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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

**Link** provides customers access to homeownership through an affordable long-term finance agreement and allows customers time to get mortgage ready with an equitable title interest. Trio's newest home financing product **Link** provides yet another way for customers otherwise unable to obtain affordable financing to access homeownership.

- Offers up to 96.5% financing up to FHA loan limits
- Link is a Financing Agreement providing the rights and privileges of homeownership via equitable title, similar to a standard mortgage and deed of trust
- Financial counseling and payment protection included
- Includes an underlying FHA 203(b) loan and are subject to HUD's FHA loan guidelines for final approval. It is being processed by the lender and will also require its conditions to be cleared. Please check with your internal contact for updates on the same.

\*If a customer is looking for a more flexible program or is still working on their credit, please refer to our Convertible Lease section.

## 2. CUSTOMERS THAT BENEFIT FROM THE LINK PROGRAM

- First time home buyers
- Self-employed
- 1099 and gig workers
- Relocation
- New job
- College graduates
- Student loans burdened
- ITIN/DACA
- Credit issues preventing mortgage approval
- Those in transition

### **3. HOW DOES LINK WORK?**

- LHFS uploads referral to Link's website
  - Once approval is completed an email will be sent with the maximum approved monthly payment and home price supported by that payment
  - Customer is the borrower on the Link financing agreement and Trio is the Lender on the Link transaction
    - Government Agency is the borrower on the FHA loan
- Customer shops for home with their Agent
- Agent or LHFS uploads accepted contract to Trio
- Trio prices the Link payment and issues the Link disclosures
- Trio accepts assignment and submits to LHFS who then orders the appraisal
- Trio and LHFS work together to clear both the Link Loan and FHA loan to close
- Customer signs a Link agreement and pays required costs
  - Link agreement is signed a day before FHA settlement
  - See Cash Required





- Trio uses its pre-approved government agency entities as borrowers
  - Closing is guaranteed provided:
    - Purchase price value is supported by the FHA appraisal
    - Purchase contract has been assigned properly
    - Title has been reviewed and accepted
      - Chain of title subject no 90-day flips
    - LDP / GSA meets FHA requirements
    - Consumer meets and performs under Link Loan guidelines
- The transaction closes, the home is purchased, and the customer moves in!
- LHFS will service the Link transaction and underlying FHA loan

## 4. LINK GUIDELINES

| PRE-APPROVALS             | <ul> <li>Submit FNMA 3.4 file, credit report, and 1003 for Link approval through DASH</li> <li>Escrow Hold Backs Not Allowed unless work is required on FHA appraisal and approved by LHFS as well as Trio</li> </ul>  |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| ELIGIBLE<br>BORROWERS     | <ul> <li>Maximum two applicants per financing</li> <li>U.S Citizens</li> <li>Individuals or Inter Vivos (Living) Trusts; DACA ok</li> <li>Non-U.S Citizens <ul> <li>Lawful Permanent Residents</li> <li>Eligible with green card, requires a U.S. social security number</li> <li>Non-Permanent Resident Aliens</li> <li>Eligible with proof of employment and Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN)</li> <li>Borrower(s) with Diplomatic Immunity</li> <li>Not eligible</li> </ul> </li> <li>Non-Occupant Co-Borrower allowed <ul> <li>Must sign the loan documents as an additional guarantor</li> <li>Income may be used for qualifying income</li> <li>Occupancy is not required</li> <li>Must have no interest in the transaction as a seller</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |  |
| OCCUPANCY                 | <ul> <li>Primary Residence – Eligible</li> <li>Second or Vacation Home – Eligible</li> <li>Investment – Not Eligible</li> <li>Homes financed using a Trio program may not be sublet/rented and are intended for occupancy of the applicant(s) only</li> </ul>  |  |  |
| ACCEPTED<br>DOCUMENTATION | <ul> <li>Trio reserves the right to request further documentation and/or make further limitations as it deems appropriate</li> <li>If any documentation has low resolution, missing data, errors (such as misspelled names), altered text, or unusual formatting, Trio will request new copies</li> </ul>  |  |  |





