



Housing Counseling System (HCS) Today and in the Future

"Open Doors with Housing Counseling"

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Agenda

- Latest HCS Updates
- Two Common Questions/Answers
- Tips for HUD Intermediaries
- Future HCS Enhancements
- Housing Counseling Agency Management System (HCAMS)

Questions will be answered at the end of the presentation.

Time for Mentimeter!



Latest HCS Updates

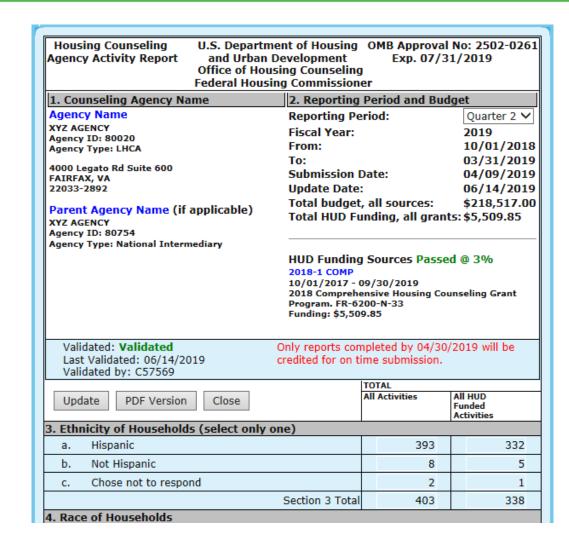
Data Quality Alerts have been added to the 9902 form in HCS to alert agency users to possible errors in 9902 reporting.

The alerts will check for:

- ✓ (0) impacts entered in Section 10 Impact and Scope of One-on-One Counseling Services
 - Indicates agency is not reporting any impacts.
- ✓ Total impacts entered in Section 10 total is the same as the Section 9 total for one-on-one counseling.
 - Indicates agency is not reporting multiple impacts.
- ✓ Total impacts entered for 10c (developing a sustainable budget) is less than Section 9 total for one-on-one counseling.
 - Indicates agency is not developing a budget with counseled clients, this is a counseling requirement
- ✓ (0) impacts reported for 10e households gained access to resources to improve their housing situation
 - Indicates agency is not properly reporting impacts
- ✓ Agency's yearly budget is not entered.

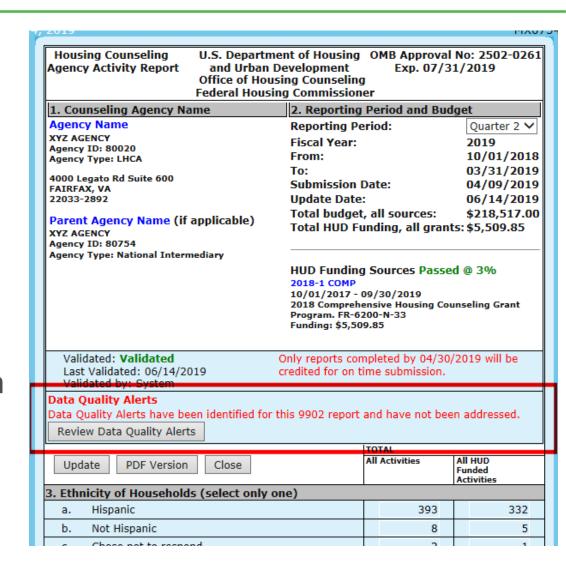
Data Quality Alerts (cont)

- If data quality alerts have NOT been identified for a 9902, there is no change to the display of the 9902.
- Do not display on Consolidated 9902



