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 \$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.



7,937

Households
Served

APR 1-JUN 30 2022

\$10.9

Funds
Distributed

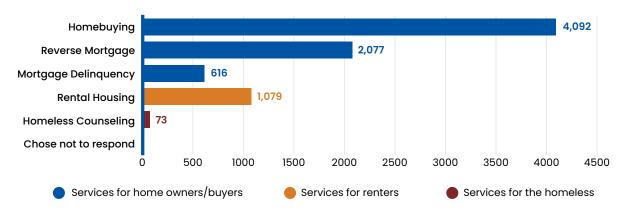
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79
Active
HCAs
APR 1-JUN 30 2022

Active
Counselors
APR 1-JUN 30 2022

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 of 2022:



Fund Disbursement Summary

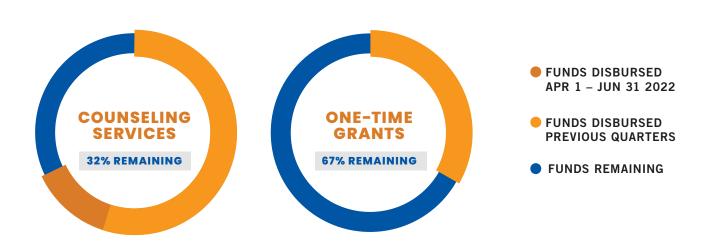
In the second quarter of 2022, \$10.87 million was disbursed. This brings the total disbursement to \$50.6 million, which is 68% of the total funds designated for the NMS Housing Counseling program.

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 APR 1 – JUN 30 2022	TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED
Counseling Services	\$66,725,000	\$10,865,277	\$47,923,527
One-Time Grants	\$600,000	-	\$200,000
Marketing and Coordination Set Aside	\$2,500,000	-	-
Administrative Fees	\$3,675,000	-	\$3,675,000
TOTAL	\$73,500,000	\$10,865,277	\$51,798,527

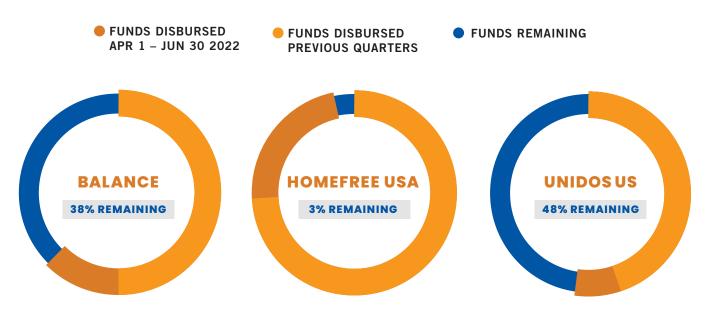


NMS Counseling Services Fund by Intermediary

In the second quarter of 2022, \$10.9 million was distributed among the three Intermediaries for a combination of counseling fees and oversight fees, bring the total disbursement to \$50 million in funds to date as of June 30, 2022.

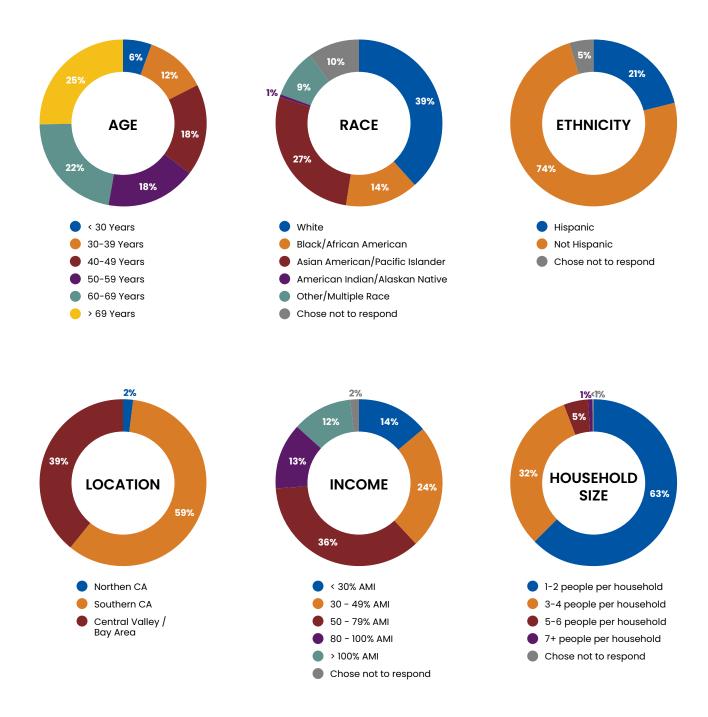
NMS INTERMEDIARY	TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED	FUNDS DISBURSED FOR APR 1 – MAR 31 2022	TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED	
BALANCE				
Counseling Fees	\$23,892,758	\$2,876,320	\$13,200,820	
Capacity Building	\$4,943,329	\$1,628,831	\$4,943,329	
Oversight Fees	\$4,119,441	\$464,818	\$2,260,172	
BALANCE TOTAL	\$32,955,528	\$4,969,970	\$20,404,321	
HOMEFREE USA				
Counseling Fees	\$15,951,358	\$4,709,250	\$17,934,750	
Capacity Building	\$3,300,281	-	\$2,009,673	
Oversight Fees	\$2,750,234	\$332,332	\$1,420,905	
HOMEFREE USA TOTAL	\$22,001,873	\$5,041,582	\$21,365,328	
UNIDOSUS				
Counseling Fees	\$8,531,509	\$704,250	\$3,945,000	
Capacity Building	\$1,765,140	-	\$1,335,830	
Oversight Fees	\$1,470,950	\$149,475	\$873,050	
UNIDOS US TOTAL	\$11,767,599	\$853,725	\$6,153,880	
TOTAL	\$66,725,000	\$10,865,277	\$47,923,529	

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 second quarter of 2022:



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

HCA Recipients of NMS Counseling Funds

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

Asian Incorporated

Asian Law Alliance

CCC Balance - San Francisco

Centro Familiar Nueva Esperanza

Community Housing Council

Community Housing Development Corp of North

Richmond

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Maryland and

Delaware, Inc. (CCCSMD) - West Covina

CSA San Diego County

East LA Comm Corp

ECHO Housing

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 Corp

National Asian American Coalition (NAAC)

Navicore Solutions

Neighborhood HS of Inland Empire

NeighborWorks HO 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 Corp

San Francisco LGBT Community Center

Self-Help Enterprises

Shalom Center for TREE of Live

UnidosUS Counseling Connection

Union of Pan Asian Communities

Urban League of San Diego County

USA Homeownership Foundation dba Veterans Assoc

of RE Professionals

Visionary Home Builders of California, Inc.

West Angeles Community Development