



Dear NCRC Members and Potential Members,

Right now, your organization has an exciting opportunity to become a certified HUD-approved counseling agency.

We are pleased to announce that NCRC has been designated as a National HUD Housing Counseling Intermediary. With this designation, NCRC can offer our members and partners a chance to join us in providing housing counseling services throughout the nation. National HUD Intermediaries provide resources and funding through HUD to those agencies with limited means to secure funds and technical support.

NCRC members that seek HUD certification can benefit greatly through additional funding opportunities outside of HUD. Apply directly to NCRC and become a designated HUD-approved agency!

While NCRC prepares its proposal for HUD funding, we invite interested NCRC members and prospective members to apply with us as affiliates. By applying with NCRC, member organizations could receive grants from \$25,000 to \$100,000--depending on each organization's capacity. This grant amount may be larger than what members could have received by applying on their own.

The grant amount can be used to support housing counseling activities such as Home Equity Conversion Mortgage, rental, pre-purchase, and foreclosure prevention. NCRC will assist its eligible applicants in obtaining special HUD housing counseling certification through on-going technical assistance and training once the applicant has been approved as an NCRC affiliate.

We encourage our members to take full advantage of this special opportunity.

Applications to become an NCRC HUD-approved housing counseling affiliate must be received by **Monday, March 30, 2009, at 3:00 PM**. No applications will be accepted after that time.

Please see the application requirements by visiting NCRC's Web site at www.ncrc.org.

For additional information, please contact Ernestine Ward, Special Assistant to the Executive Vice President, at (202) 628-8866, ext. 2731, or by e-mail at nhsfteam@ncrc.org.

Sincerely,

National Community Reinvestment Coalition