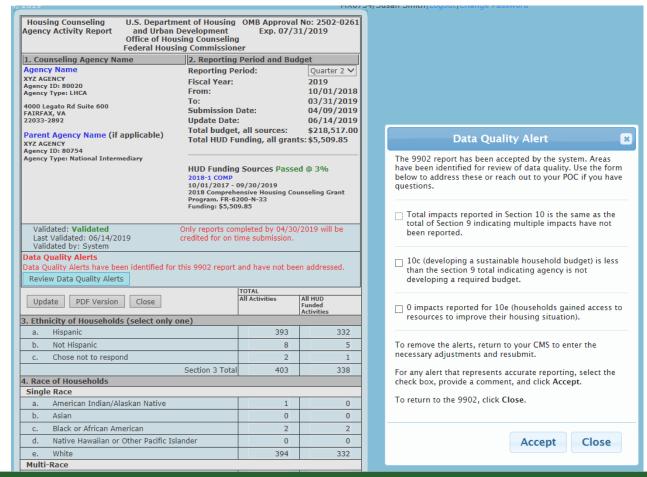
Data Quality Alerts (cont)

- If data quality alerts
 have been identified
 for a 9902, a Data
 Quality Alerts section
 will display below the
 Validation
 information.
- Click the Review Data
 Quality Alerts button
 to display the specific
 alerts for that 9902.



Data Quality Alerts (cont)

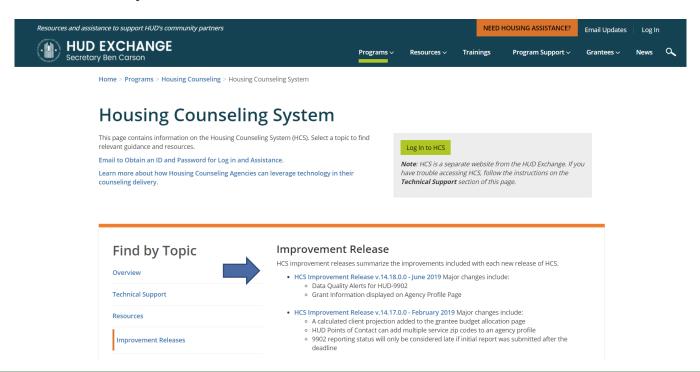
 Data Quality Alert pop-up display list all applicable alerts for the 9902



- The Data Quality Alerts indicate that while the 9902 has been submitted and accepted by HCS, there are some indicators that there may be some errors in reporting
- The agency user should review the information provided in the Data Quality Alert pop-up. The user has three options:
 - 1. Ignore the Data Quality Alerts for the moment
 - 2. Update the 9902 reporting to remove the alerts
 - 3. Accept the alerts to indicate that the reporting reflects valid reporting on the counseling activities conducted during the reporting period

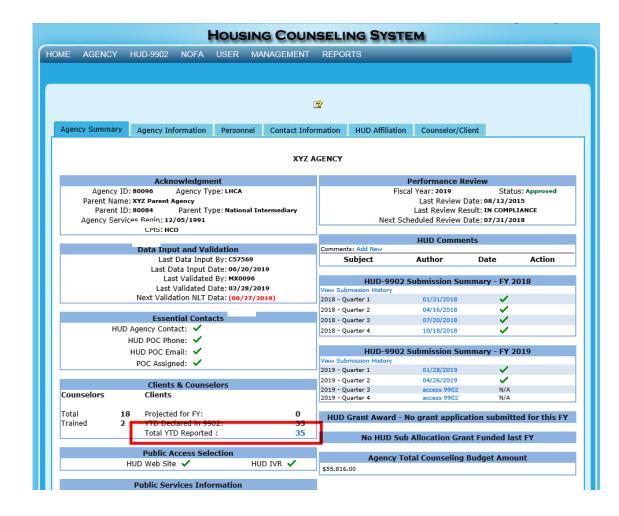
- If the reporting reflects valid reporting on the counseling activities conducted during the reporting period, the agency user should **Accept** the alerts
- Accepting an alert tells the HUD POC that:
 - The agency has reviewed the alerts and confirmed that the reporting is accurate
 - Since the reporting is accurate, the agency will not change the 9902 reporting to remove the alerts
- The alerts are only meant to identify possible data quality issues. There is no negative impact to the agency user for accepting the alerts.

