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**Archive Recording of the Housing Counseling Industry Conference Call on the New FHA HAWK Initiative and the FY14-15 Housing Counseling NOFA Grant Awards is now available:**

The Office of Housing Counseling hosted an industry conference call on May 23, 2014. The purpose of the conference call was to discuss the New FHA HAWK Initiative and the FY14 -15 Housing Counseling Grant Awards.

FHA HAWK is a proposed four year, two-phase, pre-purchase housing counseling pilot, "HAWK for New Homebuyers." HAWK stands for Homeowners Armed With Knowledge, and serves as an umbrella term for several initiatives to link HUD's Housing Counseling program with FHA-insured mortgage origination and servicing. The HAWK for New Homebuyers pilot will provide FHA insurance pricing incentives to first-time homebuyers who participate in a course of housing counseling and education in order to evaluate housing affordability and mortgage alternatives, to better manage their finances, and to understand the rights and responsibilities of homeownership.

**FY14-15 Housing Counseling Grant Awards** As part of its continuing effort to assist families and individuals with their housing needs and to prevent future foreclosures, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced more than \$40 million in housing counseling grants to national, regional and local organizations. As a result of these grants and the additional funding they help leverage, more than 1.5 million households will have a greater opportunity to find housing, make more informed housing choices or keep their current homes. Read the [HUD Press Release](#) for more information and to view the list of grantees.

**Archive recording Dial-In Number:** (800) 475-6701

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**New HUD Press Release:**

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