

Product Snapshot

Conventional Freddie Mac CHOICERenovation

Cardinal Financial offers the Freddie Mac CHOICERenovation Loan, which is a single-close loan that enables borrowers to purchase a home that may need repairs or refinance the mortgage on their existing home and include the necessary funds for the renovation into the loan balance. The loan amount is based on the "as-completed" value of the home rather than the present value. The information contained in this matrix may not highlight all requirements of the program and does not reduce or eliminate any requirements set forth in Cardinal's guidelines.

Primary Residence - Purchase and Rate / Term Refinance				
Property Type	LTV/CLTV	Min Credit Score	Max DTI ¹	
1 Unit	95%			
Manufactured Housing	95%	580 or per MI	Per LPA or MI	
2 Unit Primary	85%			
3-4 Unit Primary	80%	580	PEI LFA OI MII	
1 Unit Home Possible	97%	580 or per MI		
1 Unit HomeOne	97%	560 of per Mi		

¹Maximum 50% DTI for properties located in West Virginia regardless of AUS approval.

Primary Residence - Super Conforming - Purchase and Rate / Term Refinance				
Property Type	LTV/CLTV	Min Credit Score	Max DTI ¹	
1 Unit ²	95%			
2-4 Unit	80%	580 or per MI	Per LPA or MI	
1 Unit Home Possible	95%			

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²Not eligible for Manufactured Housing

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Second Home - Purchase and Rate / Term Refinance				
Property Type	LTV/CLTV	Min Credit Score	Max DTI ¹	
1 Unit	90%	EQQ or nor MI		
Manufactured Housing	85%	580 or per MI	Per LPA or MI	

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Second Home - Super Conforming - Purchase and Rate / Term Refinance					
Property Type	Property Type LTV/CLTV Min Credit Score Max DTI ¹				
1 Unit ²	85%	580	Per LPA or MI		

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Investment (Including Super Conforming) - Purchase and Rate / Term Refinance - Fixed & ARM				
Transaction	Property Type	LTV/CLTV	Min Credit Score	Max DTI ¹
Purchase	1 Unit	85%	620 >80% LTV 580 <= 80% LTV	Per LPA or MI
Rate/Term Refinance	1 Unit	80%	580	Per LPA
2-4 Unit & Manufactured Housing			Ineligible	

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Program Parameters

- Fixed Rate 30 and 15 year amortization & Super Conforming
- Adjustable Rate Mortgage & Super Conforming
 - 5/6 SOFR ARM Not available for Investment or Manufactured Homes
 - o 7/6 and 10/6 SOFR ARM
- Paired with Home Possible & Super Conforming Primary Residence
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- Paired with HomeOne Primary Residence transactions

	Octane Product Codes			
C30CR	Conforming 30 Year Fixed Rate - FHLMC CHOICERenovation			
C30SCCR	Conforming 30 Year Fixed Rate - FHLMC CHOICERenovation Super Conforming			
C15CR	Conforming 15 Year Fixed Rate - FHLMC CHOICERenovation			
C15SCCR	Conforming 15 Year Fixed Rate - FHLMC CHOICERenovation Super Conforming			
C30CRNY	Conforming 30 Year Fixed Rate - FHLMC CHOICERenovation - NY			
C15CRNY	Conforming 15 Year Fixed Rate - FHLMC CHOICERenovation - NY			
C30SCCRNY	Conforming 30 Year Fixed Rate - FHLMC CHOICERenovation Super Conforming			
C15SCCRNY	Conforming 15 Year Fixed Rate - FHLMC CHOICERenovation Super Conforming			
5/6CR	SOFR 5/6 - FHLMC CHOICERenovation			
5/6SCCR	SOFR 5/6 - FHLMC CHOICERenovation Super Conforming			
7/6CR	SOFR 7/6 - FHLMC CHOICERenovation			
7/6SCCR	SOFR 7/6 - FHLMC CHOICERenovation Super Conforming			
10/6CR	SOFR10/6 - FHLMC CHOICERenovation			
10/6SCCR	SOFR10/6 - FHLMC CHOICERenovation Super Conforming			
C30HPCR	Conforming 30 Year Fixed Rate - Home Possible FHLMC CHOICERenovation			
C30SCHPCR	Conforming 30 Year Fixed Rate - Home Possible FHLMC CHOICERenovation Super Conforming			

