



Monday, March 24, 2008

• HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM E-NEWSLETER

MARCH 2008 WOMENS HISTORY MONTH

Each year, March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of American women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces, and communities throughout the country. The stories of women's historic achievements present an expanded view of the complexity and contradiction of living a full and purposeful life. The knowledge of women's history provides a more expansive vision of what a woman can do. This perspective can encourage girls and women to think larger and bolder and can give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience. [Click here for information on Women](#)

Homebuyers

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY GRANTS

The Housing Opportunity Fund (formerly known as the State and Local Initiatives Fund) supports a wide range of housing opportunity programs. Grants are awarded to state and local REALTOR® associations (PLEASE NOTE: applications from individual REALTORS® will not be accepted). To be considered, programs should support the Housing Opportunity Program's mission of positioning REALTORS® as leaders in creating housing opportunities. Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded during two funding cycles in 2008. Applications for the first round of funding are due by April 4. Contact [Wendy Penn](#) or 202-383-7504. [Learn More and apply.](#)

HOME FROM WORK™ TRAIN THE TRAINER

NAR will host Train The Trainer classes in Home From Work™ April 29 & 30, 2008 in Phoenix, AZ and June 23, 2008 in Austin, TX. If you are interested in becoming a Certified Trainer for the Home From Work™ class please visit [Trainer Application](#) and complete an application. As a certified trainer you can train fellow members on how to use the Home From Work™ program and will be listed as a trainer on Realtor.org. Classes are limited to 14 and the application process is competitive. For more information please email [Rodney Tucker](#), or call 202-383-01166.

HOPE AWARD

Calendar

• April 29 & 30

Home From Work Train The Trainer
Phoenix, AZ

• May 12

Housing Opportunity Advisory Board Meeting
12:30 - 5pm
Marriott Wardham Park, Washington, DC

• May 13

Home From Work Program Overview
11am - 12:30pm
Hilton Washington, Washington, DC

• May 14

Housing Needs Committee Meeting
10am-12pm
Marriot Wardham Park, Washington, DC

• May 15

Challenges and Solutions in Today's Market
3pm-5pm
Omni Shoreham (Room TBD) Washington, DC

• June 23

Home From Work Train The Trainer
Austin, TX

Champions for minority homeownership are encouraged to apply for 2009 HOPE Awards. Individuals and organizations that are making outstanding contributions to increase minority homeownership should submit an application for the 2009 HOPE Awards (Home Ownership Participation for Everyone). Winner's receive \$10,000. **For full program details and application.** or contact **Sara Weis**, 202-383-1013.

PROGRAM DISCOUNT FOR FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Looking for something to help your association mark the anniversary of the 1968 Fair Housing Act? Celebrate Fair Housing Month this April by offering NAR's At Home with Diversity course at a discount. NAR will waive the \$150 course fee for any association sponsoring the course during April. If you're not already signed up as a course sponsor, you can become one for \$150, and then offer the course in April free of charge (a \$150 savings from NAR). This is an NAR certificate course, and credit can also be earned toward the CIPS, CRS, and PMN designations. For more info on becoming a course sponsor :**Click here**, or CONTACT: **Kyle Lambert London** , 202-383-1203.

FEEDBACK

We are always looking to improve the services we offer and welcome your suggestions and feedback on our communications. Please contact **Rodney Tucker** with your comments or suggestions.

If you would like more information about the Housing Opportunity Program please contact us at housingopportunity@realtors.org.