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**Read the April 2014 Edition of "The Bridge" Newsletter:**

"The Bridge" is HUD's Office of Housing Counseling Newsletter for Housing Counselors. You can read the new March 2014 edition of "The Bridge" [on-line](#).

AND

**New HUD Press Release:**

HUD, NEBRASKA REACH AGREEMENT ON LANGUAGE ACCESS TO HOUSING PROGRAMS: [Read the Press Release](#). Stay up to date on the latest HUD news and announcements by visiting [HUD's Public Affairs website](#)

AND

**HUD's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Housing Counseling Training Grant Frequently Asked Questions:**

HUD has posted a series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to help you understand the Housing Counseling Training grant and guide you in your application process. These FAQs have been posted [on-line](#). Please direct any additional questions you may have via email to: [housing.counseling@hud.gov](mailto:housing.counseling@hud.gov)

Archive version of the Webinar Overview of the FY14 Housing Counseling Training Grant NOFA: This webinar held on April 10, 2014 by the HUD Office of Housing Counseling discussed the FY 2014 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for HUD's Housing Counseling Training Grant Program, and covered changes to the application process including the new chart, funding methodology, the rating factors with information on specific charts, as well as submission requirements and other technical issues. This archive version of the webinar is highly recommended for all FY2014 Housing Counseling Training Grant NOFA applicants. The replay number is: (800) 475-6701, Access Code: 324255. View the [Presentation](#).

The deadline date for the application for HUD's Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Housing Counseling Training Grant is May 5, 2014. Applications must be received by [Grants.gov](#) no later than 11:59:59 P.M. EASTERN TIME on the application

deadline date. Applicants are advised to submit their applications well in advance of the deadline.

AND

### **Training Updates for Housing Counselors:**

#### **1. Fair Housing Update Training Comes to Los Angeles, CA on May 01, 2014:**

May 01, 2014 - Los Angeles, CA. Fair Housing Updates. This “Live” and free workshop is for program managers and housing counselors who are interested in the impact of Fair Housing changes. This workshop is open only to Non-profit and Government Organizations. Sponsored by the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC). [Register today](#) to reserve your place.

#### **2. NeighborWorks® Training Institute Comes to Louisville, KY on May 19-23, 2014:**

Louisville is a city on the move -- combining major amenities like world-class performing arts, great sports and incredible dining with the hospitality and warmth of smaller Southern cities. Like Louisville's champion thoroughbreds, and legendary champion's like Muhammad Ali, you'll return home from Louisville a champion in your community. Join NeighborWorks at the Training Institute to learn and network in Louisville -- building your housing counseling skills, maximizing your effectiveness and enhancing your career. Please visit NeighborWorks® to [register on-line](#) for this great training opportunity!

**Save the Date for These New Upcoming NeighborWorks® Training Opportunities:** More information can be found on the NeighborWorks® [training calendar](#).

- August 18 - 22, 2014 - Orlando FL, NeighborWorks® Training Institute
- December 08-12, 2014 - Washington, DC, NeighborWorks® Training Institute
- **Employer-Assisted Housing Course at Louisville NTI:** Are you planning to attend the NeighborWorks® [Training Institute](#) in Louisville, Kentucky, May 19 - 23, 2014? Register for course [HO204](#): Employer-Assisted Housing in Your Community: Developing and Managing a Successful Program to learn how Employer-Assisted Housing (EAH) benefits incentivize employees to become homeowners. The pre-event deadline is April 28, 2014 so register today.

#### **3. National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC) National Training Academy Webinars:** [Register on-line](#) for all these new training opportunities:

- June 23, 2014 - Government-Sponsored Enterprise Reform
- June 24, 2014 - Access to Capital and Credit for Small Businesses in Appalachia
- June 25, 2014 - The Vantage Credit Score: Demystifying Consumer Credit Scoring Process
- June 26, 2014 - Mortgage Lending Fundamentals for Homeownership
- June 26, 2014 - FHA Insured Financing 101
- June 27, 2014 - AFFH Proposed Rule

#### **4. NHNLA Training for Housing Counselors:**

The National Council of La Raza Homeownership Network Learning Alliance (NHNLA) offers housing counselors extensive on-line training opportunities on a variety of topics. For more information, registrations, and course details, please visit the [NHNLA training Calendar](#). Please see the list of new courses below:

