NATIONAL MORTGAGE SETTLEMENT HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM



CALIFORNIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

QUARTERLY REPORT, JAN 1 - MAR 31 2022



Introduction

California's Fiscal Year 2020-21 State Budget directed \$300 million in National Mortgage Settlement (NMS) funds to the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) for housing counseling and mortgage assistance. Through its NMS Housing Counseling Program, CalHFA has allocated \$73.5 million for HUD-certified housing counselors throughout the state to provide free, confidential counseling services to California residents who are in danger of eviction or foreclosure.

NMS Housing Counseling Program Details

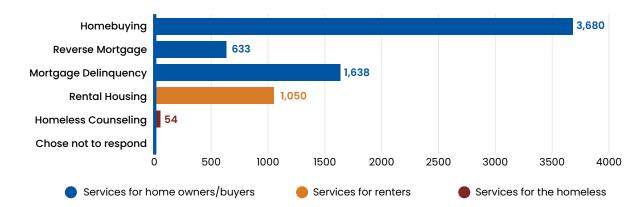
CalHFA allocates NMS funds to participating housing counseling agencies (HCAs) through three HUD-approved Intermediaries: UnidosUS, HomeFree USA, and BALANCE. The HCAs are reimbursed \$750 for a client's first one-on-one counseling session, or up to \$750 worth of legal services. An additional \$750 will be allowed if the same client returns for a second one-on-one session or a more in-depth level of counseling is needed (i.e. loan modification assistance). The maximum per household limit is \$1,500.

Intermediaries and HCAs also received funds upfront to be used for oversight, program support and capacity building. The upfront investment into building capacity is designed to improve and extend the life of the counseling services by ensuring that agencies can modernize their technology to accommodate more virtual meetings, have adequate staffing with updated training to improve customer service and expand the availability of languages offered.

Types of Services Provided



The HCAs provide counseling services that can be grouped into the following categories: services for the homeless, rental housing, mortgage delinquency, reverse mortgage, and homebuying (pre-purchase and post-purchase). The chart below shows how many clients received counseling in each of these categories during the first quarter of 2022:



Fund Disbursement Summary

In the first quarter of 2022, \$6.98 million was disbursed. This brings the total disbursement to \$39.4 million, which is 54% of the total funds designated for the NMS Housing Counseling program.

NMS Fund Allocations & Disbursements

In 2020, \$50 million in funds was allocated through the NMS Housing Counseling Program. Of these funds, 89% has been designated for counseling services, 1% for one-time grants to nonparticipating HCAs, 5% for a Marketing and Coordination Set Aside to HCAs to expand their ability to reach and serve disadvantaged, underserved, and ethnically diverse communities, and, per legislation, the remaining 5% to CalHFA for program administrative fees.

In October 2021, the CalHFA Board of Directors approved an additional \$23.5 million to be allocated towards the NMS Housing Counseling Program. Of these funds, 95% has been designated for counseling services and, per legislation, the remaining 5% to CalHFA for program administrative fees.

ALLOCATED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED	FUNDS DISBURSED JAN 1 – MAR 31 2022	TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED
Counseling Services	\$66,725,000	\$7,365,001	\$37,058,251
One-Time Grants	\$600,000	-	\$200,000
Marketing and Coordination Set Aside	\$2,500,000	-	-
Administrative Fees	\$3,675,000	-	\$2,500,000
TOTAL	\$73,500,000	\$7,365,001	\$39,758,251

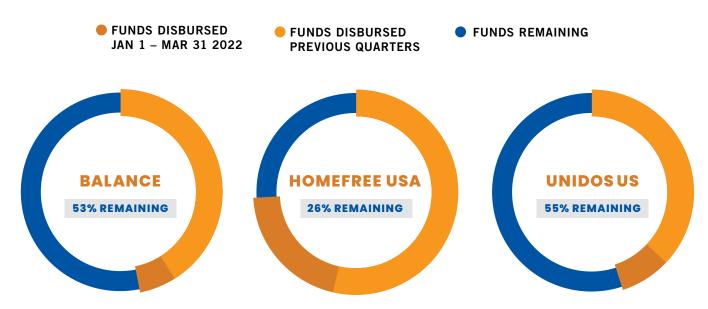


NMS Counseling Services Fund by Intermediary

In the first quarter of 2022, \$7.4 million was distributed among the three Intermediaries for a combination of counseling fees and oversight fees, bring the total disbursement to \$37 million in funds to date as of March 31, 2022.

