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Preparing for a Purchase Market -

Capture More Purchase Loans



- 1. Why is a Purchase Market Different Than a Refinance Market?
- 2. Why Should I be Concerned About Capturing my Member at the *Beginning* of the Buying Cycle?

Why is a Purchase Market Different Than a Refinance Market?

- > Purchase markets are *extremely* competitive
 - Less overall volume
 - > Many lenders competing for fewer transactions
 - > Reduced profit margins for lenders
- > Mortgage bankers can be tough competitors!
 - > Aggressive!
 - > Highly seasoned and experienced sales force
 - > Already have established relationships with real estate agents



Why Should I be Concerned About Capturing my Member at the Beginning of the Buying Cycle?

- 1. Whomever gets to the member first typically controls the transaction!
- 2. Realtors have their own referral network of mortgage lenders



What Do We Do About It?

3 Ways to Capture More Members at the *Beginning* of the Buying Cycle!

- Partner With a Real Estate
 Agent Referral Network
- 2. Offer Unique Loan Products
- 3. Market to Your Members

Partner With Real Estate Agent Referral Networks

- > Helps create a one-stop shopping experience for the member
- > Minimal expense to the credit union to participate in the program
- > NO cost to member
- > Member receives a cash reward equal to 20% of the agent's commission at closing when they buy or sell a home using an approved real estate agent
- > Extensive network of real estate agents who support *and* embrace working with credit unions



Partner With Real Estate Agent Referral Networks

Credit union pre-approves member for a mortgage loan

Real estate agent <u>refers</u> member back to credit union



Member closes on their loan and receives a CASH REWARD



Credit union refers member to an approved real estate agent



Member finds a home & ratifies contract with seller



Credit Union retained their member *and* the loan!



Unique Loan Products

- > Compete on *product*, not on rate!
- Leverage the power of your portfolio by creating unique loan products that traditional lenders can't offer
- > Products can be tailored to meet the needs of both the member and the credit union

Examples of Unique Loan Products

> <u>15/15 ARM</u>

- > Rates typically $\sim 1/2\%$ lower than a 30yr fixed rate
- > Fixed for 15 years
- > Max 4% increase at adjustment then fixed for remaining 15 years

> <u>5/5 ARM</u>

> Offers more stability after the initial fixed rate period; rate only adjusts every 5 years vs. annually

> 90% no PMI

> w/slight bump to rate to mitigate risk

No Money Down!

- > 100% financing
- > Has PMI but is less costly than an FHA loan



Unique "Features" to Loan Products

>Rate Reset

- > Member-initiated "one click" automatic rate reset
- > No need for member to refinance if rates go down!

>"Lock and Shop"

- > Free 120 day rate lock while the member shops for a home
- > Float down to market rate if rates decline prior to closing

> Special promotions:

- ➤ Loan specials (i.e. .25% rate reduction on ARMs)
- Closing cost specials (i.e. rebate appraisal fee at closing)



Marketing!

- Website!
 - > Today more than 90% of members apply for a mortgage online
- > E-Blasts
 - Low to zero expense
 - Quick, easy, and effective
- Collateral material and posters in branches
- > Statement stuffers
- Have an "always on" consistent marketing message:
 - > "We do mortgage loans, why go anywhere else!"
 - "Buy a home, get a loan get a rebate!"
- > Plan to thrive, not just survive, in rising rate market!!





Thank You!