- Instructions for managing alerts:
 https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/housing-counseling/hcs/#improvement-releases
- HCS Improvement Release v.14.18.0.0 June 2019



Client Data

- Agencies can
 access the client
 data submitted
 from their CMS
- Click the numeric link for the Total YTD Reported



Client Data

- List of the client data for One-on-One Counseling and Group Education Attendees displays
- Click the Excel icon to download the data.

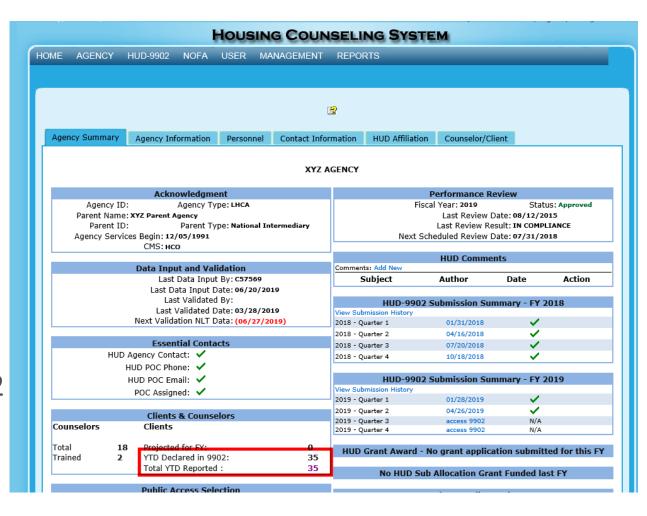
Housing Counseling Activities Detailed Report - Fiscal Year 2019 XYZ AGENCY (80096) - Total Counseling Activities: 35



One-on-One Counseling - 14													
Client ID	Case Number	CMS Counselor ID	Counseling Purpose	Start Date	End Date	Qtr	Grant	Ethnicity	Race	Income Level	Rural Area Status	Limited English Proficiency Status	Impacts
181836667	180853994	93705	Rental Topics	10/1/18		1	1 Not Black or African American 30 - 49% of Al		30 - 49% of AMI	Not Rural	Not Limited	H/H that received information on fair housing, fair lending and/or accessibility rights. H/H for whom counselor developed a sustainable household budget through the provision of financial management and/or budget services.	
181972801	181972343	93705	Rental Topics	10/9/18		1		Not Hispanic	Black or African American	< 30% of Area Median Income (AMI)	Not Rural	Not Limited	H/H that received information on fair housing, fair lending and/or accessibility rights. H/H for whom counselor developed a sustainable household budget through the provision of financial management and/or budget services.
181987978	181988202	93705	Rental Topics	10/10/18		1		Not Hispanic	White	< 30% of Area Median Income (AMI)	Not Rural	Not Limited	H/H that received information on fair housing, fair lending and/or accessibility rights. H/H for whom counselor developed a sustainable household budget through the provision of financial management and/or budget services.
182013960	182013057	93705	Home Maintenance and Financial Management for Homeowners (Non-Delinquency Post-Purchase)	10/11/18		1		Not Hispanic	Black or African American	80 - 100% of AMI	Not Rural	Not Limited	H/H that received information on fair housing, fair lending and/or accessibility rights. H/H for whom counselor developed a sustainable household budget through the provision of financial management and/or budget services.
182159530	182159707	93705	Rental Topics	10/19/18		1		Not Hispanic	Black or African American	< 30% of Area Median Income (AMI)	Not Rural	Not Limited	H/H that received information on fair housing, fair lending and/or accessibility rights. H/H for whom counselor developed a sustainable household budget through the provision of financial management and/or budget services.
182183250	182183213	93705	Rental Topics	10/22/18		1		Not	Black or African	< 30% of Area Median Income	Not Rural	Not Limited	H/H that received information on fair housing, fair lending and/or accessibility rights. H/H for whom counselor developed a sustainable household

