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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE CALIFORNIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

RESOLUTION NO. 20-20

RESOLUTION APPROVING SELECTION CRITERIA FOR HUD INTERMEDIARIES FOR
NATIONAL MORTGAGE SETTLEMENT HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM

WHEREAS, per Resolution 20-15, the Board approved up to fifty million dollars for the purpose of providing housing counseling services pursuant to California Government Code section 12531 under the National Mortgage Settlement (“NMS”);

WHEREAS, the CalHFA NMS Counseling Program team solicited all eligible HUD-certified Intermediaries with a presence in California to apply for said funds and received nine (9) applications;

WHEREAS, CalHFA has the legal authority, via Health and Safety Code section 51050, subdivision (e), to adopt, and from time to time amend and repeal, by action of the board, resolutions, rules, and regulations;

WHEREAS, CalHFA has the legal authority, via Health and Safety Code section 51050, subdivision (f), to make and execute contracts convenient for the exercise of its powers and functions, and is not subject to any provision of law requiring competitive bidding or the supervision or approval of another division or officer of state government;

WHEREAS, the CalHFA NMS Counseling Program team assessed all nine HUD-certified Intermediary applications (“Applications”) utilizing six (6) objective criteria (the “Criteria”) to analyze the Applications which included: (1) capacity building, (2) communities served, (3) serving low and moderate income Californians, (4) partnerships with other housing counseling entities, (5) outreach, and (6) demonstrated ability to efficiently use counseling funds;

WHEREAS, the CalHFA NMS Counseling Program team conditionally selected four (4) Intermediaries for ongoing funding, subject to execution of a Grant Agreement, and may offer a one-time grant of up to ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) to each of the remaining five (5) applicants to be used for direct counseling and/or capacity building subject to execution of a Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the four (4) Intermediaries conditionally selected for ongoing funding are:

- 1.o Balanceo
- 2.o Homefree, USAo
- 3.o Neighborworks Americao
- 4.o Unidos, USo

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the
2 California Housing Finance Agency as follows:

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4 1. The Board finds and declares the above recitals to be true and correct;
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6 2. The Board hereby approves and ratifies the selection Criteria for HUD-Certified
7 Intermediaries for the NMS Counseling Program, identified above and outlined in
8 the staff report accompanying this Resolution (the "Staff Report"), which said
9 Staff Report is incorporated herein by this reference;
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11 3. Each HUD-Certified Intermediary that submitted an application for the NMS
12 Counseling Program shall be provided a copy of this Resolution;
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14 4. Subject to execution of a grant agreement (a "Grant Agreement"), the Executive
15 Director of the California Housing Finance Agency (the "Executive Director") is
16 directed to enter into Grant Agreements with

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18 1. Balance
19 2. Homefree, USA
20 3. Neighborworks America
21 4. Unidos, US

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23 for ongoing funding to carry out and implement the NMS Counseling Program;

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25 5. For HUD-Certified Intermediaries that submitted an application but were not
26 selected, the Executive Director is hereby authorized, in her sole discretion, to
27 offer such an Intermediary a one-time grant of up to ONE HUNDRED
28 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00), to be used for direct counseling and/or
29 capacity building, subject to that Intermediary's execution of a grant agreement;
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32 6. The Executive Director is hereby authorized and empowered to execute Grant
33 Agreements on behalf of the Agency.
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SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Claire Tauriainen, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly authorized Secretary of the Board of Directors of the California Housing Finance Agency, and hereby further certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 20-20 duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the California Housing Finance Agency duly called and held on the 8th day of October 2020, at which meeting all said directors had due notice, a quorum was present and that at said meeting said resolution was adopted by the following vote:


AYES: Gallagher, Gunn (for Imbasciani), Gunning, Hunter, Johnson-Hall, Saha (for Ma), Seely (for Velasquez), von Koch-Liebert (for Castro Ramírez), Prince, Russell, Sotelo

NOES: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

ABSENT: Avila Fairas

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this certificate hereto this 8th day of October 2020.

ATTEST: 
CLAIRE TAURIAINEN
Secretary of the Board of Directors of the
California Housing Finance Agency