- May 12 -14, 2014 - Newark, NJ, Housing Counseling Program Management
- May 12, 2014 - Newark, NJ, Foreclosure Prevention
- May 12, 2014 – New York, NY, Dodd Frank Topics Refresher Course
- June 26-27, 2014 - Chicago, IL. Housing Counseling Competency: Dodd Frank Prep Course
- July 28 - 29 2014 - Riverdale, MD. Housing Counseling Competency: Dodd Frank Prep Course
- August 11 - 12 2014 - Miami, FL. Housing Counseling Competency: Dodd Frank Prep Course
- August 26, 2014 - Fair Lending and Mortgage Fraud Counseling Webinar
- September 15-16, 2014 - Dodd Frank Topics Refresher Course- Montebello, CA

#### **5. Webinars and Live training events sponsored by Making Home Affordable (MHA):**

These training events designed specifically for housing counselors and other trusted advisors. Registration for the below courses and other information are available [on-line](#).

- April 22, 2014 - Release 19.0 - End of Compensation Life Anniversary Reporting, Incentive Changes and Involuntary Transfer Updates
- April 24, 2014 - Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program Webinar
- May 6, 2014 - Unemployment Program for Trusted Advisors
- May 7, 2014 - Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program for Trusted Advisors
- May 8, 2014 - Case Escalations for Trusted Advisors

- May 15, 2014 - HAMP A to Z for Trusted Advisors
- May 14, 2014 - Release 19.0 - End of Compensation Life Anniversary Reporting, Incentive Changes and Involuntary Transfer Updates
- May 20, 2014 - Leveraging the Latest Distressed Market Trends to Help Homeowners
- May 21, 2014 - Understanding the Terms of a HAMP Modification: Interest Rate Increases, Impact, and Resources

## **6. HUD Early Delinquency Servicing and Loss Mitigation Program “Live” Training Comes to Oklahoma City, OK and two new Webinars:**

This training is broad ranged and includes full coverage on: HUD Handbook 4330.1 REV-5, Chapter 7, Delinquencies, Defaults, Mortgage Collection Activities and HUD’s Loss Mitigation Waterfall Program. Additionally, overviews will be presented pertaining to Extension of Time Requests and Variances and Single Family Default Monitoring System. HUD’s National Servicing Center (NSC) provides this training for HUD-approved mortgagees, HUD-approved Housing Counselors, and Nonprofit Housing Counselors. For-profit Housing Counselors are not permitted to attend this training. Seating is limited; register today to reserve your place. If you have any questions, please [email](#). More information and registration information can be found [on-line](#). Training dates include:

- May 13-14, 2014
- August 12-13, 2014

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### **Bulk subscriptions:**

Some housing counselors have asked, "How do I sign up my entire agency staff for housing counseling listserv updates?" It is easy... Just list your staff email addresses like this:

[aaa@xyz.com](mailto:aaa@xyz.com)  
[bbb@xyz.com](mailto:bbb@xyz.com)  
[ccc@xyz.com](mailto:ccc@xyz.com)

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Then [Email your list](#) to HUD-OHC.

If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 2 other ways to sign up: Send them this [link](#) or forward them this email. Click here to [unsubscribe](#), then click on "Housing Counseling" and follow the unsubscribe instructions on that page.

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### **Some Helpful Links for Housing Counselors:**

- [Email Technical Support for Housing Counselors](#)
- [HUD Housing Counseling Webpage](#)
- [The Bridge Housing Counseling Newsletter Archive](#)
- [Housing Counseling Listserv Archive](#)
- [Training Webinar Archive](#)
- [Events & Training Calendar](#)
- [Contracting Opportunities](#)
- [Career Opportunities](#)
- [Grant Opportunities](#)
- [Disaster Recovery Resources](#)
- [Foreclosure Assistance](#)
- [Making Home Affordable](#)
- [FHA Resource Center](#)
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This list will often provide training opportunities and event announcements for non-profit and government HUD Housing Counseling partners. HUD does not endorse the organizations sponsoring linked websites, and we do not endorse the views they express or the products/services they or their community/business partner's offer. For more information please see [HUD's web policies](#)

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