

**Intermediary, State Housing Finance Agency,
and Multi-State Organization Application**
Form HUD-9906-L (9/2023)

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I agree to the above certification statement.

CHART A1 – LCHA CHARACTERISTICS

Enter an "x" to indicate a "Yes" response.

A) Name of Applicant

B) Location City State

C) Agency's HUD Housing Counseling (HCS) Number

F) Number of HUD Certified Housing Counselor Full-Time Equivalents

G) Number of HECM Roster Reverse Mortgage Counselor Full-Time Equivalents.

H) Formal Housing Counseling Training

I) Adopted National Industry Standards - *Not Applicable*

J) Issued Client Exit or Follow-Up Client Surveys.

K) Pulled Credit Reports as Part of Housing Counseling Follow-Up Prior to the Termination of Counseling

L1) Opportunity Zone 11-Digit Census Tract Number (*Preference Points*) – Not Applicable

L2) Promise Zone (*Preference Points*)

L3) Historically Black Colleges and Universities (*Preference Points*)

N) Maximum Grant Request

O) Seeking Reimbursement for Program Costs Incurred Prior to the Period of Performance.

Enter an "x" in the boxes below for modes of housing counseling services you will provide during the grant period.

P) Counseling/Group Education to be Provided in Person.

Q) Counseling/Group Education to be Provided via Telephone or Video (interactive).....

R) Counseling/Group Education to be Provided over the Internet (asynchronous, self-guided courses)

S) Counseling/Group Education to be Available in Multiple Languages.

CHART B1 – VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

The Applicant must complete Fields A through I of the chart below to demonstrate how the Applicant will further fair housing, provide access to clients with disabilities and limited English proficiency, promote housing choice, inform clients of lead-based paint hazards, and provide emergency preparedness and/or disaster recovery activities.

Note: Any actions taken in furtherance of the components of this section must be consistent with federal nondiscrimination requirements.

(A) Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. You must provide a brief description of how you will carry out your proposed activities in a manner that affirmatively furthers fair housing in compliance with the Fair Housing Act and its implementing regulations. Specifically, you should describe how your proposed NOFO activities will work towards one or more of the following: 1) addressing disparities in access to opportunity for protected class groups; and/or 2) fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing. For example, you could describe how you will address disparities in access to opportunity for protected class groups by describing how you: maintain a database of accessible housing opportunities in the community for use by persons with disabilities, provide mobility counseling to help persons move and access affordable housing in the community, or provide in-language counseling to persons who are Limited English Proficient (LEP) to assist them with lending, establishing credit, or accessing relevant financial services. You could also describe how you foster and maintain compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws by providing persons with counseling, education, or information on housing discrimination and the rights and remedies available. (limit 2,000 characters).

(B) Affirmative Marketing. You must submit a narrative demonstrating that the housing, services, or other benefits provided under this grant will be affirmatively marketed broadly throughout the local area and nearby areas to any demographic groups that would be unlikely or least likely to apply absent such efforts. Such demographic groups may include, for example, Black and Brown persons or communities, individuals with limited English proficiency, individuals with disabilities, or families with children. Such activities may include outreach through community contacts or service providers or at community centers serving the target population; and marketing on websites, social media channels, television, radio, and print media serving local members of the targeted group. Documentation for this factor consists of a narrative describing the activities that will fulfill the factor requirements. (limit 1,000 characters).

(C) Advancing Racial Equity. You must submit a narrative which addresses the following four bullets:

- You analyzed the racial composition of the persons or households who are expected to benefit from your proposed grant activities;
- You identified any potential barriers to persons or communities of color equitably benefiting from your proposed grant activities;
- You detailed the steps you will take to prevent, reduce, or eliminate these barriers; and
- You have measures in place to track your progress and evaluate the effectiveness of your efforts to advance racial equity in your grant activities. (limit 1,000 characters).

Note: This narrative is required and must address the four bullets outlined in the paragraph above. This narrative will be evaluated for sufficiency and will not change the applicant's score or rank as compared to other applicants. If the narrative is deemed insufficient, it will be a "Curable Deficiency" that will be communicated to the applicant for correction with a notice of deficiency.

(D) Experience Promoting Racial Equity. Describe your past experience and resources to effectively address the needs of underserved communities. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Experience working directly with historically underserved neighborhoods when designing, planning, or implementing programs and activities;
- Experience building community partnerships with grassroots and resident-led organizations;
- Experience designing or operating programs that have provided tangible reductions in racial disparities; or
- Having staff with lived experience and/or expertise to provide services in a culturally competent way. (limit 1,000 characters).

