



## **Notice of Funding Availability for HUD's FY 2014 Housing Counseling Training Grant Program Frequently Asked Questions**

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*Q: Is the Training Grant available to housing counseling agencies to assist them in providing training to their clients?*

**A: No. This Training Grant supports training of the housing counselors so that they can provide improved services to their clients.**

*Q: Does a SFHA have to participate in the Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant for 2014 to apply for the Housing Counseling Training Grant?*

**A: No, a state housing finance agency does not need to apply for the Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant to be eligible for the Training Grant. However, the agency must meet experience requirements and have the ability to provide training for counselors on a nationwide basis.**

*Q: One question we had re: the HUD Training grant. I wanted to know if we can apply for the HUD Training grant if we have only provided Regional training and don't have National training experience, does that disqualify us from applying?*

**A: Eligible applicants must demonstrate two years training experience on a national level.**

*Q. Are Alaska Native Housing Authorities eligible to apply for the Housing Counseling Training grant?*

**A. Applicants must be public or private nonprofit organizations and must have "tax exempt" status under section 501(a) pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 USC 501(a) and (c)(3). The applicant must meet the other eligibility criteria for this grant including experience and ability to provide training for housing counselors on a nationwide basis.**

*Q. Will the training grant be awarded to a network such as Neighborworks, or is it for LHCA's to apply for as well? I am just wondering where we will get the money from for training and certifying our housing counselors per HUD's mandate.*

**A. All applicants must meet eligibility requirements including experience in providing training for housing counselors and ability to provide training on a nationwide basis. The Housing Counseling Training NOFA is intended to fund training providers that provide training to housing counselors nationwide. The Comprehensive Housing Counseling NOFA (a separate grant) allows recipients to use award funds to cover training costs.**

*Q. Can a regional intermediary partner with a national intermediary, such as NeighborWorks, for the purposes of this grant?*

**A. Yes. This NOFA encourages training provider applicants to partner with SHFAs and local or regional coalitions to leverage staff and financial resources available to provide effective housing counseling training at the national level, and increase place-based training opportunities on a broader scale.**

*Q. Regarding proposed budget, enter \$1 on what line of what form?*

**A. Line 18a of the required form SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance will ask how much Federal assistance is being sought. HUD is not requiring applicants to submit a proposed budget. As such, applicants should only enter \$1 in block 18a of the SF-424.**

*Q. We are a national HUD-approved HC intermediary and provide services nationwide. We provide training for all of our counselors nationwide, and are seeking to expand our training to counselors outside our network. Are we eligible to apply for this training grant?*

**A. Yes... IF training has been offered nationally to housing counselors employed by HUD-approved housing counseling agencies for at least 2 years, you are eligible to apply. If, however, the training provided and proposed is limited to a state, region or organization, it would not qualify as a national program. Training must be made available and accessible to HUD-approved housing counselors in all 50 states.**