- Trio will pull a soft credit report from Equifax (FICO Classic v5) to determine qualification
  - Minimum Credit Score: 600
  - O Minimum Credit Score for Self-Employed: 660
  - Minimum Credit Score for customer who currently owns a home and is retaining the property: 660
  - Minimum Credit Score for Home Prices \$750,000+: 700
- Credit Score Rate Tiers
  - 0 600-639 (includes no score ITIN)
  - o 640-679
  - o 680+
- Link Rate Lookup Chart (can use the base FHA interest rate and Link interest rate listed on the approval letter to find the credit tier the customer was in)

|                           | Credit Tiers                   |         |         |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Base FHA<br>Interest Rate | 580-639<br>(includes no score) | 640-679 | 680+    |
| 6.00%                     | 7.875%                         | 7.625%  | 7.375%  |
| 6.25%                     | 8.125%                         | 7.875%  | 7.625%  |
| 6.50%                     | 8.375%                         | 8.125%  | 7.875%  |
| 6.75%                     | 8.625%                         | 8.375%  | 8.125%  |
| 7.00%                     | 8.875%                         | 8.625%  | 8.375%  |
| 7.25%                     | 9.125%                         | 8.875%  | 8.625%  |
| 7.50%                     | 9.375%                         | 9.125%  | 8.875%  |
| 7.75%                     | 9.625%                         | 9.375%  | 9.125%  |
| 8.00%                     | 9.875%                         | 9.625%  | 9.375%  |
| 8.25%                     | 10.125%                        | 9.875%  | 9.625%  |
| 8.50%                     | 10.375%                        | 10.125% | 9.875%  |
| 8.75%                     | 10.625%                        | 10.375% | 10.125% |
| 9.00%                     | 10.875%                        | 10.625% | 10.375% |

## CREDIT

- No scores permitted with the following requirements (includes Self-employed ITIN borrower with no score):
  - Verification of 1 active & current tradeline open for at least 12 months on credit report or credit supplement
    - To be active & current, date of last payment must be within 90 days of the date the credit was pulled or
  - Verification of 1 current utility paid on time for 12 months
    - Accepted forms of utility tradelines include: auto insurance, internet, cell phone, electricity, water, sewer, trash, and gas bills
    - Can be verified through bank statements, credit supplement, or a rental history payment ledger if shown as a separate charge from rent charge
- No active bankruptcy, foreclosure, or short sale
  - O Bankruptcy, foreclosure, or short sale permitted with the following requirements:
    - Eligible upon discharge or satisfaction
    - Must be recorded on credit report
- Tax liens, judgements permitted with the following requirements:
  - Eligible if settled or discharged
  - O Payment terms are documented in an agreement
- Student Loans
  - Must be in good standing and not in collections
  - For DTI, use the actual payments as stated on the credit report





|                     | ALL DEBT OBLIGATIONS ARE PER BORROWER (IF TRADELINES ARE NOT JOINT)  |   |   |                   |
|---------------------|--|---|---|-------------------|
| DEBT<br>OBLIGATIONS | Standard Creditor  | • Inclu   | de minimum payment as listed  | on credit report  |
|                     | Tradelines   | • At least 1 active & current tradeline or utility for at least 12 months (see Credit section above for accepted forms) |   |                   |
|                     | Student Loans  | <ul><li>If payment listed on credit, included in DTI</li><li>If deferred, not included</li></ul>                        |   | in DTI            |
|                     | Collections/Judgements   | <ul><li>Include payment if listed,</li><li>If no, balance is amortized over 240 months</li></ul>                        |   | months            |
|                     | Tax Liens  | <ul><li>Must be in payment plan</li><li>Include payment in DTI/PTI</li></ul>  |   |                   |
|                     | Charge-offs & Medical  | Not i   | ncluded   |                   |
|                     | Delinquency  | last 1<br>O   | npaid collections, delinquent ac<br>2 months on any tradelines<br>Must be in payment plan and in<br>Can be paid or settled prior to s | cluded in DTI/PTI |
| DEBT-TO-<br>INCOME  | <ul> <li>Max DTI:</li> <li>42% payment to income (PTI) (see below for limitations) <ul> <li>or</li> <li>55% obligations to income (DTI)</li> </ul> </li> <li>*whichever amount is lower will be used as the borrower's maximum approved monthly payment</li> </ul> |   |   |                   |
|                     | Self-Employed / 1099 Income  |   | 38% Max PTI   | 96.5% Max LTV     |
|                     | Current Homeowner <ul> <li>Mobile Homes Included</li> <li>Rental Income qualifies as income</li> </ul>   |   | 38% Max PTI   | 95% Max LTV       |
|                     | Bankruptcy, Foreclosure or Short Sale in Last 3<br>Years   |   | 38% Max PTI   | Up to 96.5% LTV   |
| DTI<br>MODIFIERS    | <ul><li>No Credit Score</li><li>Based on Trio's Equifax report</li></ul>   |   | 38% Max PTI   | Up to 96.5% LTV   |
|                     | Household Income Less than or Equal to \$50,000  |   | 38% Max PTI   | Up to 96.5% LTV   |
|                     | Payment Shock Above 200%   |   | 38% Max PTI   | Up to 96.5% LTV   |
|                     | Payment Shock Above 400%   |   | 36% Max PTI   | Up to 96.5% LTV   |
|                     | If any combination of the above  |   | Reduce PTI by 2% to 36%<br>(or 34% if Payment Shock<br>Above 400%)  | Up to 96.5% LTV   |





