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### **Read the New Edition of "The Bridge" Newsletter:**

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

The Bridge Newsletter and LISTSERV Subscription Drive: The HUD Office of Housing Counseling frequently publishes "The Bridge" Newsletter and this LISTSERV. The Bridge Newsletter focuses on Housing Counselors and highlights their hard work and the innovative best practices that contribute to improving the lives of American Families. The LISTSERV provides news and information for housing counselors on industry announcements, new policy notices, grant opportunities and guidance, employment opportunities, contracting opportunities, events, meetings, webinars and live training. We want to make sure housing counselors do not miss out on the latest information. If you would like to sign up your staff or a new counselor at your agency, or recommend a housing counseling industry colleague to receive the Bridge Newsletter and LISTSERV, please visit our [subscription website](#) to sign up today. This service is free of charge.

- Also see our [LISTSERV archive](#) of past messages and our archive of past issues of [The Bridge Newsletter](#).

AND

### **New Presentation Added to the OHC Training Webinar Archives:**

- Original air Date: April 22, 2015 - Webinar: Financial Grant Reporting: This training gave a detailed look at all of the financial grant reporting required under the HUD housing counseling grant agreement including preparing the quarterly report, Standard Form 425 (SF-425) for SHFAs, MSOs and Intermediaries, the final report for LHCA's, and properly accounting for the grant in the organization's general ledger on an accrual basis of accounting. In addition, there was a discussion the issues found in previous reviews related to the quarterly reports. Audio replay number: (800) 475-6701 Access Code: 356992. [View the presentation](#).

All of the HUD Office of Housing Counseling's (OHC) webinars are posted in archival form on the [Training Webinar Archive](#). There is no registration or fee required to view the archives.

AND

### **New Addition to Housing Counseling Capacity Building Toolkits:**

A new Toolkit on Protecting Privacy Information has been added to the Housing Counseling Capacity Building Toolkits. Visit the entire collection of OHC Capacity Building Tool Kits [on-line](#).

The HUD Office of Housing Counseling (OHC) has posted a collection of capacity building tool kits for housing counseling agencies. If you would like to provide feedback on an existing tool kit or suggest HUD post a toolkit on a new topic, please email [housing.counseling@hud.gov](mailto:housing.counseling@hud.gov). Current Topics Include:

- Establishing a Non-Profit Entity
- Overview of Performance Reporting
- Client Action Plan - Required Elements and Best Practices
- Agency Disclosure Forms- Required Elements and Best Practices
- Model Personal Information and Data Release Forms
- HUD 101 Orientation Guide for New HCAs
- Best Practices for Expanding Housing Counseling Services
- Model Funding Agreements and Fee Structures
- Model Funding Processes that Comply with OMB Circular A-110
- Model Personnel Activity Reports (PAR) That Comply With OMB-Circular A-122
- Model Compliance Monitoring Procedures that Comply with OMB Circular A-133
- Developing a Housing Counseling Agency Work-plan
- Protecting Privacy Information

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### **HUD-OHC Listserv Bulk subscriptions:**

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[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.

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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](#)
  - [OHC Webinar Archive](#)
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