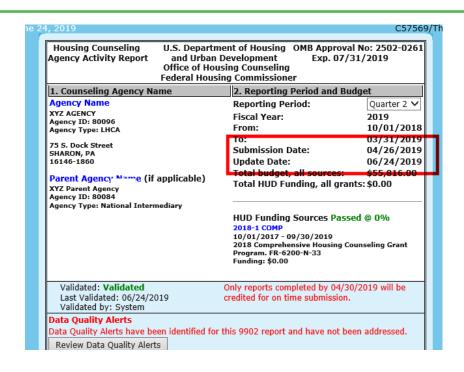
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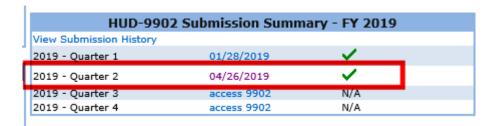
- Client Data
 Reporting should support the agency's 9902 reporting
- YTD Declared in 9902 represents the total counseling activities reported in the most recent 9902 reported by that agency in that fiscal year



9902 On-Time Submission Date

- Old method used Last Updated Date
- New method uses original submission Date
- Example
 - Originally submitted 04/26/2019
 - Last updated 06/24/2019
 - On-time (green check mark)





Two Common Questions and Answers

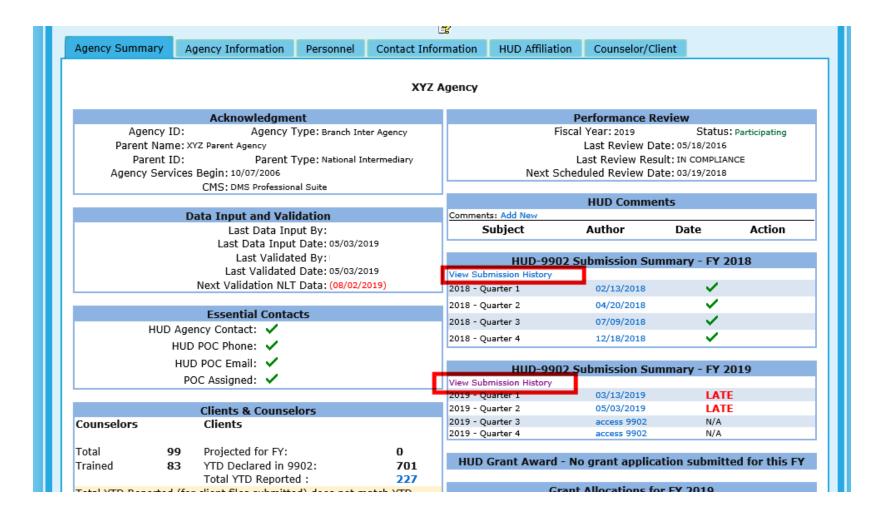
Two Common Questions

 How does an agency confirm successful 9902 submission?

 How does an agency report grant activities for multiple years?

 After an agency submits data from their CMS, they should always log into HCS to confirm the submission was successful and to validate

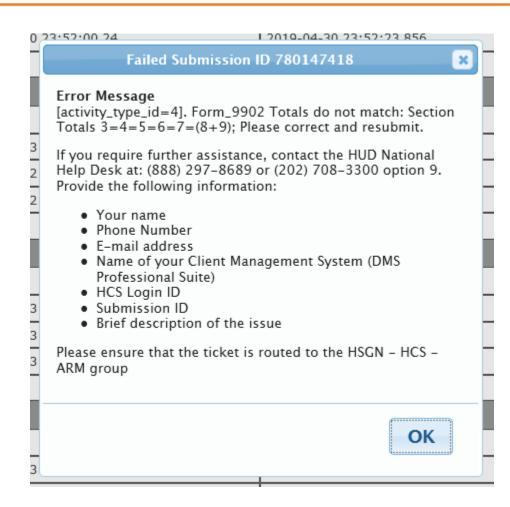
 If the agency does not see the 9902-report showing as reported on the agency profile, check the submission history



- The agency's submissions are sorted by type
- If a submission failed, click the Failed link for more information

