Florida Housing Coalition Counselors Caucus August 26, 2024

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Florida Housing Counseling Activity

- 371 Active HUD-Certified Housing Counselors
- 100 Housing Counseling Agencies
- Number of agencies providing services:
- 98 Pre-purchase Counseling
- 81 Default Counseling
- 63 Rental Counseling
- I4 HECM Counseling



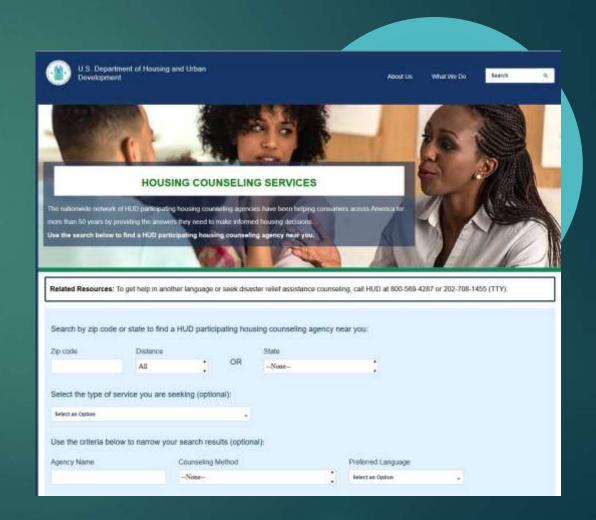
Agency Locator Tool

By Phone

(800) 569-4287

Search Online

Hud.gov/housingcounseling



HUD Homeownership Initiative Grant

• FY 23 HUD Homeownership Initiative Grant

- Announced June 17, 2024
- List of <u>awardees</u>
- Helps to bridge the homeownership gap by increasing homeownership rates among Underserved Communities.
- New grant program
- Utilizes Fixed Amount Award reimbursement method
- Open to Intermediaries, Multi-State Organizations, State Housing Finance Agencies

Current HUD Topics

Counselor Certification

- New hudhousingcounselor.com website with two-factor authenticator
- Updated certification exam
- Exam transfer issue corrected Still working on access to Assessments

HECM Counselors

- Number of HECM counselors reduced significantly across the country
- Looking to increase

Additional HUD Topics

- Disaster Assistance Counseling
- New direct email **OHCDart@hud.gov**.
- Reimbursement from Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant acceptable
 - Listed as an activity in HCS
 - All required counseling activities must be provided
- <u>September 17-19, 2024: HUD's OHC 2024 Community</u> Conference:
- Free virtual community conference for all of HUD's community partners, HCAs, and their HUD certified housing counselors