

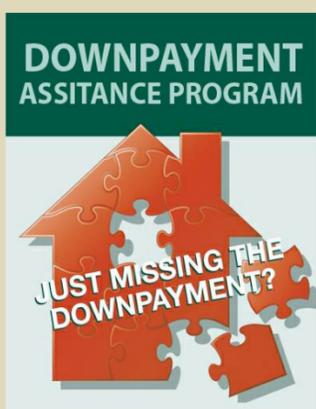


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Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program

The City of Vallejo, facilitated by the Community Housing Development Corporation (CHDC), offers various programs for Vallejo residents, or buyers who would like to purchase a home in Vallejo. Gap lending is available for the purchase of properties located within the Vallejo city limits.

The City of Vallejo offers down payment assistance loans up to \$40,000 for households with low income purchasing their first home in Vallejo. The HOME-CDBG program will provide a maximum loan of 20 percent of the sale price (up to the \$40,000) for households at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income. The borrower must put a minimum of 1.5 percent of his or her own money down and have remaining liquid assets of no more than \$25,000. The loans are amortized over a 30 year period. More information for the Down Payment Assistance Program is [available here](#).



The City of Vallejo also offers closing costs grants up to 3 percent of the sales price. These grants are available to households who receive a down payment assistance loan from the City. Additionally, closing cost loans up to 3 percent of the sales price are available for households not receiving down payment assistance loans.

For additional information, or to apply for the First Time Homebuyer Loan, click [here](#) or call (707) 652-7861 x226. Submit a completed [Intake Form](#) online and e-mail to [Latoya Carr](#) or mail to:

CHDC, The City of Vallejo Mortgage Assistance Program
1535-A Fred Jackson Way
Richmond, CA 94801

In-Shape Lincoln Road Update

The In-Shape located on [Lincoln Road](#) has completed interior and exterior renovations, and the sports club is back in action and fully functional.

The former Millennium Sports Club underwent a \$3 million transformation to enhance the South Vallejo location and turn it into a premier health club destination. With a new indoor aquatics center, a cardio theater complete with treadmills, elliptical, bikes and stair climbers, new locker rooms with spa-like finishes, and daily use lockers and monthly rental lockers, and a new VIP lounge with hospitality bar dispensing coffee and infused water.



In addition to the renovations, In-Shape has vamped-up its exercise equipment, with a variety of weight machines for beginner to advanced strength training, a group exercise studio to enjoy [classes](#) such as LES MILLS and ZUMBA, a functional training zone with kettlebells, medicine balls and HIIT (high intensity interval training) workouts. The gym also has a 29-minute circuit for a full-body workout that's easy, fast and convenient (just follow the light: red to stop and green to go, circuit two times around).

The group cycling studio is a great way to work out and catch up and offers 6 classes weekly that are included in the membership. For those who wish to skip the weights and play some games, In-Shape on Lincoln Road has two full basketball courts and four full tennis courts.

The club is located at 124 Lincoln Road East and is open Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For additional information about the club or membership, call (707) 644-7788. In-Shape has a second sports club in Vallejo, located at 765 Sereno Drive.

Loma Vista Farm Spring Festival

The [Loma Vista Farm](#) is having its annual Spring Festival to celebrate the season. This is a golden opportunity to visit the Farm and spend time with friends and family, participate in crafts and activities, and visit educational information booths.



Have fun at the Animal Adventure petting zoo, ride the train and visit the Greenhouse for helpful ideas and tips for planting your own spring garden. Guests can also see the projects Loma Vista Farm staff have been working on all year and see the improvements made.

The Loma Vista Farm provides hands-on, educational activities involving plants and animals for students and children of all ages and abilities. Admission is free, though activity tickets are \$.50.

The spring festival will offer items for sale, including California native plants, organic vegetables, herbs, succulents and food.

The Loma Vista Farm Spring Festival will be on Saturday, May 17 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Loma Vista Farm, located at 150 Rainier Avenue.

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Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Grant

The [Vallejo City Unified School District](#) (VCUSD) is pleased to announce that it has begun the implementation of the Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Program, a three-year grant of \$567,520 to increase nutrition education and physical activity opportunity for Vallejo students.

This year, VCUSD is focusing on the 4th graders who attend nine of the Full Service Community School sites.

To date, the school district has begun delivering a Power Play! Curriculum, a program that encourages students to eat fruits and vegetables, and get 60 minutes of physical activity every day while incorporating California Content Standards into each classroom. The goal is to have students assuming more responsibility for their own health and well-being.

The Nutrition Education and Obesity Prevention Program also supports the students in leadership, critical thinking, problem solving and community based research, including: conducting youth engagement projects to address an identified issue with consumption and access to healthy foods and beverages, as well as physical activity opportunities in their environment. VCSUD will also identify solutions applying public health approaches.

Schools benefiting from this program are:

- Elsa Widenmann
- Loma Vista Environment Science Academy (K-8)
- Dan Mini
- Cooper
- Highland
- Lincoln
- Patterson
- Federal Terrace
- Mare Island Health and Fitness Academy (K-8)

VCUSD looks forward to the impact these activities will have on the entire school system as it uses what it has learned to enhance the curriculum and practices at all Vallejo schools.

Communications Survey



The City Manager's Office officially launched the first **Communications Survey** on March 14, calling all residents, businesses and stakeholders to provide formal feedback about how City staff communicate. Surveying the City's communications will allow Vallejo's Communication Plan to be elastic, responding to changes in the media landscape, demographics, and current events as needed. The findings will be reported to the internal Communications Committee for review, and then presented to the City Council in the Fall. For additional information please contact [Joanna Altman](#), Administrative Analyst II.

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