### **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.

6,213
Households Served
4TH QUARTER

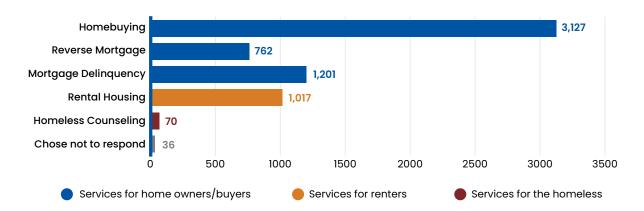
\$5.9M
Funds Distributed
4TH QUARTER

76
Active HCAs
4TH QUARTER

Active Counselors
4TH 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 fourth quarter:



## **Fund Disbursement Summary**

For the fourth quarter, which began October 1, 2021 and ended on December 31, 2021, an additional \$23.5 million was allocated towards the program beyond the initial \$50 million. In this quarter, \$6.3 million was disbursed. This brings the total disbursement to \$32.4 million, which is 44% 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, 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 FOR 4 <sup>TH</sup> QUARTER	TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED
Counseling Services	\$66,725,000	\$6,269,250	\$29,693,250
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	\$6,269,250	\$32,393,250

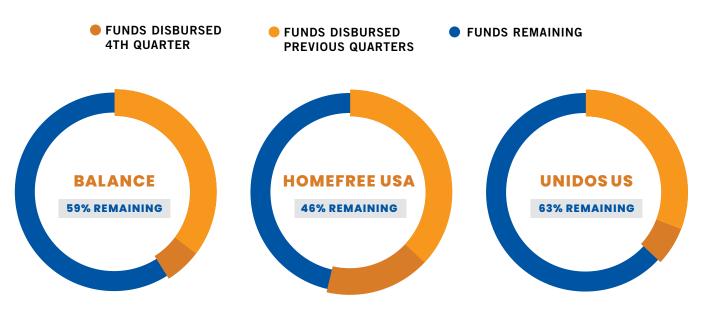


#### NMS Counseling Services Fund by Intermediary

With \$6.3 million distributed among the three Intermediaries for a combination of counseling fees and oversight fees during the fourth quarter, a total of \$29.7 million in funds have been disbursed to these Intermediaries as of December 31, 2021.

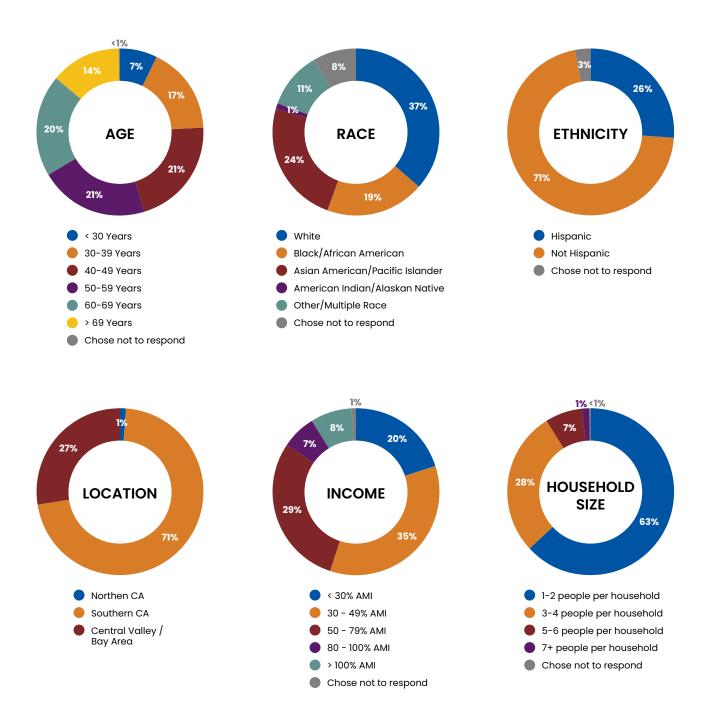
NMS INTERMEDIARY	TOTAL FUNDS ALLOCATED	FUNDS DISBURSED FOR 4 <sup>TH</sup> QUARTER	TOTAL FUNDS DISBURSED
BALANCE			
Counseling Fees	\$23,892,758	\$1,699,500	\$8,595,000
Capacity Building	\$4,943,329	-	\$3,314,497
Oversight Fees	\$4,119,441	\$193,346	\$1,602,008
BALANCE TOTAL	\$32,955,528	\$1,892,846	\$13,511,505
HOMEFREE USA			
Counseling Fees	\$15,951,358	\$3,507,000	\$8,817,750
Capacity Building	\$3,300,281	-	\$2,009,673
Oversight Fees	\$2,750,234	\$117,231	\$971,342
HOMEFREE USA TOTAL	\$22,001,873	\$3,624,231	\$11,798,765
UNIDOSUS			
Counseling Fees	\$8,531,509	\$674,250	\$2,401,500
Capacity Building	\$1,765,140	-	\$1,335,830
Oversight Fees	\$1,470,950	\$77,923	\$645,650
UNIDOS US TOTAL	\$11,767,599	\$752,173	\$4,382,980
TOTAL	\$66,725,000	\$6,269,250	\$29,693,250

NOTE: This funding table was updated on 03/21/22 due to a reporting error. Corrections have been made accordingly to reflect accurate amounts.



# Demographic Data - 4th 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 fouth quarter:



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

# HCA Recipients of NMS Counseling Funds - 4th Quarter

In the fourth quarter ending December 31, 2021, NMS funds were disbursed to the following HCAs as reimbursement for one-on-one counseling sessions.

A-1 Community Housing Services

Affordable Housing Clearinghouse

Asian Law Alliance

Asian Incorporated

Balance

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa

Community Housing Council of Fresno

Community Housing Development Corporation

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Maryland

Credit.org

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 Los Angeles County

Neighborhood Housing Services of the Inland Empire,

Inc.

Neighborhood Partnership Housing Services

NeighborWorks HomeOwnership Center Sacramento

Region

NeighborWorks Orange County

New Economics for Women

NID Housing Counseling Agency

Orange County Community Housing Corporation

**Project Sentinel** 

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

USA Homeownership Foundation DBA Veterans

Association of Real Estate Professionals

Visionary Home Builders of California, Inc.

West Angeles Community Development Corporation