NATIONAL MORTGAGE SETTLEMENT HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM



CALIFORNIA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY



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 \$50 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.

6,345
Households Served
2ND QUARTER

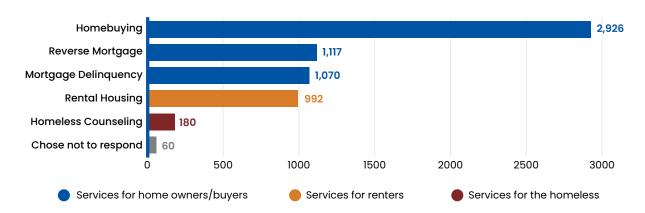
\$5.5M
Funds Distributed
2ND QUARTER

73
Active HCAs
2ND QUARTER

198
Active Counselors
2ND QUARTER

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 second quarter:



Fund Disbursement Summary

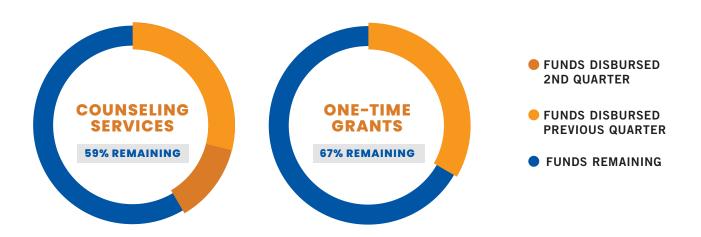
For the second quarter, which began April 1, 2021 and ended on June 30, 2021, \$5.5 million was disbursed. This brings the total disbursement to \$20.7 million, which is 41.4% of the \$50 million designated for the NMS Housing Counseling program.

NMS Fund Allocations & Disbursements

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

ALLOCATED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED	FUNDS DISBURSED FOR 2 ND QUARTER	TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED
Counseling Services	\$44,400,000	\$5,496,750	\$18,021,000
One-Time Grants	\$600,000	-	\$200,000
Marketing and Coordination Set Aside	\$2,500,000	-	-
Administrative Fees	\$2,500,000	-	\$2,500,000
TOTAL	\$50,000,000	\$5,496,750	\$20,721,000

NOTE: This funding table was updated on 12/21/21 due to a reporting error. Corrections have been made accordingly to reflect accurate amounts.

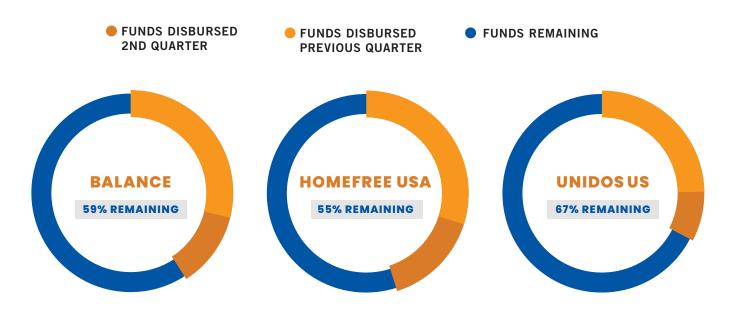


NMS Counseling Services Fund by Intermediary

With \$5.5 million distributed among the three Intermediaries for a combination of counseling fees and oversight fees during the second quarter, a total of \$18 million in funds have been disbursed to these Intermediaries as of June 30, 2021.

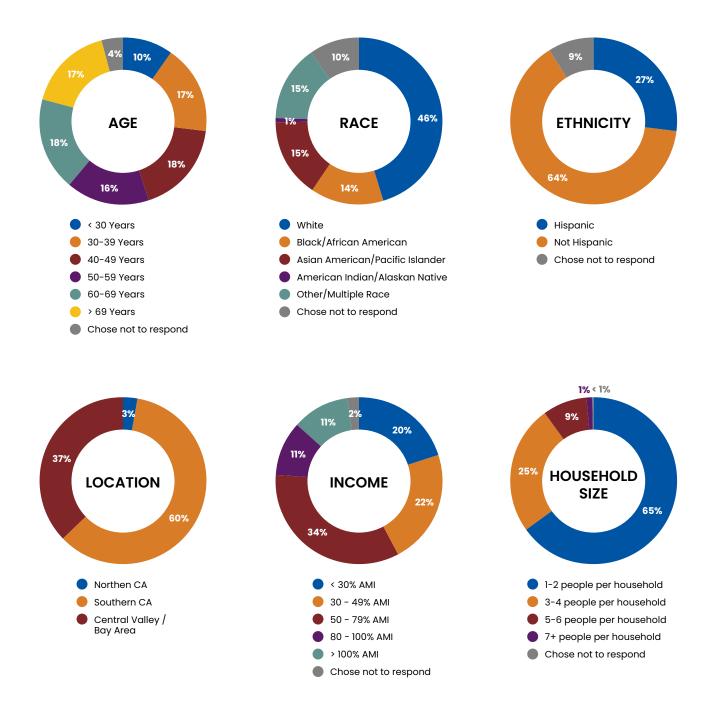
NMS INTERMEDIARY	TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED	FUNDS DISBURSED FOR 2 ND QUARTER	TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED		
BALANCE					
Counseling Fees	\$16,020,070	\$2,484,750	\$4,507,500		
Capacity Building	\$3,314,497	-	\$3,314,497		
Oversight Fees	\$2,762,081	\$193,346	\$1,215,316		
BALANCE TOTAL	\$22,096,648	\$2,678,096	\$9,037,313		
HOMEFREE USA					
Counseling Fees	\$9,713,418	\$1,968,750	\$3,315,000		
Capacity Building	\$2,009,673	-	\$2,009,673		
Oversight Fees	\$1,674,727	\$117,231	\$736,880		
HOMEFREE USA TOTAL	\$13,397,818	\$2,085,981	\$6,061,553		
UNIDOSUS					
Counseling Fees	\$6,456,512	\$654,750	\$1,096,500		
Capacity Building	\$1,335,830	-	\$1,335,830		
Oversight Fees	\$1,113,192	\$77,923	\$489,804		
UNIDOS US TOTAL	\$8,905,534	\$732,673	\$2,922,134		
TOTAL	\$44,400,000	\$5,496,750	\$18,021,000		

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Demographic Data - 2nd Quarter

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 second quarter:



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

HCA Recipients of NMS Counseling Funds - 2nd Quarter

In the second quarter ending June 30, 2021, NMS funds were disbursed to the following HCAs as reimbursement for one-on-one counseling sessions.

A-1 Community Housing Services

Affordable Clearinghouse

Asian Incorporated

Asian Law Alliance

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa

CCC Balance-San Francisco

Community Housing Development Corporation of North

Richmond

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Maryland

Community Housing Council

Credit.org

CSA San Diego County

East LA Community Corporation

Fair Housing Council of Riverside County, Inc.

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.

Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services

NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center Sacramento

Region

NeighborWorks LA

NeighborWorks Orange County

New Economics for Women

NID Housing Counseling Agency

Orange County Community Housing Corporation

Project Sentinel

Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services Inc.

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

Ventura County Community Development Corporation

Visionary Home Builders of California, Inc.

West Angeles Community Development