| IDENTIFICATION              | <ul> <li>Two forms of government-issued ID         <ul> <li>One form must be a picture ID</li> <li>If not a US Citizen or Permanent Resident, please provide proof of ITIN documentation</li> <li>Expired identification not accepted</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |   |  |
|-----------------------------|--|---|--|
|                             |  |   |  |
| HOUSING<br>HISTORY          | 700+ Credit Score<br>(Score based off Trio's report)   | Under 700 Credit Score – no score included<br>(Score based off Trio's report)   |  |
|                             | <ul><li>rent shock guidelines apply depending on amount</li><li>Related Party Housing History</li></ul>  | ng hands/transferring to another party<br>% down required if retaining mobile home or trailer &<br>ted or not related), both must be on application unless<br>g rent payments<br>onths documented on credit report<br>5 below |  |
| HOMEOWNERSHIP<br>COUNSELING | <ul> <li>First time homebuyer class from eHome America <u>https://www.ehomeamerica.org/thinktrio</u></li> <li>Borrower to pay for course, required prior to close as part of UW - Estimated cost: \$99</li> <li>12-month minimum post-purchase counseling class is required with costs to be paid by the applicant at time of closing - Estimated cost: \$234 (will be on final CD)</li> </ul> |   |  |





#### W2 Employee

- Most recent W2
- 60 days of most recent & consecutive paystubs
- Two most recent bank statements verifying deposits
- Should new cycle's paystubs or bank statements become available prior to closing, Work number verification or lender completed VOE accepted if dated within 15 days of closing

#### Self-Employment, 1099, or Independent Contractor

- Most recent year tax returns (1 year tax return required)
- Most recent 1099 (if applicable)
- Current year to date P&L and prior year to date P&L (if less than 6 months into the year)
  - O CPA prepared or electronic accounting system prepared
  - Self-prepared is not accepted
- 3 Months Business Bank Statements
  - O Personal bank statements are allowed if 1099 income is deposited
  - o If 2 people are listed on personal bank statements and both receive income, both must be on application
- Copy of business license or verification that it isn't required
  - O Business registration will be verified by Trio on Secretary of State website when possible
- Income is calculated on the current cashflow from bank statements
  - Income deposits shown on bank statements minus expenses shown on P&L

Transfers between separate accounts are excluded from income calculation

O Multiple accounts receiving new income deposits are accepted and can be included in total income calculation

#### INCOME

- Review income for reasonableness given job type
- Most recently filed tax return must show SE/1099 income except where income is new since last tax filing and therefore
  has not been reported on tax returns

#### Awarded Income

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- Child support, social security and retirement are accepted forms of awarded income
- Award letter & two most recent bank statements showing deposits must be provided
- Child support income must continue for 3+ years after expected close date to count on application

