Down payment and settlement costs are one of the biggest barriers to homeownership, especially for first-time home buyers.

Since 1997, Johns Hopkins has teamed with Baltimore City and the state of Maryland offering grants to assist eligible employees with down payment and/or closing costs, who choose to purchase homes in designated neighborhoods near the Homewood, East Baltimore, Peabody and Bayview campuses.

To date, the Johns Hopkins Live Near Your Work program has awarded well over 300 grants.

Thanks in part to a major grant from The Rouse Company Foundation, in August 2008 Johns Hopkins expanded the program to offer grants of up to $17,000 for down payment and closing costs.

Please note, grants vary by location and restrictions apply. Additional assistance may be available from other sources.
Program Information

Who can apply?

The program is open to all full-time, benefits-eligible employees at:

- Johns Hopkins University
- Johns Hopkins Hospital
- Johns Hopkins Bayview
- Johns Hopkins Health Care
- Johns Hopkins Community Physicians
- Johns Hopkins Health System
- Johns Hopkins Home Care Group

(Employees of the Applied Physics Laboratory are not eligible.)

LNYW Eligibility and Conditions

To be eligible for a LNYW Grant an applicant must be:

- Full-time, benefits-eligible of Johns Hopkins University, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Johns Hopkins Health Care, Johns Hopkins Community Physicians, or Johns Hopkins Bayview (Residents, Post Doctoral Fellows, House Staff and Students are not eligible for the Live Near Your Work Program.)
- Purchase a home in a LNYW Program target area (see map for details)
- Contribute at least one thousand dollars to the down payment and/or closing costs at settlement.
- Obtain a signed certificate documenting the completion of Home Ownership counseling prior to signing contract of sale. Home Ownership Counselors
- Agree to repay funds in full, if applicable, per LNYW Program provisions. LNYW Provisions
- Grants will not be rewarded retroactively.

How Do I apply?

It is strongly recommended that interested applicants contact Sandy Jenkins at 443-997-7000 prior to beginning the house search process.

- LNYW Instructions
- LNYW Application

Relocation Assistance

The Johns Hopkins University offers a variety of services to meet the relocation needs of newly hired or recruited faculty and staff and their family members. These services, provided by WorkLife Programs and the Faculty and Staff Assistance Program, include child and elder/adult care referrals, information on housing and schools, referrals to companies providing relocation services and counseling support to families in transition. For more information, contact the Relocation Assistance Program Coordinator at 443-997-7000.