#### **NATIONAL MORTGAGE SETTLEMENT** HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAM



California Housing Finance Agency

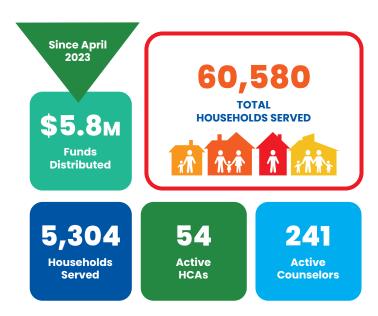
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#### Introduction

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 \$91.5 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.

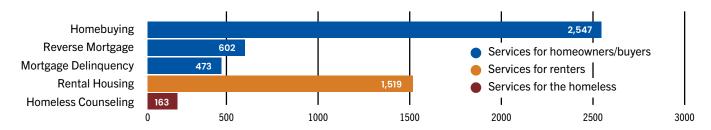


Intermediaries and HCAs also received funds upfront to be used for oversight, program support and capacity building. The upfront investment into building capacity was designed to improve and extend the life of the counseling services by ensuring that agencies can modernize their technology to accommodate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

### **Types of Services**

The HCAs provide counseling services grouped into these categories: services for the homeless, rental housing, mortgage delinquency, reverse mortgage, and homebuying (pre- and post-purchase).

The chart below shows how many clients received counseling in each of these categories during the second quarter of 2023:



## **Fund Disbursement Summary**

In the second quarter of 2023, \$5.8 million was disbursed. This brings the total disbursement to \$70.4 million, which is 83% of the total funds designated for the NMS Housing Counseling program.

ALLOCATED FUNDS	TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED	FUNDS DISBURSED 4/1 – 6/30 2023	TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED
Counseling Services	\$84,725,000	\$5,753,313*	\$70,395,253
One-Time Grants	\$600,000	-	\$200,000
Marketing and Coordination Set-Aside	\$2,500,000	-	-
Administrative Fees	\$3,675,000	-	\$3,675,000
TOTAL	\$91,500,000	\$5,753,313*	\$74,270,253

<sup>\*</sup>Total does not reflect returned funds, only what was disbursed for counseling and oversight fees in Q2-2023.

#### 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.

The CalHFA Board of Directors approved an additional \$18 million in July 2022.



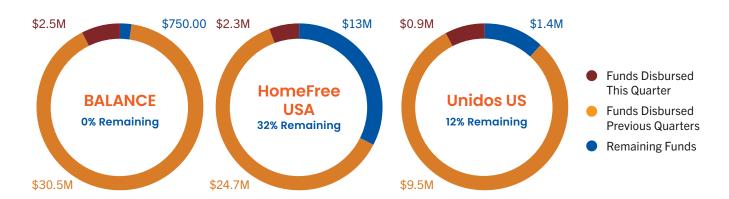
#### **NMS Counseling Services Fund by Intermediary**

In the second quarter of 2023, \$5.8 million was distributed among the three Intermediaries for a combination of counseling fees and oversight fees, bringing the total disbursement to \$70.4 million in funds to date as of June 30, 2023.

NMS INTERMEDIARY	TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED	FUNDS DISBURSED FOR APR 1 – JUN 30 2023	TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED	
BALANCE				
Counseling Fees	\$23,892,758	\$2,030,938	\$23,892,008	
Capacity Building	\$4,943,329	-	\$4,943,329	
Oversight Fees	\$4,119,441	\$464,818	\$4,119,441	
BALANCE TOTAL	\$32,955,528	\$2,495,756	\$32,954,779	
HOMEFREE USA				
Counseling Fees	\$33,951,358	\$1,998,000	\$22,839,750	
Capacity Building	\$3,300,281	-	\$1,457,460	
Oversight Fees	\$2,750,234	\$332,332	\$2,750,234	
HOMEFREE USA TOTAL	\$40,001,873	\$2,330,332	\$27,047,444	
UNIDOS US				
Counseling Fees	\$8,531,509	\$777,750	\$7,586,250	
Capacity Building	\$1,765,140	-	\$1,335,830	
Oversight Fees	\$1,470,950	\$149,475	\$1,470,950	
UNIDOS US TOTAL	\$11,767,599	\$927,225	\$10,393,030	
TOTAL	\$84,725,000	\$5,753,313*	\$70,395,253	

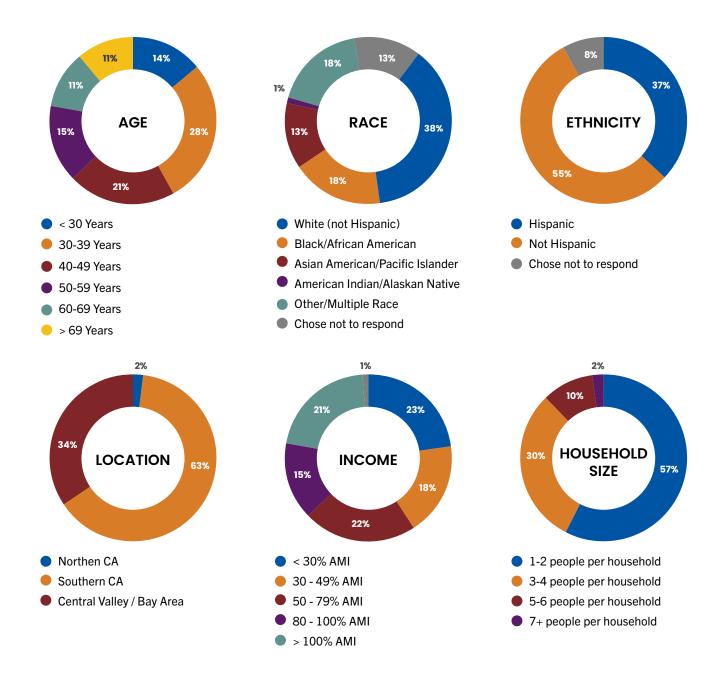
NOTE: Amounts are rounded to the nearest dollar.

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# **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 2023:



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

## **HCA Recipients of NMS Counseling Funds**

In the second quarter of 2023, NMS funds were disbursed to the following HCAs as reimbursement for one-on-one counseling sessions.

A-1 Community
Housing Services

Catholic Charities of Santa Rosa

Centro Familiar Nueva Esperanza

Community Housing
Development Corporation
of North Richmond

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Maryland and Delaware, Inc. (CCCSMD) - West Covina

Consumer Credit
Counseling Service of San

Francisco, DBA Balance

Credit.org

East LA Community Corporation

**ECHO Housing** 

Fair Housing Foundation

Faith and Community Empowerment (FACE)

Fresno Interdominational Refugee Ministries

Greater Sacramento Urban League

**Greenpath Financial Wellness** 

Homeownership Orange County

Inland Empire Resource Center

Mission Economic Development Agency (MEDA)

Money Management International

Montebello Housing
Development Corporation

**Navicore Solutions** 

Neighborhood Housing Service of the Inland Empire

Neighborhood Housing Services of Los Angeles County

Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services

Neighborworks Home Ownership Center Sacramento Region

Neighborworks Orange County

New Economics for Women

Orange County Community Housing Corporation

**Project Sentinel** 

Richmond Neighborhood Housing Services Inc.

San Francisco Housing Development Corporation

Self-Help Enterprises

Shalom Center for TREE of Life

UnidosUS Counseling Connection

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