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	USDA Program Matrix			
	PURCHASE			
Doc Type	Occupancy	Units	FICO	LTV/CLTV
Full	Primary Residence	1	640	100/100 1,2,3
	RATE TERM REFINANCE			
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Program Matrix Notes

- 1. Condominiums located in Florida maximum LTV is 75% for all purchases and refinance
- 2. Maximum 90% LTV/CLTV for identity of interest and non-arm's length transaction
- 3. USDA Guarantee fee 1% and may be financed with the loan
- 4. Annual Fee, (paid monthly) 0.35%
- 5. Property eligibility, Income eligibility, and Income limits, can be verified at: eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov

Program Notes		
AUS	 GUS approval required with (Accept/Eligible) findings Manual downgrades are not allowed Manual Underwriting is not allowed 	
Age of Documents	 120 days for existing construction from the date the note is signed. Preliminary Title Policies must be no more than 90 days old on the date the Note is signed. 	
Ratios	Maximum ratios is determined by GUS findings and must reflect (Approve/Eligible)	
Appraisals	 Full URAR appraisal Fannie Mae Form 1004/Freddie Mac Form 70, (for one-unit single-family dwellings). Fannie Mae Form 1073/Freddie Mac Form 465 (for condominium units). Photographs used in the appraisal report must be clear and descriptive to be able to identify the property's condition and quality. Photographs must clearly represent the improvements, and any physical deterioration of the property, amenities, conditions and external influences that may have a 	

material effect on the market value or marketability of the subject property

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Borrower Eligibility	 U.S. citizens All borrowers must have a social security number Permanent resident aliens, with proof of lawful permanent residence alien card Non-permanent resident aliens allowed provided that: The prorower has a valid SSN, The borrower has a valid SSN, The borrower is eligible to work in the U.S., as evidenced by an Employment Authorization Document (EAD) and acceptable visa issued by the (USCIS). (EAD) card must be active and valid for a minimum of 12 months after the loan closes, if the (EAD) card will expire within 12 months after loan closing then borrower will need to provide copy of previously expired (EAD) card to show evidence of renewal history The borrower has a 2 year work history The borrower has a 2 year work history The borrower has a 2 year history of living in the U.S. Acceptable Visa class:

Property Requirements	 Property must be in area designated as rural by Rural Development, refer to the USDA Income and Property Eligibility site: eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov
Bankruptcy/Foreclosure	 Chapter-7 or Chapter-13 must be discharged for more than 3 years
	 Foreclosure - Final recorded foreclosure date must be more than 3 years old

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Condominiums	Must be located in an FHA or VA approved Condominium Project
Ineligible Borrowers	 Foreign Nationals Irrevocable or Blind Trusts Non-Occupant Co-Borrower(s) Limited partnership, general partnerships, corporations

Additional Properties	 Borrower may not own more than one additional property Additional property with mortgage cannot be USDA
	If other property has a FHA or VA mortgage, an exception is required
Verification of Self- Employment	Two Year 1040 IRS transcripts need to be verified and all income reflected on borrower's 1040 tax returns needs to match 1040 IRS transcripts. Two Year 1040's from borrower is required Two Year self-employment history must be verified Year to Date P&L required Balance sheet required, unless borrower files Schedule-C When self-employment income is used to qualify the Borrower, verify and document that the income derived from self-employment is stable with a reasonable expectation that it will continue. Obtain one of the following to verify and confirm that the business is open and operating: Evidence of current work (executed contracts or signed invoices that indicate the business is operating on the day the lender verifies self-employment); (or) Evidence of current business receipts (payment for services performed); (or) Business website demonstrating activity supporting current business operations (timely appointments for estimates or service can be scheduled).
Credit	 Each borrower must have at least one valid credit scores to be eligible. A full tri-merge credit report is required for all borrowers on all transactions. Credit report inquiries must be explained for last 120 days Copy of non-purchasing spouse credit report required and all debt will need to be included in ratios for properties in Community Property state Non-traditional Credit not allowed



	Collection accounts, if the combined cumulative balance on all the collections accounts exceed \$2,000 or greater the following will apply: Count 5% of balance as payment, or Payoff Collections, or
Dava rata v. Cradit	Provide copy of established payment plan with collection agency and verify minimum payment
Derogatory Credit	Note: Medical Collections are excluded Note: Collections from non-purchasing spouse credit report will also need to be counted in ratios if property is located in a community property state
	 Bankruptcy – Must be more than 3 years old prior to application date Foreclosure – Must be more than 3 years old prior to application date