#### New Employment Less than 12 months

- W2 Employee
  - 0 2 months paystubs and bank statements
    - or
  - 0 Employment letter and most recent paystub and bank statement
- Self-Employed
  - O Must have most recent 3 months of verification (for documentation needed, see above)
- No income or asset seasoning required (see documentation requirements)
- No income limits
- All income to be reviewed by LHFS and then by Trio
- Income must be appropriate for described employment
  - Utilize salary.com or other such resource to determine reasonableness for independent contractors





|                       | Proof of funds for cash to close required   |
|-----------------------|---|
|                       | • Down payment minimum is 3.5% of the purchase price except for below scenarios:  |
|                       | <ul> <li>Retaining Second Home - 5% down required</li> </ul>  |
|                       | <ul> <li>VOR/Credit Supplement used for housing verification with 700+ score - 5% down required</li> </ul>  |
|                       | <ul> <li>VOR/Credit Supplement used for housing verification with score less than 700 (includes no score) - 10% down required</li> <li>\$750,000+ Home Price - 10% down required (on exception)</li> </ul>  |
|                       |   |
|                       | <ul> <li>Closing costs from underlying FHA loan</li> <li>FHA closing costs can be reduced with use of seller credit (up to 6%).</li> </ul>  |
|                       | <ul> <li>Lender and title fees subject to market and LHFS</li> </ul>  |
|                       | -   |
|                       | • Link Fees = Closing Fee \$1,295 + Signing \$465 + Origination 0.75% of Purchase Price, HOA Servicing  |
|                       | Fee \$325 if applicable   |
| CASH REQUIRED         | • 1 Payment in liquid reserves  |
|                       | Additional Requirements   |
|                       | • Liquidity   |
|                       | <ul> <li>No seasoning required</li> <li>Must be in the form of liquid cash (checking or savings account)</li> </ul>   |
|                       | wast be in the form of inquid cash (checking of savings account)  |
|                       | <ul> <li>May include earnest money and seller credit for the financed property</li> </ul>   |
|                       | <ul> <li>May be from gifted funds (see below)</li> <li>Each below for the function of the function of</li></ul> |
|                       | • Excluded: cash value of life insurance, retirement assets, investment assets, employer pension plans,   |
|                       | non-liquid assets   |
|                       | • Gifted Funds  |
|                       | <ul> <li>Grantor bank statement must be provided showing proof of gifted amount</li> </ul>  |
|                       | • Verification  |
|                       | <ul> <li>Confirm through review of checking or savings bank statements</li> </ul>   |
|                       | • Minimum: \$120,000  |
| LOAN LIMITS           | • Maximum: Up to the county area FHA loan limit   |
|                       | • See \$750,000 home price exception guideline in Cash Required section above   |
|                       |   |
| SELLER CREDIT         | • Up to 6% per FHA limits   |
|                       | Seller credit can only be applied to the FHA Government Entity loan   |
| AGENT<br>COMPENSATION | Real Estate Agents receive full compensation as included in the PSA   |
|                       |   |
| TIME TO CLOSE         | • Standard Link closing timeframes, typically 35-45 days  |





| HOME<br>PAYMENT<br>PROTECTION<br>PLAN (HPP) | <ul> <li>Obtain a quote and enter the "Payment Due at Closing" amount into the Link Payment and Fee calculator <u>https://www.appliedassurance.net/pricing-calculator</u></li> <li>HPP is an annual premium. The HPP will continue throughout the duration of the Seller Financing Agreement or until fully paid, and it will be disbursed through the escrow account.</li> <li>If closing prior to 3/15/24: The borrower will initially be charged for the first two (2) years. The initial cost (2 years) will be collected at the time of closing and will be listed on the Closing Disclosure. At the beginning of the second year, an additional amount will be added to the escrow account, covering the HPP amount for year 3.</li> <li>If closing 3/15/24 or after: The borrower will initially be charged for the first one (1) year. The initial cost (1 year) will be collected at the time of closing and will be listed on the Closing Disclosure. The monthly payment will include the HPP monthly program fee and subsequent years of premium are to be paid from this escrowed amount.</li> <li>To determine the monthly amount added to the Escrow payment, divide the annual premium by 12 or see monthly program fee.</li> </ul> |
|---|---|
| CONTRACT<br>TERMS                           | <ul> <li>Contract Type: Seller Financing</li> <li>Term Length: 40 years</li> <li>Fully Amortizing: Yes</li> <li>Payments: Monthly</li> <li>Due Date: 1<sup>st</sup>, ACH required</li> <li>See Contract and/or Explainer Videos for full details. <ul> <li><u>Contract Overview</u> &amp; <u>Home Care</u> &amp; <u>Living with Link</u></li> <li>Videos are in English with Spanish subtitles available</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| PREPAYMENT<br>PENALTY                       | <ul> <li>Customer can refinance/purchase from equitable title into direct title</li> <li>Prior to 36 months requires a 2% prepayment penalty</li> </ul>   |
| NUMBER OF<br>PROPERTIES                     | <ul> <li>If the subject transaction is for a primary residence, there is no limit to the number of financed properties</li> <li>If the subject transaction is for an additional home (second home), the number of financed properties is limited to 4, including the primary residence</li> <li>5% minimum down payment is required if the customer currently owns a home and is retaining it</li> </ul>  |
| LINK TITLE<br>INSURANCE                     | <ul> <li>Preferred title insurance for the FHA loan (policies underwritten by):</li> <li>Westcor Land Title Insurance</li> <li>First National Title Insurance</li> <li>First American Title Insurance (Choctaw only)</li> <li>*Please note: Owner policies are preferred, but not required.</li> </ul>  |