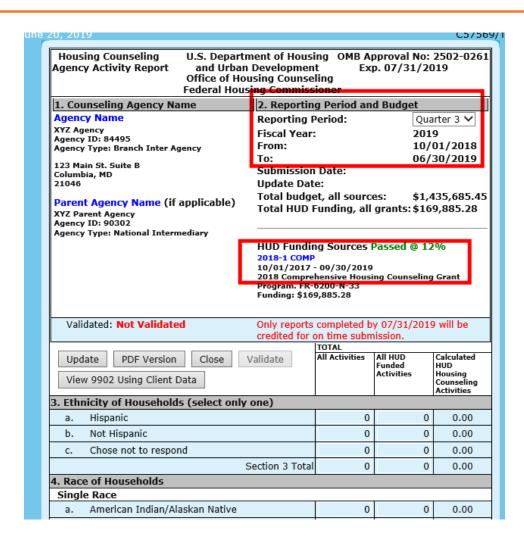
jency Profile									
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780147392	Agency Profile	2019-05-02 18:20:15.923	2019-05-02 18:21:23.453	DMS Professional Suite	Successful				
780147389	Agency Profile	2019-05-02 17:30:33.636	2019-05-02 17:31:23.293	DMS Professional Suite	Successful				
780147223	Agency Profile	2019-04-30 23:52:00.24	2019-04-30 23:52:23.856	DMS Professional Suite	Successful				
Show More									
Counselor Profiles									
Submission ID	Submission Type	Date Received	Date Processed	CMS	Submission Status				
780147417	Counselor Profiles	2019-05-03 11:04:39.296	2019-05-03 11:05:33.456	DMS Professional Suite	Successful				
780147393	47393 Counselor Profiles		2019-05-02 18:22:33.436	DMS Professional Suite	Successful				
780147390 Counselor Profiles		2019-05-02 17:31:47.936	2019-05-02 17:32:33.446	DMS Professional Suite	Successful				
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Form 9902 and Group Session	Attendees								
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780147420	Form 9902 and Group Session Attendees	2019-05-03 12:25:42.016	2019-05-03 12:26:43.193	DMS Professional Suite	Successful				
780147418	Form 9902 and Group Session Attendees 2019-05-03 11:07:27.276		2019-05-03 11:08:43.02	DMS Professional Suite	Failed				
780147416	Form 9902 and Group Session Attendees	2019-05-03 10:59:53.133	2019-05-03 11:00:43.033	DMS Professional Suite	Failed				
Show More	•	•	•	•	•				
One-on-One Counseling Profiles									
Submission ID	Submission Type	Date Received	Date Processed	CMS	Submission Status				
780147419	One-on-One Counseling Profiles	2019-05-03 12:22:22.4	2019-05-03 12:22:58.3	DMS Professional Suite	Successful				
780147394	One-on-One Counseling Profiles	2019-05-02 18:24:53.156	2019-05-02 18:25:59.25	DMS Professional Suite	Successful				
780147391	One-on-One Counseling Profiles	2019-05-02 17:34:46.49	2019-05-02 17:35:56.65	DMS Professional Suite	Failed				

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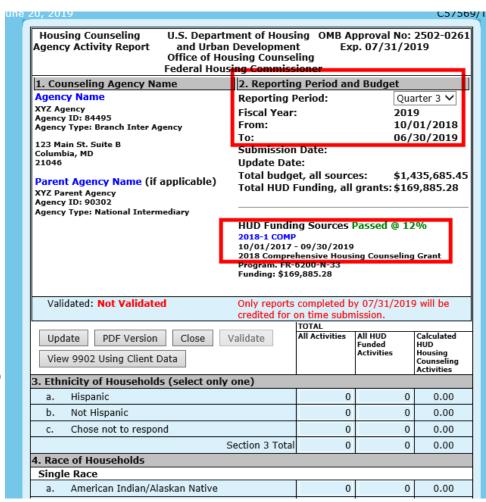
HUD 9902 Grant Reporting

