



Housing Counseling Stakeholder Meeting

FY 2014 – FY 2015 NOFA Feedback

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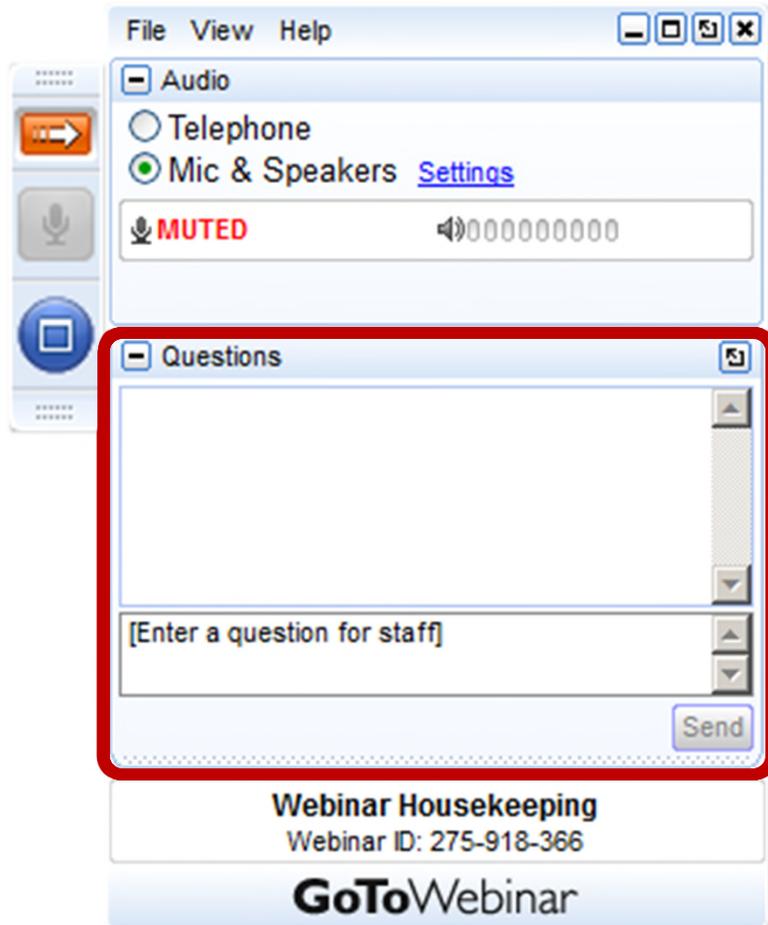
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- Audio is being recorded. It will be available along with the PowerPoint at:
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- Attendee lines will muted during presentation.
- At certain intervals, we will unmute lines for questions and comments.

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Please submit your text questions and comments using the Questions Panel. We will answer some of them during the webinar.

You can also send questions and comments to:

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Note: Today's presentation is being recorded and will be provided within 48 hours. The replay information will be sent out via ListServ.

Brief Survey

- Please complete the brief survey at the end of this session.
- Your responses will help OHC better plan and present our webinars.



Welcome

William McKee

Deputy Director

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Agenda

- Purpose of Stakeholder Meetings
- Intermediaries, Multi-State Organizations and State Housing Finance Agencies' feedback on the FY 2014 – FY 2015 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

Stakeholder Meeting Purpose

- Provide the opportunity for communication and interaction
- Evaluate stakeholder input on program policy and procedures
- Share best practices and challenges
- Provide valuable insight for the OHC to help consumers achieve housing goals
- Provide advice to leadership of the department as it relates to housing legislation, regulation, policy development, budget, training, program evaluation and oversight



OHC Comprehensive NOFA

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- This stakeholder meeting does not replace a HUD debriefing or serve as Housing Counseling Program or Grant Administration Training.
- All applicants are encouraged to request a debriefing. HUD's email address for debriefing requests is provided at the end of the presentation.

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FY 2014-15 NOFA Changes:

- Funding methodology adjusted to reward additional factors such as number of FTEs and HECM counselors
- 18-month period of performance
- Further streamlined Housing Counseling Charts (HUD-9906)

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FY 2014-15 NOFA Changes:

- Increased emphasis on oversight activities
- Opportunity for single competition for
FY 2014 – FY 2015



The NOFA Pre-Application Process

The Pre-Application Process

Polling Question #1

For those who were able to view the 2014 NOFA webinar training, was it useful?

- A. Yes, very useful
- B. Yes, somewhat useful
- C. No, not useful
- D. I did not participate in the NOFA Training

The Pre-Application Process

Polling Question #2

Did you email a request for more information to housing.counseling@hud.gov and/or review FAQs posted concerning the NOFA?

- A. Emailed for more information but did not review FAQs
- B. Reviewed FAQs only
- C. Both emailed and reviewed FAQs
- D. Neither

The Pre-Application Process

- Was there any additional information you would have liked to be provided during the training?
- Did you find the NOFA FAQs useful?



Completing the NOFA Application

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Polling Question #3

How did the size of your FY 2014 sub-grantee network change compared to your funding application under the FY 2013 Comprehensive NOFA?

- A. Our network is larger this year
- B. Our network is the same size this year
- C. Our network is smaller this year

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Polling Question #4

Did inquiries from Local Housing Counseling Agencies to join your network increase before or after the FY 2014-15 NOFA was published?

- A. Before the NOFA Publication
- B. After the NOFA Publication
- C. No noticeable difference in inquiries

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During this year's NOFA application process:

- Was it easier or harder to collect information from your potential sub-grantees?
- Did the due date provide enough time to successfully complete and submit a full application?

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With OHC's continued encouragement of housing counseling agency networks:

- What factors affected your selection of sub-grantees?
- What were some of the sub-grantee selection lessons learned from FY 2013?
- Describe the impact of oversight on your network.

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Polling Question #5

Did the HUD-9906 application charts allow you to provide enough detail about your sub-grantees and their housing counseling activities?

- A. No
- B. Yes
- C. Uncertain

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- Were the NOFA instructions for completing the HUD-9906 charts clear and concise?
- Were there any challenges completing the charts?
- Is there additional information that HUD needs to collect about sub-grantees' activities?

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Based on FY 2013 NOFA feedback, OHC:

- Adjusted the funding methodology
- Increased emphasis on oversight activities

What are your thoughts on these changes?

What other funding factors should HUD consider?

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How can HUD do a better job of measuring and rewarding quality of service?

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Polling Question #6

Did your organization experience any challenges submitting your application using Grants.gov?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Uncertain

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Challenges with the FY 2014 – FY 2015 NOFA:

- Were there any challenges that increased your application time?
- Were there any challenges related to the use of Grants.gov?
- Were there any challenges that prevented an on-time application submission?

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- What is your overall impression about completing the FY 2014 – FY 2015 Comprehensive NOFA?
- What additional suggestions or comments do you have that could further improve the grant application process?

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Concluding Remarks

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Closing Discussion

- Any comments about today's topics or any other topics?
- Evaluation Survey
 - Survey will launch after the webinar
 - Attendees will receive follow up email with survey link

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