### 5. CONVERTIBLE LEASE PROGRAM DETAILS & GUIDELINES

A Link Convertible Lease is a 3-to-5-year lease that converts to a Link Home Loan at the customer's option after a minimum of 18 consecutive on-time monthly payments. Unlike traditional lease-to-own agreements, there is no increase in the home price. Instead, when converted, the lease is replaced by a Link Home Loan at the then current balance. The converted balance is reduced each month by reflecting the principal portion of a

comparable Link Home Loan payment. Just like a Link Home Loan, ownership of the home is transferred to the customer when all required payments are completed under the Link Home Loan, or the contract is otherwise paid off in full by the customer. \*All Link program and property guidelines apply to the Convertible Lease except for the changes listed below.

| CONTRACT<br>TERMS   | o <u>Contract Overview</u>  | red<br>iner Videos for full details.<br>& <u>Home Care</u> & <u>Living with Convertible Lease</u><br>h with Spanish subtitles available |
|---------------------|---|---|
| TERMINATION         | <ul> <li>There are several ways for a lease to end: <ol> <li>Entering into a Link Home Loan after a minimum of 18 consecutive on-time monthly payments</li> <li>Moving out by giving a 60-day written notice (only available after 36 months)</li> <li>Not adhering to lease guidelines. Once the lease ends, no money will be owed to you or refunded to you for any payments you made during the time you lived there.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> |   |
| CREDIT              | <ul> <li>Trio will pull a soft credit report from Equifax (FICO Classic v5) to determine qualification         <ul> <li>Minimum Credit Score: 580</li> <li>Minimum Credit Score for Self-Employed: 640</li> <li>Minimum Credit Score for customer who currently owns a home and is retaining the property: 640</li> <li>Minimum Credit Score for customer who currently owns a home with no current payment: 640</li> </ul> </li> </ul>         |   |
| DEBT<br>OBLIGATIONS | Delinquency   | No more than 2 unpaid collections and/or delinquent accounts, total amount not to exceed \$500  |
| HOUSING<br>HISTORY  | • A VOR or credit suppleme<br>least 6 months  | ent is allowed, but must also be verified through another method noted <u>above</u> for at  |





### 6. PROPERTY GUIDELINES

| ELIGIBLE<br>LOCATIONS  | <ul> <li>Nationwide program, excluding the following:         <ul> <li>Alaska</li> <li>New York City Metro Area (includes the 5 Boroughs)</li> <li>Counties of Bergen and Hudson in New Jersey</li> <li>Coastal counties in Florida along the Atlantic seaboard: Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, St Lucie,<br/>Martin, Indian River and Key West (Key West is in Monroe County, but not all of Monroe County is<br/>excluded)</li> <li>Properties located in flood zones: <a href="https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home">https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>Service Location         <ul> <li>Must be within 50 miles of a major metro market (population of 50,000+) with qualified<br/>inspection/maintenance provider</li> <li>If outside of service area and an exception is granted, 2% minimum additional down payment is required<br/>from the customer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
|------------------------|--|
| ELIGIBLE<br>HOME TYPES | <ul> <li>See Link Home Requirements for more information.</li> <li>Newly Built and Resale</li> <li>Single Family <ul> <li>Fee simple, single housing units</li> <li>Factory-built housing such as prefabricated, panelized, modular, or sectional housing okay as long as it assumes the characteristics of a site-built structure and meets local zoning and building codes</li> </ul> </li> <li>Condos <ul> <li>Warrantable condos and Planned Unit Developments</li> <li>Condo questionnaire required</li> <li>Homeowners Association review must be completed and reviewed by legal to confirm eligibility</li> </ul> </li> <li>Townhomes</li> <li>Manufactured Homes no older than 5 years (follow additional FHA requirements)</li> <li>Must meet FHA qualifications and appraisal.</li> <li>Max Acreage: 5 Acres <ul> <li>Lot size must be common for the area</li> </ul> </li> <li>HOAs</li> <li>Closing letter or demand required showing HOA contact information and fee payment details. HOA Letter of Authorization required for HOA monitoring service to ensure post-closing compliance on dues and restrictions. Estimated cost: \$325</li> <li>Must not contain rental or resale restrictions. Verified required.</li> <li>All HOA costs, dues, requirements are the responsibility of the consumer.</li> <li>Fees to join homeowners associations are due from borrower at closing.</li> <li>Condos and Single Family:</li> <li>Subject to review of homeowners' association documents and reserves. Exceptions on a case-by- case basis.</li> <li>Planned Unit Developments:</li> <li>Subject to review of covenants, conditions, and restrictions, homeowners' association documents, and reserves:</li> <li>Legal Review:</li> <li>Condos, townhomes or PUD's subject to internal legal review with costs to be covered by the borrower</li> </ul> |