Acceptable Transaction Terms

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	C15HPCR	Conforming 15 Year Fixed Rate - Home Possible FHLMC CHOICERenovation
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	10/6HPCR	SOFR10/6 - Home Possible FHLMC CHOICERenovation
	10/6SCHPCR	SOFR10/6 - Home Possible FHLMC CHOICERenovation Super Conforming
	C30HOCR	Conforming 30 Year Fixed Rate - HomeOne FHLMC CHOICERenovation
	C15HOCR	Conforming 15 Year Fixed Rate - HomeOne FHLMC CHOICERenovation
Eligible Transactions	PurchaseNo Cash Out RefirNot eligible: Cash	
Eligible / Ineligible Properties	 Approved condom Proposed the HOA of the renown including Multi-width Manu Allowed proposed the HOA of the HOA of the unit Property must be 	le for 5/6 SOFR ARM niniums renovation work must be permissible under the bylaws of or the HOA must have given written approval for the work. ration work must be limited to the interior of the unit, the installation of fire walls in the attic. factured homes provided the improvements do not include structural changes adding a garage or other attached elements) le for 5/6 SOFR ARM

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	Ineligible Properties
Underwriting	 The CHOICERenovation loan program is underwritten per the guidelines outlined in this Snapshot, the Conforming Fixed & ARM Freddie Mac Product Snapshot, Conventional Super Conforming Product Snapshot, and applicable Conventional Lending Guides located on the Cardinal HUB. The appraisal is reviewed by the Collateral Underwriter per Chapter 10 Property and Appraisal Requirements Conventional Lending Guide The Final Inspection 1004D will be obtained at the time of renovation completion. The Purpose of Loan on the Loan Application must be either Purchase or Refinance (as applicable), and not as Construction or Construction - Permanent. The Loan Purpose on the Uniform Underwriting and Transmittal Summary must be either Purchase or No Cash Out Refinance (as applicable) and not as Home Improvement. The Underwriting Comments must indicate CHOICERenovation Mortgage.

Program Requirements			
Appraisal	 Full interior/exterior appraisal is required Appraiser's opinion of value must provide the "as completed" value Plans and specification must be provided to the appraiser The effective date of the appraisal must be no more than four months prior to the note date of the construction loan If, after the appraiser provides the "as completed" value, changes are made to the original plans and specifications, the appraiser must be notified of the changes and provide change documentation to the appraiser. The appraiser must provide a new appraisal to reflect the changes and account for the impact on the "as completed" value Appraisal update and/or Completion report (Form 1004D) required at the time 		

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	of home completion, including photographs of the completed renovations • A new appraisal must be obtained if the value of the property has declined at		
	the time of construction completion		
Appraisal Waiver	Appraisal Waivers are not permitted		
AUS	 LPA Accept/Eligible DU should NOT be used for this program Maximum DTI and minimum FICO score requirements from Eligibility Matrix must be adhered to regardless of the AUS feedback. Manual underwriting is not allowed 		
Borrower Eligibility	 Eligible Borrowers U.S. citizens Permanent resident aliens Non-permanent residents (see <u>Chapter 2 Documentation Standards Lending Guide</u> for restrictions) Non-Occupant Co-Borrowers Permitted. See the lending guide for specific requirements. Inter Vivos (Living) Trusts are not eligible 		
Contingency Reserve	 May come from the mortgage proceeds or directly from the borrower Minimum Amount must be >= 10% of the total renovation costs, except If the property utilities are not operable as referenced in the construction contract and/or plans and specifications, then the minimum contingency reserve must be >= 15% of the total renovation costs A contingency reserve is not required when proceeds are used exclusively to finance the addition or renovation of outdoor structures used for leisure and recreation. Maximum May not exceed 20% of the total renovation costs While a contingency reserve is not required when proceeds are used exclusively to finance the addition or renovation of outdoor structures used for leisure and recreation, if the decision is made to establish a contingency reserve the amount must be less than or equal to 20% of the total renovation costs 		
Contractor Validation Requirements	 Construction should be completed by a licensed and insured contractor as required by local and/or state requirements. The borrower must choose his or her own contractor to complete the project. The lender may not choose or refer the borrower to any specific contractor. The contractor must be financially able to perform the duties necessary to complete the renovation work in a timely manner. A Contractor Review is completed to determine that qualifications are met to the standards set forth by Cardinal. The following items are required to complete the contractor validation review: Contractor Questionnaire: completed and signed 		

