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Subject: Reminder for Housing Counseling NOFA applicants, & Two webinars for housing counselors

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Reminder for HUD Housing Counseling NOFA applicants:

HUD's Fiscal Year 2013 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) application deadline date is March 18, 2013. Applications must be received by www.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. For more information please visit:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/fundsavail/nofa13/chc

Please direct all questions about the HUD Housing Counseling NOFA to:
Housing.Counseling@hud.gov

AND

Two webinars for housing counselors:

1. **March 26, 2013** – Webinar: Supporting Staff In Caring for Others. Housing counselors do a lot of giving, helping individuals and families in tough situations. Sponsored by the National Community Reinvestment Coalition (NCRC). There's a lot of satisfaction in the work – and there's a fair amount of stress. Your program can do a lot to create a culture and climate that reduces stress, helps prevent burnout and supports quality services. This interactive, 90-minute webinar focuses on strategies you can use to help reduce the stresses on staff and encourage them in caring for themselves. During this webinar NCRC will address:
 - Burnout – its signs and its possible causes
 - Supporting staff in caring for themselves
 - Organizational strategies for assessing and reducing stress

You will also be given a chance to interact with the webinar facilitator and pose your questions during the Q & A portion of the webinar. Registration required.

More information and registration at:

<http://supportingstaffincaringforothers.eventbrite.com/#>

Visit NCRC online to see all of their training courses: <http://www.ncrc.org/>

2. **May 21, 2013** - Webinar: Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling Webinar. The NHN Learning Alliance (NHNLA) is currently registering housing counselors for the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling Webinar. This course offers a unique combination of topics for counselors focusing on the following:
 - o Understanding the advantages and disadvantages of obtaining a reverse mortgage
 - o Specific costs related to completing the transaction
 - o Available products
 - o Predatory lending risks
 - o Process for becoming a HECM certified counselor

This on-line training that can be taken directly from your office. The training will take at 12:00 PM-2:00 PM EST. Registration required. More information and registration at:

<http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Calendar.eventDetail&eventId=136&nodeID=1>

Visit NHNLA online to see all of their training courses:

<http://www.nhnla.org/index.cfm>

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

bbb@xyz.com

ccc@xyz.com

You can send in one email address or your entire agency. Email your list to:

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If you have a housing counseling industry friend who you want to subscribe to this listserv, there are 3 other ways to sign up: 1. send them this link:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/hcc/ohc_listserv

they can sign up for the listserv there; or 2: forward them this email; or 3: Visit:

<http://www.usa.gov> and subscribe at:

<http://apps.gsa.gov/FirstGovCommonSubscriptionService.php> To unsubscribe - go to:

<http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/subscribe/maillinglist> and click on "Housing Counseling" and follow the unsubscribe instructions on that page.

HUD Housing Counseling: www.hud.gov/housingcounseling

Events & Training Calendar:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?mode=disppage&id=OHC_TRAINING

Contracting Opportunities:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/cpo

Career Opportunities: <http://www.usajobs.gov>

Grant Opportunities:

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/grants/fund_savail

Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/housing/sfh/nsc/disaster

Foreclosure Assistance:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/i_want_to/talk_to_a_housing_counselor

Making Home Affordable: <http://www.makinghomeaffordable.gov/pages/default.aspx>

This list will often provide training opportunities and event announcements for non-profit and local 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 partners offer. For more information on HUD's web policies please visit:

<http://www.hud.gov/assist/webpolicies.cfm>

Thank you!!!!