| INELIGIBLE<br>HOME TYPES       | <ul> <li>Mobile Homes</li> <li>Homes located in flood zones</li> <li>Leaseholds or homes where ground rent is in effect</li> <li>Properties with resale or rental restrictions</li> <li>Foreclosures or short sales</li> <li>Less than 90 days since the previous sale</li> </ul>  |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| HOME INSPECTION<br>& CONDITION | <ul> <li>Trio's Property Condition guidelines remain in effect and need to be considered by the parties working on the closing. See Link Home Requirements for more information.         <ul> <li>Inspections are required to be completed for all homes except new construction with proof of payment required</li> <li>Trio's signed acknowledgement form is required on all transactions</li> </ul> </li> <li>Lender teams should review inspection report findings in addition to appraisal reports and remain prepared to respond and provide needed documentation should Trio request. See condition rating details below.</li> <li>C1 and C2 condition ratings on FHA appraisals do not require any further action or documentation except for 1004D if required for 'subject to' conditions.</li> <li>C3 and C4 condition ratings may require further action or documentation when 1004D if required for 'subject to' conditions and where other health and safety items have been identified in the inspection report or appraisal report. In this case, the action plan to resolve health and safety items in order to obtain Clear to Close should be provided to Trio. See Link Home Requirements for more information.</li> <li>Note that repairs or damages called out by the home inspection, but not by the appraisal, are still required to be addressed if not in compliance with Home Requirements</li> <li>C5 and C6 condition ratings <u>do not</u> qualify for financing and will be denied by Trio. Should the home be repaired and re-appraised at a better rating, they can be reconsidered.</li> <li>Roof cert required for properties older than 10 years and/or appraisal condition rating of C3 or C4</li> <li>Clean pest report required</li> <li>Subject and neighboring properties must have a minimum standard curb appeal as</li> <li>determined by inspector, fit of property to neighborhood and subject to Trio's review</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| INSURANCE                      | <ul> <li>Hazard insurance is provided and maintained via escrow on the property by the entity. Trio will assist with any hazard insurance claims subject to coverage and deductible policies.</li> <li>Customer is responsible for obtaining and maintaining rental insurance coverage throughout the Link term</li> <li>Customer is required to provide proof of coverage each year to loan servicer</li> <li>Coverage must be \$100,000 minimum liability</li> </ul>   |  |  |  |
| HOME WARRANTY                  | <ul> <li>Home warranty must be included and maintained during contract term</li> <li>Customer must obtain prior to closing</li> <li>Builder warranties provided by builder on all new construction homes accepted</li> <li>Resale provided by approved warranty provider, First American, American Home Shield or similar</li> <li>Special Features: <ul> <li>If property contains a pool or additional dwelling unit, warranty extension must be included to cover such items. Recommend coverage for septic if applicable, as well as any other special features of the home</li> <li>Term: Coverage through the term of the Link Home Loan with annual renewal paid for by borrower</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |  |  |  |



