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FIVE NONPROFITS RECEIVE GRANTS FOR HELPING HOMEOWNERS AVOID FORECLOSURE

Washington, DC.— Freddie Mac (NYSE: FRE) announces \$400,000 in grants to five nonprofit organizations or financial counseling agencies that have demonstrated creativity and superior effectiveness in helping consumers modify or refinance their mortgages under the Obama Administration's [Making Home Affordable](#) program. "The grants provide organizations with much-needed funds so they can continue to provide homeowners in financial trouble with the help they need," said Dwight Robinson, senior vice president of Corporate Relations and Housing Outreach. "This underscores Freddie Mac's commitment to help homeowners get back on track by working with [trusted community-based nonprofit organizations](#). The recipients share our commitment to keeping America's families in their homes." The recipients are [Chicanos Por La Causa, Inc.](#) in Tucson, Ariz.; [Community HousingWorks](#) in San Diego, Calif.; [GreenPath, Inc.](#) in Farmington Hills, Mich.; [Family Services Inc.](#) in North Charleston, S.C.; and Milwaukee Homeownership Consortium in Milwaukee, Wis.

The recipients have mortgage modification and/or refinance programs that are creative, sustainable and replicable in other communities; have a demonstrated record of helping homeowners successfully avoid foreclosure; and have received accolades for their work.

The grant making process and judging was administered by the National Community Development Association. (NCDA) is a national non-profit organization which represents nearly 500 cities and counties nationwide which administer U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program, Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), HUD's homeless assistance funding, and HUD's economic development programs. NCDA is an association of people committed to assist local governments to achieve high-quality, locally-responsive programs for making communities better places in which to live, particularly for low- and moderate-income people. <http://www.ncdaonline.org>

Chicanos Por La Causa

Chicanos Por La Causa (CPLC) reaches borrowers by hosting housing rescue fairs, conducting community presentations, and through traditional media in English and Spanish. Information also is distributed through government agencies, City Council Ward Offices, through faith-based communities, at neighborhood centers, social service

agencies, work sites, and through the Hope Hotline. CPLC also changes its service delivery methods to meet the specific and current needs of the financial institutions with whom they communicate daily. In 2009, CPLC standardized operating procedures throughout its offices, from intake, to client management, to data entry and reporting. In addition to making the programs more efficient, the standardization makes programs easier to replicate. In 2009 the organization helped 400 families achieve a permanent loan modification.

Community HousingWorks

This organization uses a teamwork approach to foreclosure intervention. Their specialized approach of having a designated person focus on one area like data entry, financial counseling, scheduling or working with lenders helps to better serve clients. For example, financial counselors can focus their efforts on in-person counseling without having to worry about scheduling and data entry. In addition, a loss mitigation specialist works with lenders and understands their operations. Community HousingWorks also participates in the San Diego Housing Opportunities Collaborative that organizes bi-monthly clinics that provide homeowners with free education, financial counseling and legal resources. The agency helped 2,200 people last year who were facing foreclosure.

Family Services, Inc.

Family Services, Inc. (FSI) provides financial counseling and foreclosure prevention programs in South Carolina's Low Country. Their default clinic uses a triage approach in a group setting to tackle foreclosure mitigation. The clinics begin with an overview of South Carolina's foreclosure process including timelines, an explanation of the role of the mortgage servicer, and possible loan modification options that may be offered. Then individuals have a private meeting with a licensed housing counselor to complete their personal budgets, determine their mortgage delinquency status, examine their current financial situations, and assess how potential mortgage modifications could save their homes from foreclosure. In addition, if the individual elects to receive foreclosure mitigation counseling through FSI, a follow-up appointment is scheduled, which can be held over the telephone or at an FSI office. FSI has extended 586 trial loan modifications to clients since March 2009, representing half of its homeownership counseling clients.

GreenPath, Inc.

GreenPath takes advantage of online technology to offer training and keep staff up-to-date on industry news, including loan program changes. GreenPath offers a flexible, cost effective training environment for its counselors through online training resources, and an Intranet platform to keep employees updated on foreclosures and mortgage crisis news. The organization employs bilingual personnel to better serve its Spanish speaking clients. The organization also contracts with a translation service provider for confidential telephone counseling in more than 150 languages. Since March 2009, GreenPath has helped 3,345 homeowners modify their mortgages, and 265 refinanced their mortgages.

Milwaukee Homeownership Consortium

Forty-one community stakeholders in Milwaukee, including lenders, housing counseling agencies, academic institutions, service providers and government institutions banded together to create a homeownership consortium to address the foreclosure crisis in the city. Consortium members employ bilingual staff and translators as well as documents in Spanish and Hmong. The program allows each homeowner a formalized system to meet not only with a Milwaukee Homeownership Consortium member housing counseling agency, but also with the lender representative to review the loan modification or refinance option as a routine step in mediation. Among the member organizations, 1,675 loan modifications have been made since March 2009

In 2009 Freddie Mac helped more than 250,000 borrowers avoid foreclosure through loan modifications, forbearances, repayment plans, modifications under Making Home Affordable and other alternatives. Freddie Mac accounts for nine percent of all seriously delinquent mortgages, but finances nearly 23 percent of the country's home loans.

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