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**CALHFA AWARDED NEARLY \$3.2 MILLION
TO PROVIDE COUNSELING FOR STRUGGLING HOMEOWNERS**

SACRAMENTO – The California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) today announced that it will receive nearly \$3.2 million to provide counseling to homeowners struggling to avoid foreclosure from a new federal grant.

The California Housing Finance Agency and HUD-approved counseling groups, in partnership with the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), were awarded the \$3.18 million grant as part of a federal program to help homeowners avoid foreclosures.

This is the fourth grant CalHFA has received since 2008 to provide counseling services to homeowners, totaling more than \$17 million.

"CalHFA remains focused on supporting California families who are struggling to hold on to their homes," said Claudia Cappio, Executive Director of CalHFA. "In partnership with community organizations, we have assisted more than 61,000 families so far and we appreciate the opportunity to continue this critical counseling program."

The grant to support California's foreclosure counseling intervention efforts was provided by funds-contingent upon a fully-executed grant agreement-from the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program. The National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program is administered through a competitive application process by NeighborWorks® America, within guidelines defined by Congressional legislation.

The counseling will be available to homeowners who have either defaulted on their mortgages or are in danger of defaulting on their mortgages. Homeowners in those situations can arrange counseling by contacting one of the counseling agencies in their area (full list below).

The counseling program is one part of CalHFA's effort to assist homeowners. The agency is also administering Keep Your Home California, a special, \$2 billion to provide direct assistance to homeowners trying to remain in their homes. For information on Keep Your Home California, please visit www.Keepyourhomecalifornia.org

For more information on CalHFA, please visit www.calhfa.ca.gov

Counseling Agencies

Asian Inc. (San Francisco)

415.928.5910

www.asianinc.org

California Human Development Corporation (Santa Rosa)

707.523.1155

www.chdcorp.org

Community Housing Improvement Program (Chico)

www.chiphousing.org

888.912.4663

Community Housing Works (San Diego)

619.282.6647

www.chworks.org

Community Services Employment Training, Inc. (Visalia)

559.741.4646

www.cset.org

Eastbay Neighborhood Housing Services (Richmond)

510.237.6459

www.eastbaynhs.org

East Palo Alto Community Alliance & Neighborhood Development (East Palo Alto)

650.473.9838

www.epacando.org

Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc. (Riverside)

800.655.1812

www.fairhousing.net

Inland Fair Housing (Upland)

800.321.0911

www.ifhmb.com

Korean Churches for Community Development (Los Angeles)

213.985.1500

www.kccd3300.org

Legal Aid Society of Orange County (Santa Ana)

800.834.5001

www.legal-aid.com

Mission Economic Development Agency (San Francisco)

415.282.3334

www.medasf.org

Housing Resources Center of Monterey County (Salinas)

831.424.9186

www.hrcmc.org

Operation Hope (Los Angeles)

213.891.2900

www.operationhope.org

Orange County Fair Housing Council (Santa Ana)

800.698.3247

www.fairhousingoc.org

Pacific Community Services, Inc. (Pittsburg)

925.439.1056

www.pcsi.org

Peoples' Self-Help Housing (San Luis Obispo)

805.781.3088

www.pshhc.org

Project Sentinel (Sunnyvale)

408.720.9888

www.housing.org/partnerships.htm

Sacramento Home Loan Counseling Center (Sacramento)

916.646.2005

www.hlcc.net

San Diego Home Loan Counseling & Education Center (San Diego)

877.734.5232

www.housing-counseling.com

San Francisco Housing Development Corporation (San Francisco)

415.822.1022

www.sfhdc.org

Visionary Home Builders (Stockton)

209.466.6811

www.visionaryhomebuilders.org