(E) Persons with Disabilities. Describe how programs and activities will be accessible to persons with disabilities and identify policies and procedures for providing reasonable accommodations (limit 1,000 characters).

(F) Limited English Proficiency. Describe what steps will be taken to ensure people with limited English proficiency (LEP) will have meaningful language access to programs and activities (limit 1,000 characters).

(G) Lead-based paint. Describe how counselors will inform clients of hazards of lead-based paint in homes (limit 1,000 characters).

(H) Emergency preparedness and/or disaster recovery. Indicate any emergency preparedness and/or disaster recovery activities in which the Applicant participates with the options below.

- 1) Applicant provides emergency preparedness workshops
- 2) Applicant provides disaster recovery workshops.
- 3) Counselor discusses emergency recovery topics and resources during one-on-one counseling.
- 4) Counselor discusses disaster recovery topics and resources during one-on-one counseling.
- 5) Counselors participate in emergency preparedness and/or disaster recovery trainings.
- 6) Applicant entered into an agreement outlining mutual emergency and services with community partner
- 7) Other – Provide a brief description below

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(I) Emergency preparedness and/or disaster recovery implementation. Describe how the Applicant implements the emergency preparedness and/or disaster recovery activities as indicated in Field H. (limit 1,000 characters).

CHART C1 – OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

The Applicant must check the boxes in Column B for the oversight and quality control activities that will be performed during the grant period.

A		B
Oversight Activity		Proposed Activities to be Performed
i.	Maintain disbursement supporting documentation, including personnel activity reports (or other personnel expense documentation that satisfies 2 CFR 200.430(i) requirements), invoices, client file lists, or similar forms of documentation.	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii.	Conduct supervisory monitoring by reviewing client and education files for compliance with HUD recordkeeping requirements in HUD Handbook 7610.1 (Rev-5), Paragraphs 5-7 and 5-8.	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii.	Conduct supervisory monitoring of counseling service activities to ensure Delivery of Services requirements outlined in HUD Handbook 7610.1, Paragraph 3-5 are met.	<input type="checkbox"/>

CHART D1 – USE OF FUNDS

The Applicant must fill out and attach Chart D (Excel) to their grants.gov application. Failure to complete and submit this form may result in loss of points.

CHART E1 – HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND OTHER MINORITY SERVING INSTITUTIONS (MSI)

Applicants applying for this funding initiative must complete the following questions. Applicants must also submit proof of status as an HBCU or other MSI, and/or if applicable, a letter certifying the partnership between the housing counseling agency and the HBCU or other MSI (see NOFO Section V(B)(4) for more details).

A1) Applicant is an HBCU or other MSI

A2) Applicant is partnering with an HBCU or other MSI

B) How many housing counseling clients does the Applicant and/or its partner plan to serve with this funding during the period of performance?

C1) Indicate the total award amount requested to provide services for this purpose

C2) Complete the table below as appropriate for the Applicant and/or the Applicant's network. The Applicant may provide a separate attachment if more space is needed.

Name of Housing Counseling Agency and HCS ID	Name of Partner HBCU or other MSI; City, State; Contact Name, Email Address (state "N/A" if subgrantee or branch is an HBCU or other MSI)	Allocation Amount (\$)

D) To support the grant amount being requested, describe the following in Fields 1 through 7. If Applicant or its network is partnering with multiple HBCUs or other MSIs, the Applicant should provide information for no more than three partnerships (limit 2,000 characters for each question).

1. A description of the proposed eligible activities and major tasks required to successfully implement the proposed initiative.

2. Describe the extent to which there is a need to fund the proposed initiative and the importance of meeting the need(s).

3. Relevant experience and capacity of the Applicant, its staff, and HBCU or other MSI partners.

4. How the Applicant will measure outcomes on its target population.

Empty response box for question 4.

5. How the Applicant proposes to integrate the institution's students and faculty into proposed activities.

Empty response box for question 5.

6. Community involvement in implementation of the program and how the institution will expand its role in target community.

Empty response box for question 6.

7. The other resources that support or fund Applicant's existing housing counseling related partnerships with HBCUs or other MSIs. Include the dollar amounts of support provided in the description of the resources, if applicable.