



## **HOUSING OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM E-NEWSLETTER JUNE/JULY 2008**

### **• HOP AWARDS GRANTS**

Thirteen state and local associations were recently awarded a total of \$39,500, from the Housing Opportunity Fund. The Fund provides supports a wide range of housing opportunity programs with grants of up to \$5,000. To be considered, programs should support the mission of the NAR Housing Opportunity Program of positioning REALTORS® as leaders in creating housing opportunities. Grants are awarded twice a year to state and local associations (individual REALTORS® are not eligible to apply). The next funding cycle will be October 2008. Winning programs from the most recent cycle include the creation of a financial education classes for potential home buyers, a regional home ownership summit, an affordable housing certification for REALTORS®, and more. If you would like more information on how your state or local association can apply for a grant, contact Wendy Penn at [wpenn@realtors.org](mailto:wpenn@realtors.org).

### **• EMPLOYER-ASSISTED HOUSING CONFERENCE**

October 6, 2008, Chicago, IL This one-day conference is designed to educate and raise awareness of Employer-Assisted Housing (EAH). The conference will provide case studies, models of successful EAH program and a forum for REALTORS®, housing organizations, employers, and human resources and employee benefits professionals to connect, discuss EAH programs and find opportunities to work together. **Register today!**

### **• HOME FROM WORK™ TRAIN THE TRAINER**

NAR will host Train The Trainer classes in Home From Work™ November 9, 2008 in Orlando, FL. If you are interested in becoming a Certified Trainer for the Home From Work™, **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 [RTucker@realtor.org](mailto:RTucker@realtor.org), or call 202-383-01166.

### **• SPONSOR A HOME FROM WORK™ CLASS**

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

##### **October 3**

Housing Opportunity Program Grant application due

##### **October 6**

Employer-Assisted Housing: Bring Workers Home (One-Day Conference)  
Chicago, IL

##### **November 5**

Housing Opportunity Advisory Board  
Orlando, FL

##### **November 8**

Home From Work Trainers Roundtables  
Orlando, FL

##### **November 9**

Home from Work: Participant Session  
Orlando, FL

##### **November 9**

Home From Work: Train The Trainer  
Orlando, FL

Rising housing costs create problems for people who can't afford to live close to their jobs. The Home From Work™ program encourages REALTORS® to become advocates for expanding housing opportunities. Specifically, the program teaches REALTORS® how to effectively promote workforce housing initiatives at the grassroots level and to work with public and private-sector employers to establish an employer assisted housing (EAH) benefit. Your association or office can sponsor a training class. To become a sponsor, complete a sponsorship agreement and a **sponsor request form** and return to Rodney Tucker. For more information contact Rodney Tucker at [RTucker@realtor.org](mailto:RTucker@realtor.org) or call 202-383-01166.

## • HOUSING RESOURCES

### National Housing Conference

The Center for Housing Policy and National Housing Conference are pleased to announce the release of a new compilation of up to date information on state and local policies to prevent foreclosures and help stabilize affected owners and renters.

USA Today (Washington, DC)

Washington, DC 06/26/2008

**"Mortgage problem? Here's help "**

**Video**

USA Today (Washington, DC)

Washington, DC 06/26/2008

**"Homeowners fight for their mortgage rights"**

**Video**

Wall Street Journal

Internet 06/26/2008

**"HUD Chief Is Optimistic on Housing Accord"**

If you would like more information about the Housing Opportunity Program please contact us at [housingopportunity@realtors.org](mailto:housingopportunity@realtors.org).

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