a home as their primary residence in Ogden.
- Ogden City sworn Police Officers and Ogden City Firefighters can receive a **\$20,000** loan when buying their primary residence within Ogden city limits.

In addition to *Own in Ogden*, Ogden City offers other housing initiatives through HUD's HOME and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs:

- *Ogden City Homes*: The city purchases, rehabilitates, and resells homes to low- and moderate-income buyers.
- *Emergency Home Repair*: Provides urgent home repair assistance to low-income homeowners facing emergencies.

To date, Ogden's investment in housing programs includes:

- Over **2,000 households** assisted through *Own in Ogden*, with **\$6.8 million** invested
- **245 homes** renovated and resold through Ogden City Homes, totaling **\$31.4 million** in investment
- **543 emergency repair projects** completed, investing **\$1.1 million**

Ogden City's Community Development Division works with residents through the process of applying for the *Own in Ogden* program and has a goal to complete 50 downpayment assistant loan programs for the year. They work to create neighborhoods of opportunity and growth, investing in the community.

"We're committed to using every tool available to make housing more attainable for Ogden families," said Jeremy Smith, Manager of Ogden's Community Development Division. "By leveraging CDBG funds alongside other grants, private investment, and emerging state programs, we can reduce barriers to homeownership and act as both a facilitator and partner in long-term housing solutions.

Demand for *Own in Ogden* assistance is high, and funds are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested in applying are encouraged to review program guidelines and start the process early.

Learn more or start your application by visiting **[ogdencity.com/owninogden](https://ogdencity.com/owninogden)** or calling Ogden City's Community Development team at 801-629-8940.

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