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GENERAL NEWS

HUD Awards Nearly \$40 Million in Housing Counseling Grants

In a [press release](#) yesterday, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has awarded nearly \$40 million in housing counseling grants to help over one million individuals and families avoid foreclosure and make more informed homebuying and rental choices.

The grants awarded will directly support the housing counseling services provided by 204 HUD-approved local agencies, national and regional organizations, and state housing finance agencies (SHFAs). Nearly half of the state and local counseling agencies that were awarded received preference because they will provide counseling to individuals and families within designated Opportunity Zones. HUD-approved housing counseling agencies also support emergency preparedness and disaster recovery efforts, assist homeless persons in finding transitional housing, and help seniors determine whether a reverse mortgage makes sense for them.

According to the press release, in fiscal year 2019, HUD-approved housing counseling agencies served 1,015,911 households. Approximately 52 percent of those households were minorities, including 38 percent African American and 10 percent identified as multiple races. Additionally, 19 percent of households served were Hispanic.

You can see a complete list of the grantees and the amounts they were awarded at the bottom of the [press release](#).

HUD to Host National Fair Housing Forums Series

Monday on [HUD Exchange](#), HUD [announced](#) that, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice ([DOJ](#)) and the National Fair Housing Alliance (NFHA), it will host a series of National Fair Housing Forums titled “Leadership in the Time of Crisis and Recovery.” The online webinars, which are part of the National Fair Housing Training Academy (NFHTA), will discuss emerging fair housing issues during this unprecedented time.

According to the announcement, the forums convene HUD’s Fair Housing Initiatives Program ([FHIP](#)) and Fair Housing Assistance Program ([FHAP](#)) partners in a multidirectional conversation regarding processing complaints, conducting investigations, and managing agencies during a crisis and its aftermath.

The upcoming forums are as follows:

- [A Conversation on Sexual Harassment in Housing Situations](#), June 25, 2020, 2:00–3:30 p.m. Eastern time
- [Investigating Complaints of Sexual Harassment in Housing Situations](#), July 9, 2020, 2:00–3:30 p.m. Eastern time

Click on each webinar for more information, including instructions and how to register.



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