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	 Copy of Valid State, County and/or Local Municipality Contractor's License, as applicable Evidence of Worker's Compensation Insurance, as applicable Evidence of Commercial General Liability Insurance Legible copy of Contractor's valid Government issued photo ID Completed W-9 Form Pass Business Credit Check and Criminal Background Review
Renovation Contract Requirements	 The borrower & contractor must have executed a <u>Homestyle Homeowner / Contractor Agreement</u> indicating completion of the renovations within a reasonable time period after the Note Date, not to exceed 450 days. A contractor must submit an itemized scope of work for the renovation project. An Itemized scope of work should include line item descriptions, time frame, and detailed cost breakdown. <u>Sample Estimate</u>
Costs and Renovation Escrow Accounts	 On the Note date, funds sufficient to cover the total cost of the renovations minus any advances for the cost of materials and/or renovation costs paid to a home improvement store must be deposited into a completion escrow account. Such an account must be a Custodial Account. The renovation costs identified in the construction contract must be consistent with the amount of funds deposited into the completion escrow account or Custodial Account for renovation funds, as applicable. If the proceeds are insufficient to cover the contracted cost of the renovations, the borrower must deposit sufficient funds to pay the remaining amount into the completion escrow account as applicable.
D-I-Y Work	Do-it-yourself work completed by the borrower is ineligible
Draw / Disbursement Process	Draw requests and disbursements are managed by the Cardinal Construction / Construction / Renovation Team in accordance with published policies and procedures. • Resource: Company Construction Draw Policy Processing Construction Draw Requests Refer to Chapter 22 Construction & Renovation Lending Guide for additional guidelines surrounding the draw and disbursement process.
Eligible / Ineligible Uses of Mortgage Proceeds	 CHOICERenovation Mortgage proceeds must only be used to finance renovations that are made to a property with an existing dwelling, and may include: Fees related to plans and specifications, permits, title updates, appraisals, draw inspections and the final inspection, An amount up to, but no more than, six monthly payments of principal, interest, taxes and insurance (PITI), Contingency reserve funds as outlined in this guide, The payoff of short-term financing that provided the borrower with funds to repair, restore, rehabilitate or renovate an existing home. See Refinance section. Adding or renovating outdoor structures used for leisure and recreation, including, but not limited to, swimming pools, decking, screening and porch and patio additions. Note: Mortgages whose proceeds are used exclusively to finance the addition or renovation of outdoor structures used for leisure and

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recreation will not be subject to the minimum contingency reserve requirements.

- Renovations or repairs to a property that has been damaged in a disaster or for renovations that will protect the property in case of a future disaster (i.e. storm surge barriers, foundation retrofitting for earthquakes, retaining walls, etc.)
- Adding or renovating an ADU, including a Manufactured Home ADU. Refer to Freddie Mac Selling Guide <u>Eligibility of a Property with an ADU</u>. In this case, the maximum financed renovation will follow standard purchase or refinance calculations.
- Renovations to a manufactured home are allowed, provided the manufactured home remains in compliance with HUD's property acceptability criteria for manufactured homes and the requirements noted in the Freddie Mac Selling Guide.
 - Renovations may include the removal of a Manufactured Home on the property that is not the primary dwelling unit, provided any effect of its removal on the value of the property is reported by the appraiser when determining the "as completed" value of the property.
- There are no further restrictions on the type of renovations

Ineligible Improvements

- Raze an existing structure and build a new dwelling
- Items not permanently affixed to the property, with the exception of new appliances
- Permanently installing a manufactured home to a permanent foundation

Up to 100% of the renovation costs identified in the renovation contract (including labor costs) may be paid to a home improvement store at closing in lieu of the funds being deposited into the Custodial Account, if the requirements noted below are met. Please refer to <u>Company |</u> <u>Construction/Renovation Draw Policy</u>.