- Scenario: An agency has funding from a grant that has a performance period that spans multiple fiscal years
 - Example: NOFA 2018-1
 COMP; performance
 period is 10/01/2017 –
 09/30/2019 (all of FY 2018 and FY 2019)
- HUD 9902 forms are cumulative for the fiscal year, not grant performance period



HUD 9902 Grant Reporting

- The FY 2019 9902 should only include reporting on NOFA 2018-1 COMP for those counseling activities funded by the grant that occurred in FY 2019
- Counseling activities that occurred in FY 2018 and were funded by the 2018-1 COMP grant, should only be reported in the FY 2018 9902 and not reported in FY 2019



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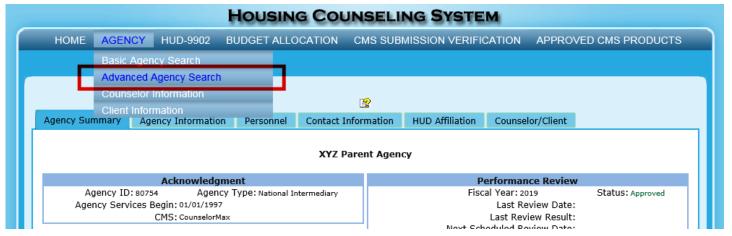
- Scenario: An agency has funding from a grant that has a performance period that spans multiple fiscal years, and is reporting an FY 2019 9902.
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- Counseling activities that occurred in FY 2018 and were funded by the 2018-1 COMP grant, should not be reported on in an FY 2019 9902.

Tips for HUD Intermediaries

Agency Review Spreadsheet

- The Agency Review Spreadsheet can be used to identify agencies that have not completed their agency profile validation
- To access the spreadsheet, go to:

Agency > Advanced Agency Search



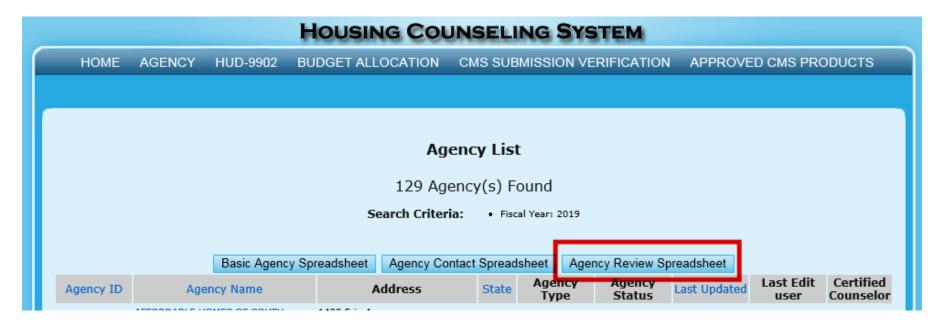
Agency Review Spreadsheet (cont)

 Click Search without entering criteria to return all sub-agencies



Agency Review Spreadsheet (cont)

 Click the Agency Review Spreadsheet to download the excel file



Agency Review Spreadsheet (cont)

- Last two columns of the spreadsheet show:
 - Last Validated Date
 - Next Validation Date

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)	Parent Agency Name	Parent Agency Type	L	Last Validated Date	Next Validation Date
4	XYZ Parent Agency	National Intermedia	У	1/11/2019	4/12/2019
1	XYZ Parent Agency	National Intermedia	у	5/7/2019	8/6/2019
1	XYZ Parent Agency	National Intermedia	у	5/9/2019	8/8/2019
1	XYZ Parent Agency	National Intermedia	у	4/9/2019	7/9/2019
1	XYZ Parent Agency	National Intermedia	у	4/5/2019	7/5/2019
1	XYZ Parent Agency	National Intermedia	у	5/22/2019	8/21/2019
1	XYZ Parent Agency	National Intermedia	у	4/8/2019	7/8/2019
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Budget Allocation