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| APPRAISALS | <ul> <li>Must have fully executed assignment and/or contract in entity name to place case number order &amp; appraisal order</li> <li>Standard FHA appraisal forms must be used for all originations and value be at least equal to the purchase price</li> <li>If appraisal is below purchase price, borrower may contribute additional cash for the difference; otherwise seller must reduce the purchase price to conform</li> <li>Lender teams should review appraisal reports and remain prepared to respond and provide needed documentation should Trio request (See condition rating details in Home Inspection section above)</li> <li>AVM / BPO must agree with appraisal – within 3% of value</li> <li>Soft Markets: <ul> <li>Loans secured by properties in an area where, as indicated on the appraisal, the average real estate marketing period is in excess of six months, where there is a declining market, an oversupply of housing, or in an area less than 25% developed, are considered soft markets and subject to approval by Link</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
|------------|---|
| SOLAR      | <ul> <li>Solar Panels must be paid off in full prior to or at closing</li> <li>Prior approval required for solar panel lease transfers/assumptions and must be conveyed in <u>consumer's</u> name         <ul> <li>Review of contract details required for approval</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |

## 7. FHA MORTGAGE DETAILS\*

| MORTGAGE TYPE          | <ul> <li>30-year fixed rate mortgage with standard non-owner-occupied terms FHA 203(b) mortgage</li> <li>FHA county loan limits apply</li> </ul>  |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>BORROWER</b> (TRIO) | • The IOG designated entity must be reflected as the Borrower on the mortgage   |
| OCCUPANCY              | • Non-owner occupied as an IOG with consumer terms and pricing  |
| PURPOSE                | • FHA purpose is to promote homeownership and access to credit  |
| TRIO<br>UNDERWRITING   | <ul> <li>TPO Partner does not submit an AUS and cannot be included in the file</li> <li>The IOG entity is the "Borrower" in FHA Connection and their Tax Identification Number (TIN) is in place of a social security number</li> </ul> |
| INTEREST RATE          | • Par rate Periodically set by Link and Master Servicer.  |

\*For further details, please contact your Master Servicer

## 8. AGENCY PARTNER DETAILS

| CEDAR BAND HFA                         | <ul> <li>Tax ID Number: 87-0893146</li> <li>States: AZ, CO, ID, NM, NV, UT, WY</li> </ul>   |
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| CHOCTAW<br>AMERICAN<br>INSURANCE, INC. | <ul> <li>Tax ID Number: 87-1968327</li> <li>States: AL, AR, CA, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, MI, MN, MO, MS, MT, NC, ND, NE, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WI, WV</li> </ul> |



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## 9. LINK CLOSING PROCESS

- Entity loan balanced final closing disclosure to be provided to Trio. All costs are a direct passthrough and escrow of entity loan payment is a direct passthrough as well.
- Trio provides the final Schedule B including payment amount and cash to close amount for consumer from this balanced final closing disclosure
- Should the closing disclosure change, provide the updated copy to Trio ASAP
- Trio will request/prepare the Link Loan contract package & notary appointment for the consumer
- LHFS to provide/prepare FHA loan closing package with title & provide to Trio
- All Link transactions are closed via "Mail Away" or "Digital Delivery"
  - "Mail Away" = Closing documents are emailed to Trio for printing and signing, then Trio sends back to escrow via overnight delivery
  - 0 "Digital Delivery" = Electronic closing documents and eNotary via approved electronic device
- BOTH loans must receive a Clear to Close (CTC)
  - The Link transaction can be scheduled to close once the final CD from the Purchase can be provided to Trio
  - The FHA loan can close once Trio has received Customer funds from the closing of the Seller Financing Agreement (typically 1-2 days after)

## **10. FHA CLOSING PROCESS**

- Link's administrators sign the FHA mortgage with Link internal notaries
- Recording occurs when escrow confirms funding has been received
- Keys are released to Customer once closing is confirmed, and Customer can move into their new home!
- No different than any other transaction

## 11. POST-CLOSING

- Customer makes a monthly payment direct to servicer via ACH (required)
- Customer needs to set up HOA, utilities, etc. just like any other homeowner
- Customer is responsible for maintenance and repairs as well as remaining compliant with any state, county, city, or homeowners' association requirements
- Customer receives 18 months of post-purchase support from Trio financial counseling partners to help remain on track with payments
- HOA & Utility Support After closing, if Borrower requires Government Entity permission to connect utilities or HOA accounts, please contact via email <u>linkservicing@thinktrio.com</u>



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