# **Beyond the Mortgage: What To Budget For**

Buying a home means more than a mortgage—budget for these essentials:

#### Ongoing Costs

Insurance, property taxes, HOA fees & maintenance

#### Primary Mortgage Insurance (PMI)

Required with less than 20% down; added to your monthly mortgage

#### Down-Payment

Often 20%, but can be lower (with higher monthly payments)

**Pro Tip:** Plan ahead to avoid surprises and make your home purchase a smart one!

## **Closing Costs**

2%-5% of the loan for fees like appraisal, title & taxes

### Moving Expenses

Vary based on distance & how much you're moving



Source: Kossuth County Advance