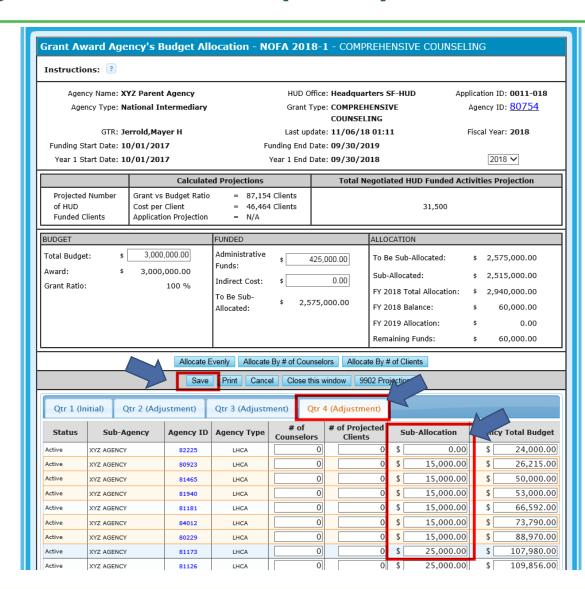
- If the sub-allocation plan changed during the grant's performance period, be sure to update HCS to reflect actual allocations
- To access a budget allocation screen, click the Budget Allocation link



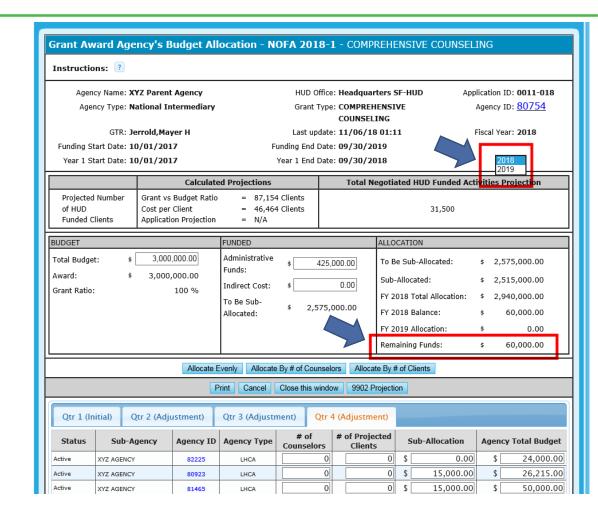
- The Agency's grant menu will display
- Click the Budget Allocation link for the grant you would like to manage

Grant Menu									
Instructions: To view/manage budget allocation for a given fiscal year details click on the appropriate link associated with the grant and funding period you wish to access.									
NOFA	NOFA Description	Award Amount	Grant Type	Funding Period	Go То				
NOFA 2018-3	Supplemental Training NOFA for 2017 Training Grant Awardees	\$50,000.00	TRNG	04/01/2018 - 09/30/2018	N/A				
NOFA 2018-2	FY18 NOFA Housing Counseling Training Grant FR-6200-N-30	\$100,000.00	TRNG	07/01/2018 - 09/30/2019	N/A				
NOFA 2018-1	2018 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program. FR-6200-N- 33	\$3,000,000.00	COMP	10/01/2017 - 09/30/2019	-Budget Allocation -9902 Projection				
NOFA 2017-2	Training NOFA	\$100,000.00	TRNG	10/01/2016 - 03/31/2018	N/A				
NOFA 2017-1	2017 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program. FR-6000-N- 33; FR-6100-N-33	\$3,000,000.00	COMP	10/01/2016 - 03/31/2018	-Budget Allocation -9902 Projection				
	NOFA for HUD's FY16-17 Housing				[

