

# Housing Stability Discussion

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# **The Consumer Housing Journey**

### Fannie Mae is focused on four key obstacles to the Consumer Housing Journey.



#### **Limited credit history**

Thin, lower, or no formal credit history can lead to higher costs or denial of housing or homeownership opportunities.



#### **Burdensome up-front costs**

Burdensome up-front housing costs makes it harder for consumers to access quality, affordable housing.



#### Lack of financial resilience

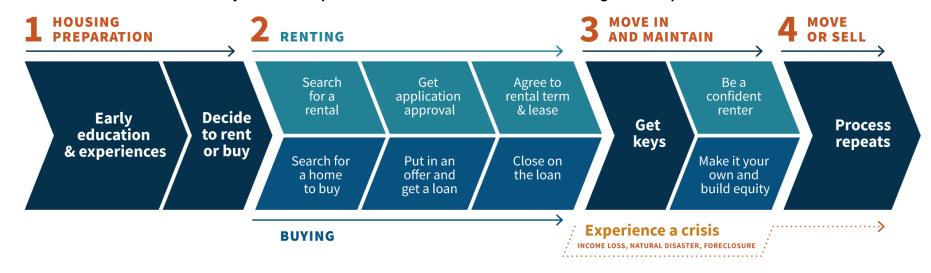
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#### Lack of property resilience

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Note: The key obstacles represent those that Fannie Mae can have the greatest impact at scale.



## Why You're Here . . .

- Fannie Mae is committed to facilitating sustainable access to homeownership.
- We want to take an outside-in approach, one that is built around the needs of consumers and the stakeholders who serve them in their housing journey. We need your input.
- Our focus is on common barriers where Fannie Mae can make an impact, at scale, that are
  experienced more often, and more acutely, by families from historically underserved communities.
- What new or evolving barriers should we be considering?

### **Barriers For Today's Discussion**



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### **Examples of Proposed Stability Actions and Research**

- Aim to make homeownership more sustainable by addressing two key obstacles homeowners encounter across their housing journey lack of financial and property resilience.
- Focus on addressing these barriers to ongoing housing stability, especially for low- and moderateincome homeowners
- Leverage Fannie Mae's relationships to collaborate with community partners to implement tailored initiatives locally and develop best practices to replicate in other markets.

#### **Lack of Financial Resilience**

Expand access to hardship counseling services for borrowers and renters

### **Both Financial and Property Resilience**

- Collaborations with community partners to clear title and rehabilitate homes for LMI households
- Increase awareness of Fannie Mae's HomeStyle mortgage products
- New homeowner stability education
- Expand WAP (Weatherization Assistance Program) utilization through Housing counseling partners
- Energy Program Savings lookup tool
  <a href="https://yourhome.fanniemae.com/calculators-tools">https://yourhome.fanniemae.com/calculators-tools</a>

#### **Lack of Property Resilience**

- REO: Repair Fannie Mae owned properties with energy efficient and water-saving upgrades
- Expand Community Land Trust partnerships that integrate energy and resilience features in affordable homes
- > Expand FORTIFIED roofing to strengthen homes against severe weather
- ➤ Disaster preparedness & recovery training for Gulf Coast communities
- ➤ Partnerships to provide sustainability/resilience skilled trade education
- Research housing for rural agricultural workers

# **Breakout Discussion Topics**

### 1 Lack of Financial Resilience



- How should Fannie Mae lean in to help create and sustain future homeowners?
- What loan features or tools we should consider to help homeowners be successful over the long term?

### 2 Lack of Property Resilience



- What can Fannie Mae and lenders do to help more underserved communities upgrade and upkeep their homes?
- What loan products or policies could be improved or created that would help families own a home that is more resilient to natural disasters, healthier, and secure?