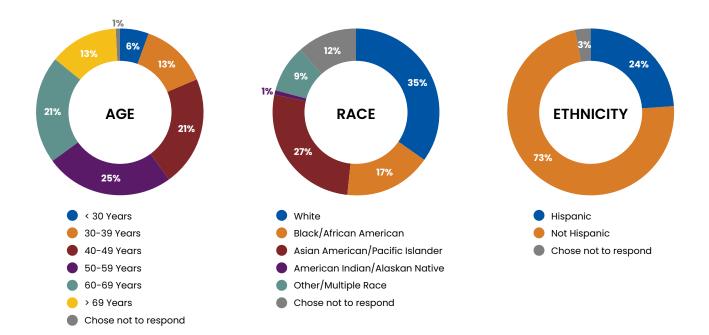
NMS INTERMEDIARY	TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED	FUNDS DISBURSED FOR JAN 1 – MAR 31 2022	TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED	
BALANCE				
Counseling Fees	\$23,892,758	\$1,729,500	\$10,324,500	
Capacity Building	\$4,943,329		\$3,314,497	
Oversight Fees	\$4,119,441	\$193,346	\$1,795,354	
BALANCE TOTAL	\$32,955,528	\$1,922,846	\$15,434,351	
HOMEFREE USA		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Counseling Fees	\$15,951,358	\$4,407,750	\$13,225,500	
Capacity Building	\$3,300,281		\$2,009,673	
Oversight Fees	\$2,750,234	\$117,231	\$1,088,573	
HOMEFREE USA TOTAL	\$22,001,873	\$4,524,981	\$16,323,746	
UNIDOSUS				
Counseling Fees	\$8,531,509	\$839,250	\$3,240,750	
Capacity Building	\$1,765,140		\$1,335,830	
Oversight Fees	\$1,470,950	\$77,924	\$723,574	
UNIDOS US TOTAL	\$11,767,599	\$917,174	\$5,300,154	
TOTAL	\$66,725,000	\$7,365,001	\$37,058,251	

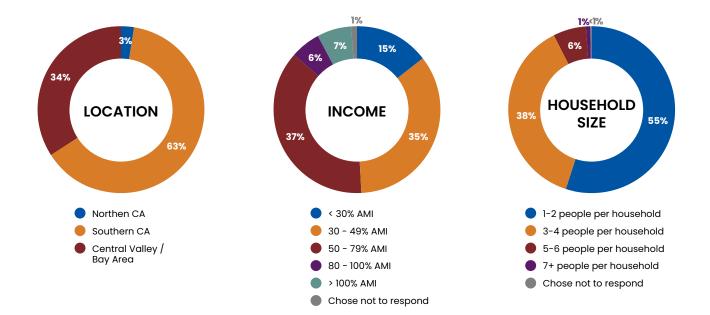
NOTE: Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.



Demographic Data

To help CalHFA ensure that assistance is equitable and effective, HCAs are required to track demographic data, income levels, location and household size for each client. The charts below provide data on households that received counseling in the first quarter of 2022:





Note: Charts may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

HCA Recipients of NMS Counseling Funds

In the first quarter of 2022, NMS funds were disbursed to the following HCAs as reimbursement for one-on-one counseling sessions.

Asian Law Alliance Asian Incorporated CCC Balance - San Francisco Community Housing Council of Fresno Community Housing Development Corporation Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Maryland CSA San Diego County East LA Community Corporation Fair Housing Foundation Faith And Community Empowerment (FACE) Fresno Interdenominational Refugee Ministries Greater Sacramento Urban League **Greenpath Financial Wellness** Homeownership OC Inland Empire Resource Center Inland Fair Housing and Mediation Board Korean Resource Center Lutheran Social Services of Southern California Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA) Money Management International Montebello Housing Development Corporation National Asian American Coalition (NAAC) Navicore Solutions

Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire, Inc.

NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center Sacramento Region NeighborWorks LA NeighborWorks Orange County New Economics for Women Orange County Community Housing Corporation **Project Sentinel** Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services Inc. San Francisco Housing Development Corporation San Francisco LGBT Community Center Self-Help Enterprises Shalom Center for T.R.E.E. of Life UnidosUS Counseling Connection Union of Pan Asian Communities Urban League of San Diego County **USA Homeownership Foundation DBA Veterans** Association of Real Estate Professionals Visionary Home Builders of California, Inc. West Angeles Community Development Corporation