- If the borrowers chooses a home improvement store to have the renovation work completed and the home improvement store's program requires payment-in-full at the point of purchase, renovations may be purchased from the home improvement store at closing, subject to the following:
 - The CHOICERenovation mortgage is a "no cash out" refinance
 - The home improvement store's renovation program must be reviewed to determine the following requirements are met:
 - The home improvement store is financially able to perform the duties necessary to have the renovation work completed in a timely manner and pay the contractor(s) and/or tradespersons chosen by the home improvement store to complete the renovations. A contractor or tradesperson may not require payment directly from the borrower.
 - The home improvement store has a robust contractor approval process that is managed, maintained and updated regularly.
 - The contractor(s) chosen by the home improvement store are licensed and insured as required by local and/or state requirements, and they must be approved under the home improvement store's contractor approval process during the course of renovations.
 - The borrower may not be chosen by the home improvement store to complete the renovations, even if the borrower is a licensed contractor

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	 The home im binding reno renovations should typical typic	nsed and qualified to complete provement store must have exation contract with the borrowithin a reasonable time periodly not exceed 180 days. must include an indemnificativement store to indemnify the ge caused by the contract(s) improvement store to complete.	entered into an executed, ower to complete the od after the Note date, and ion provision requiring the borrower for any property and/or tradespersons chosen
Feasibility/Cost Analysis Report	consists of a site insp prices are feasible, w o If repairs exc o Then contact o If no structur Ordering ste • The Feasibility / Cost estate agent to sched	eed \$35,000 and/or include s a third party to inspect the p al repairs are identified, then p Analysis company will conta	tructural repairs, proceed to the Appraisal of the borrower or real pointment and complete the
Homeownership Education	 All occupying borrov 	reddie Mac's Homeownershi LTV/CLTV > 95%, and vers are first-time homebuyer omeownership course.	
	Maxi	mum Financed Renovation (Costs
	Purchase Transaction		
1	i di chase mansaction	No Cash Out Refinance	Manufactured Homes
Loan Amount Calculation	The total cost of the financed renovations must not exceed 75% of the lesser of the: • Sum of the purchase price of the property plus the estimated cost of the renovations, or • "As Completed" value of the property as determined by the appraisal	No Cash Out Refinance The total cost of the financed renovations must not exceed 75% of the "As Completed" value of the property as determined by the appraisal	Total financed renovation costs for manufactured homes (purchase and refinance transactions) must not exceed the lesser of: • \$50,000, or • \$50% of the "As Completed" value of the property as determined by the appraisal

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	 Contingency Architect/En Feasibility/C Total Cost of Permits, Payment Remonthly pay Other Costs Maximum Loan Ame Purchase: Lapplicable L 	ost Analysis Report f Inspections (# of inspections x cost = total), f Title Updates (# of updates x cost = total), serve - up to 6 months (# of months unable to occupy x full rment), ount esser of Acquisition Cost or "As Completed" Appraised Value x
Loan Payments During Renovation Period	 A payment r vacate the p loan amount only for the If me 	be a period during renovation where the home is uninhabitable reserve up to six months PITI is permitted when the borrower must roperty during renovation. The amount can be financed in the tif the value will support such financing. The reserve is allowed period in which the property is uninhabitable. Onthly HOA fees are included in the payment, the borrower must outside of the renovation escrow account.
	Transaction Type	Value Used to Determine LTV
Loan to Value (LTV) - Determining Value	Purchase	Value is the lesser of: • The purchase price of the property prior to the renovations plus the total renovation costs, or • "As Completed" appraised value
	No Cash Out Refinance	Value is the "As Completed" appraised value of the property
Mortgage Insurance	Follow LPA Findings	3
Occupancy	 Primary Residence If the borrower does not occupy the property during the course of renovations, the property will be deemed owner-occupied as of the Delivery Date so long as the borrower occupies the property as a primary residence within 60 days of the last disbursement made and distributed from the Custodial Account for Renovation Funds. Second Home Not available on Home Possible or HomeOne programs Investment Not available on Home Possible or HomeOne programs 	
Refinance Transactions	Proceeds may not be used to disburse cash out to the borrower	

