



**Notice of Funding Availability for HUD's FY2015 Supplemental
Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant Program
Frequently Asked Questions (Part 2)
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Question: Are non HUD-approved local housing counseling agencies eligible to apply for this?

Answer: To be eligible for direct funding under this NOFA, an agency must be a Local Housing Counseling Agency (LHCA), Intermediary or Multi-State Organization (MSO) *approved by HUD under 24 C.F.R. 214, subpart B*, or be a State Housing Finance Agency (SHFA). Additional Eligibility Criteria are described in Section III of the NOFA. Agencies that do not wish to directly apply for funding under this NOFA may affiliate with a HUD-approved Intermediary or SFHA that has chosen to compete for funding under the NOFA. As an affiliate of an Intermediary or SHFA, an agency may receive counseling funds in the form of a sub-grant based on the parent agency's distribution policies.

All agencies, including affiliates and sub-grantees, are reminded that they are required to adhere to all HUD requirements including but not limited to 24 C.F.R. part 214 and HUD Handbook 7610.1, REV-5 for administration of your housing counseling program. Please go to this link below to view the Housing Counseling Handbook <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/hudclips/handbooks/hsgh/7610.1/index.cfm>.

Question: Are Indian tribes treated as 'nonprofit entities' for the purposes of this NOFA? Are Indian tribes eligible grant applicants?

Answer: All housing counseling agencies (including LHCA's, Intermediaries and MSOs) that are directly approved by HUD prior to the NOFA issue date and were not awarded FY 2014 comprehensive housing counseling funds through the FY 2014-2015 NOFA as a direct grant from HUD or as a sub-grant from an SHFA or Intermediary are eligible for funding under this NOFA, whether a non-profit or governmental entity. An organization not approved by HUD as a housing counseling agency prior to the publication date of the NOFA is not eligible to apply directly to HUD for a grant under this NOFA. To learn how to apply to become a HUD-approved housing counseling agency or whether your organization is eligible visit the following link:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=OHC_9900FAQS011415.pdf

Question: Our agency is a HUD-approved Intermediary but we are not listed in Appendix A of the FY 2015 Supplemental NOFA. Is there a reason our agency is not in Appendix A as one of the participating State Housing Finance Agencies (SHFAs) or HUD-approved Intermediaries?

Answer: We have updated the list of agencies participating in HUD's Housing Counseling Program. This list which includes State Housing Finance Agencies (SHFAs) and HUD-approved Intermediaries can be found at this link http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/ohc_nint.

Question: I am very interested in applying for the Grants funds for Counseling. This will be our first application. How are the funds allocated and does the Counseling cover any and all aspects (pre, post, foreclosure prevention)?

Answer: All housing counseling agencies (including LHCA's, Intermediaries and MSOs) that are directly approved by HUD prior to the NOFA publication date and were not awarded FY 2014 comprehensive housing counseling funds through the FY 2014-2015 NOFA as a direct grant from HUD or as a sub-grant from an SHFA or Intermediary are eligible for this NOFA.

Please see "Section II. Award Information" of the FY2015 Supplemental NOFA for information on how the funds are allocated. Grantees and sub-grantees will be reimbursed only for the applicable activities outlined in "Section III.C.1. Eligible Activities" of the FY2015 Supplemental NOFA.

Question: The Agency I work for received a HUD housing counseling grant in 2014. We just received the 2015 Supplemental NOFA and want to be clear on the intent of the NOFA.

1. Will we need to apply again if we received funding in 2014?
2. If we do not need to apply again for the 2015 funds, will we be funded at the same level as last year?
3. Is there a possibility we could lose funding if we do not apply again for the 2015 funds?
4. Could we potentially get additional funding if we apply again?

Answer: Local Housing Counseling Agencies (LHCA's) that were awarded FY 2014 funds through the FY2014-2015 NOFA as a direct grant from HUD are not eligible to apply for funds under the FY 2015 Supplemental Housing Counseling NOFA unless the LHCA received HUD approval as a newly approved Multi-State Organization (MSO) or Intermediary on or after March 4, 2014 and prior to publication of the Supplemental NOFA. However, LHCA's that received FY2014 funds as a direct grant from HUD are eligible to receive FY 2015 funds based on their applications for the 2014-2015 Comprehensive NOFA and their corresponding scores, and the funding methodology described in the FY 2014-2015 NOFA provided that the LHCA expressed an interest in receiving FY2015 funds and remains eligible to receive such funds. To be eligible to receive funding, such agencies do not need to complete a Supplemental NOFA application or submit any other application to HUD. FY2015 awards under the FY 2014-2015 NOFA were announced on April 14, 2015. For additional information on those awards, please go to the following link for the media release:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2015/HUDNo_15-041.

An LHCA that received FY 2014 funds as a direct grant from HUD will likely not receive additional funding under the FY2015 Supplemental Housing Counseling NOFA, unless the agency received HUD approval as a newly approved MSO or Intermediary within the time frames stated above.

Question: Is a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency that received funding in 2014 through the FY2013 NOFA as a sub-grant from an SHFA or an Intermediary, but did not receive any funding in 2014 through the FY2014–2015 NOFA, as either a direct grantee or a sub-grantee of an SHFA or an Intermediary, eligible to apply for [FY 2015 Supplemental NOFA] funding?

Answer: All housing counseling agencies (including LHCA's, Intermediaries and MSOs) that are directly approved by HUD prior to the FY 2015 Supplemental NOFA publication date and were not awarded FY 2014 comprehensive housing counseling funds through the FY 2014–2015 NOFA as a direct grant from

HUD or as a sub-grant from an SHFA or Intermediary are eligible for this NOFA. SHFAs that were not awarded FY 2014 funds through the FY 2014–2015 NOFA as a direct grant from HUD or as a sub-grant from an Intermediary are also eligible.

Question: How do agencies funded in FY2014 under the FY2014–2015 NOFA express interest for FY2015 funding under that NOFA?

Answer: Agencies that received direct funding under the FY 2014-2015 Comprehensive Housing Counseling Grant NOFA were contacted directly by HUD about the Expression of Interest process for FY2015 funding in December 2014. This process has been completed, and FY2015 awards under the 2014-2015 NOFA were announced on April 14, 2015. For additional information on those awards, please go to the following link for the media release:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2015/HUDNo_15-041.