Documentation	• Full
Down Payment Assistance	 Down Payment Assistance programs not allowed Mortgage Credit Certificates (MCCs) are not allowed.
Employment Verification	 2 Year employment history verification is required Final verbal verification of employment required within 10 days of final note date. Marijuana Related Business (MRB) employment and income is not permitted.
Escrow Accounts	 Escrow Impounds Accounts must be established for taxes and insurance premiums in accordance with USDA Guidelines and must be included with loan.
Exclusionary Lists	 The HUD Limited Denial of Partnership (LDP) list and the General Services Administration (GSA) lists must be reviewed for all loans, if any party to the transaction, including the borrower(s), is reflected on these lists, the loan is not eligible.
FICO	Refer to LTV matrix.
Financing Concessions	Limited to 6% of the sales price
High Cost / High Priced Mortgage Loans	High costs loans and High priced mortgage loans are not allowed



Identity of Interest Transaction	 For the purpose of Identity of Interest transactions, the definition of family member includes: a child, parent, or grandparent; a child is defined as a son, stepson, daughter, or stepdaughter; a parent or grandparent includes a stepparent/grandparent or foster parent/grandparent; spouse or domestic partner; legally adopted son or daughter, including a child who is placed with the Borrower by an authorized agency for legal adoption; foster child; brother, stepbrother; sister, stepsister; uncle; aunt; or son-in-law, daughterin-law, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law of the Borrower. Maximum LTV is 90%
CAIVRS	CAIVRS verification required for all borrowers on the loan
Lien Position	• First
Assets	Two month bank statements required
Debt not included in ratios	 Medical Collections 401k Re-payment Utilities Union Dues Child Care expenses
Maximum Loan Amount	Maximum loan amount is determined by LTV, maximum DTI, and GUS findings

Minimum Loan Amount	Determined and evaluated by GUS	
Forbearance	A borrower who has deferred mortgage payments as result of recent forbearance plan: must have resumed making payments for a period of at least six (6) months and not have any defaults in the previous 12-month period, excluding the time the loan was in forbearance	
Occupancy	Primary Owner Occupied only	
Property, Eligible Types	 Single Family PUD Condominium – (Must be FHA or VA condo approved project) 	

Property, Ineligible Types	 Manufactured homes 2-4 Unit Properties Mobile Homes Modular Homes Cooperatives Condotels Hotel Condominiums Timeshares Geodesic Domes Working Farms and Ranches Unimproved Land and property currently in litigation Leasehold Properties
Property Flipping Policy	 A Property that is being resold 30 days or fewer following the seller's date of acquisition is not allowed A Property that is being resold between 31 – 91 days or fewer following the seller's date of acquisition requires the appraisal to reflect additional recent comps that strongly support the appraised value
Escrow Holdback	Escrow Holdback is not allowed
State Restrictions	☐ Loans for properties in Hawaii are not eligible. ☐ Texas 50 (a)(6) loans are not allowed.
Secondary Financing	 Subordinate financing and Down Payment Assistance programs are not allowed Mortgage Credit Certificates (MCCs) are not allowed.

Tax Transcripts	 IRS Tax Return (1040) Transcripts are required for all borrowers and household members Wet signed 4506-C is required for all borrowers and household members
Properties Located in FEMA declared disaster area	If a property is located in a FEMA declared disaster county area and the FEMA declaration start date is dated after the date of the appraisal, a final inspection with photos will be required to verify the property was not affected by natural disaster.

Ineligible Transaction Types	The following is not allowed: Construction to Perm Loans Energy Efficient Mortgage Loans New Construction Loans Leasehold properties Mortgage Credit Certificates (MCC) Construction modification loans Assumption loans Streamline Refinance Lending on Native American Tribal Lands Properties subject to Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) obligations Temporary buydown mixed-use properties Investment Second home
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Seasoning Refinance	 All USDA Transactions must be current with no late payments in most recent 12 months through close of escrow All USDA Transactions require mortgage rating to be updated all the way through close of escrow. USDA rate/term refinance No late Mortgage payments in last 12 months Minimum 6 month mortgage payments required 210 day seasoning applies to all rate/term refinance Note: On refinance transactions, when paying off a loan, the borrower must have made 6 consecutive payments on the loan being paid off and the first payment due date of the new loan must be at least 210 days after the first payment due date of the refinanced loan (Note: for modified loans the date is counted from the first payment date of the loan after modification).
Income	 Annual Income- The income of all adult household members Adjusted Annual Income- The household's annual income minus certain qualified household deductions Qualifying Income- Adjusted annual income compared to established income limits to determine eligibility of the household for the SFHGLP Repayment Income- The stable and dependable income used to calculate debt ratios and determine whether the applicant(s) can afford the home Income eligibility and Income limits can be verified at eligibility.sc.egov.usda.gov