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	 A property previously owned free and clear by the borrower is considered a "no cash out" refinance if the proceeds are used only to finance eligible renovations. In these instances, at least one borrower must have been on the title to the subject for at least six months prior to the Note date. CHOICERenovation proceeds can be used to pay off short-term financing that financed renovations, including, but not limited to, the addition or renovation of an ADU, completed prior to the Note Date, provided the following requirements are met: The CHOICERenovation loan is not a CHOICEReno eXPress Mortgage, The borrower must be the borrower on, and obligated to repay, the short-term financing, except as follows: A borrower may be omitted in the event of death or divorce, or A borrower who is a Related Person may be added, provided that all borrowers on the CHOICERenovation mortgage are owner-occupants of the property and considered in the underwriting of the loan. Related Person is any of the following: Borrower's spouse, child or dependent An individual related to the borrower by blood, marriage or adoption A guardian of the borrower A person for whom the borrower is a guardian The borrower's domestic partner All renovations financed by the short-term financing: Are completed prior to the Note Date of the mortgage and no obligations related to such financing are outstanding Must be completed prior to the appraisal, and the appraisal must reflect such renovations having been made. Additionally, the appraisal report obtained must only be completed subject to completion of any proposed renovations also being financed with the CHOICERenovation loan. The loan file must contain copies of all relevant documentation, including, but not limited to: The short-term financing
	completed subject to completion of any proposed renovations also being financed with the CHOICERenovation loan. The loan file must contain copies of all relevant documentation, including, but not limited to: The short-term financing agreement Sufficient documentation (i.e. purchase contracts, plans and specifications, receipt, invoices, lien waivers, etc.) on which to validate the actual cost of all renovations financed by the short-term financing A document clearly showing the calculation of the short-term financing The Settlement / Closing Disclosure Statement or an alternative form required by law for the closing of the short-term financing
Renovation Completion	 The payoff statement All renovations must be completed within 450 days of the Note date "Easy Path" must be completed within 180 days of the Note date without an approved exception to have a longer term
Special Feature Code for	Notifications to Freddie Mac (<u>CHOICERenovation@freddiemac.com</u>) must be

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Delivery Post Closing	made if there are any concerns that the renovations will not be completed by the required completion date, or if there are any changes that impact the "as completed" value of the property. J24 for ULDD Data Point Investor Feature Identifier (Sort ID 368) Recourse Recourse will remain in full force and effect until all renovations are complete Cardinal must request removal of the recourse in writing indicating: The Freddie Mac loan number, Certificate of completion (1004D) including photographs of the renovations, and Must provide certification that Freddie Mac is in first lien position. All required documentation noted above must be submitted to Freddie Mac at CHOICERenovation@freddiemac.com, and the following requirements must be met: The borrower has not delinquent at the time of the request The borrower has not been 30 days delinquent more than once during the renovation period, except that the recourse may be removed at a later date once the borrower has made 36 consecutive monthly payments with no delinquencies. Refer to Freddie Mac Selling Guide Section 6302.43 for additional Delivery requirements	
Subordinate Financing	Follow Agency guidelines	
Title Commitment	 The Title Company must provide Mechanic Lien protection coverage during renovation. In order for a title company to provide this protection, they may require title updates or date downs at the time of each draw. The Cardinal Construction/Renovation Team will confirm in order to include in the cost of construction. 	
ARM Terms		
ARM Index	30-Day Average of SOFR	
ARM Caps	 5yr/6m SOFR ARM: 2/1/5% 7yr/6m and 10yr/6m SOFR ARMs: 5/1/5% 	
ARM Margin	2.75%The Floor is the Margin	
ARM Change Look Back Period	45 Days	
Conversion Option	None	
Qualifying Rate	 5yr/6m SOFR ARM Qualify at the higher of Note rate plus 2% or fully indexed rate 7yr/6m and 10yr/6m SOFR ARM Qualify at the higher of the Note rate or the fully indexed rate 	

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Rate Adjustment

- The interest rate can be adjusted up or down at each rate change date, based on the movements in the index
- The interest rate will be adjusted to equal the sum of the index plus the required margin, rounded to the nearest .125% subject to the interest rate caps

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