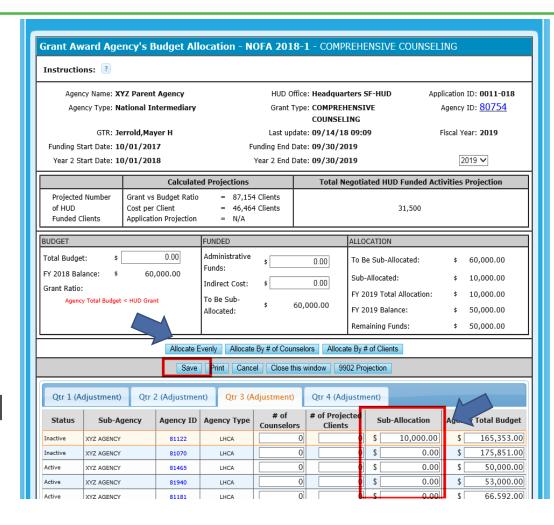
- The Budget
 Allocation page for
 that grant will
 display.
- Enter the actual sub-allocations in the Qtr 4 tab
- Click the Save button.
- The updated value will display on the agency's 9902s for that fiscal year



- If there are remaining funds, the balance will be available to suballocate for the next fiscal year of the grant's performance period
- Select the next year from the Fiscal Year select list



- The budget
 allocation page for
 the next year in the
 grant's performance
 period will display
- Enter the suballocations for the remaining funds and
 Save

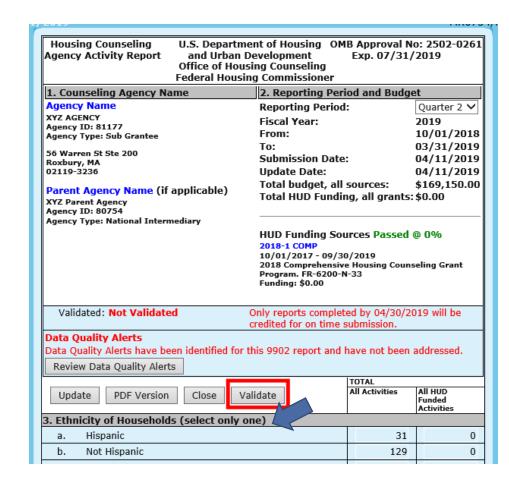


Future HCS Enhancements

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HUD 9902 Certification

- Agencies will be required to certify each
 9902
- The existing Validate
 process that agencies
 already use today will
 be changed to Certify



Future HCS Enhancements (cont)

- HUD Point of Contact (POC) dashboard
- Agency status removal of the auto-terminate

- VISION: To create a 'one-stop-shop' that can effectively manage key business processes and daily OHC work in a streamlined fashion by automating key tasks that will conserve time, effort and money
- This will include:
- Create a cloud-based system that can share/obtain data with/from other HUD systems (FHA Connection, LOCCS, etc.)
- 2. Automating current procedures that are performed manually and hosting these in HCAMS
- 3. Integrating HCAMS with HCS and other internal HUD software programs currently used by OHC

The initial release will include the following functionalities:

- 1. <u>Performance Reviews</u>: Interactive agency self-certification and data/document transfers that will allow for streamlined compliance auditing
- 2. Reporting/Monitoring: Certain elements of Quarterly Report will be submitted electronically via HCAMS, while 9902 reports will still be housed in HCS
- 3. <u>Complaint Module</u>: external complaint module managed by HUD staff through complaints received via housing.counseling@hud.gov

Additional Points:

- 1. <u>HCAMS User Manual</u>: will be released to all HUD-approved HCS users, prior to training
- Internal and external interactive <u>training sessions</u> will be conducted via *webinar*, and archived on OHC's *HUD Exchange* webpage
- 3. HCS will remain operational after the launch of HCAMS-V1
- 4. CMS providers will continue to route all required data fields into HCS until further instructed regarding HCAMS

Resources

- Housing Counseling System (HCS) HUD Exchange page:
 - https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/housingcounseling/hcs/#overview
- HCS Log In: https://entp.hud.gov/hud-9902/cfm/
- HCS Technical Support:
 - (888) 297-8689 or (202) 708-3300 and choose option 9
- Client Management System (CMS) HUD Exchange page:
 - https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/housingcounseling/cms/#overview

Q and A

