

**Housing Advisory Commission**  
**September 14, 2020**  
**AI Progress Report – Fair Housing Action Plan**

**Subcommittee:**

- HUD Certified Homebuyer Counseling Organizations

**Subcommittee HAC Commissioners:**

- Mark Rice
- Brian Palm

**Action Item:**

- 1D – Contract with a HUD certified homebuyer counseling organization to provide homebuyer education and financial management training, especially for groups with low homeownership rates

**Implementation Partners:**

- Lead: City Clerk's Office
- Partners: HUD Certified housing counseling agency, HAC

**HUD Certified Homebuyer Counseling Overview:**

**What is a Housing Counselor?**

- A HUD-approved housing counselor is an experienced, trained professional who can advise you on preventing foreclosure, buying a home, protecting your credit, and other issues.
- The [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](https://www.hud.gov/) sponsors housing counseling agencies throughout the country and counseling is available in many languages.

**An overview of the Homeowner Counseling options are:**

- <https://www.knowyouroptions.com/get-help-overview/housing-counselors>

**Complete list of Illinois HUD approved Homebuyer Counseling Organizations:**

- [https://apps.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs\\_print.cfm?&webListAction=search&searchstate=IL](https://apps.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/hcs_print.cfm?&webListAction=search&searchstate=IL)

**Naperville Area HUD approved Homebuyer Counseling Organizations:**

**Agency Name:** THE NEIGHBOR PROJECT  
**Phone:** 630-906-9400  
**Toll Free:**  
**Fax:**  
**Email:** N/A  
**Address:** 32 S Broadway  
Aurora, Illinois 60505-3308  
**Counseling Services:** - Financial Management/Budget Counseling  
- Financial, Budgeting, and Credit Workshops  
- Home Improvement and Rehabilitation Counseling  
- Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling  
- Non-Delinquency Post Purchase Workshops  
- Pre-purchase Counseling  
- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops  
- Resolving/Preventing Mortgage Delinquency Workshops  
**Languages:** - English  
- Spanish  
**Affiliation:** MON VALLEY INITIATIVE  
**Website:** <http://www.neighborproject.us>  
**Agency ID:** 81634

**Agency Name:** COMMUNITY SERVICE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN WILL COUNTY  
**Phone:** 815-886-6000  
**Toll Free:**

**Fax:** 815-886-6700  
**Email:** ccasillas@thesc.org  
**Address:** 440 Quadrangle Dr  
Bolingbrook, Illinois 60440-3454  
**Counseling Services:** - Financial Management/Budget Counseling  
- Financial, Budgeting, and Credit Workshops  
- Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling  
- Pre-purchase Counseling  
- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops  
- Rental Housing Counseling  
- Resolving/Preventing Mortgage Delinquency Workshops  
**Languages:** - English  
- Spanish  
**Affiliation:** HOUSING ACTION ILLINOIS  
**Website:** <https://www.thesc.org>  
**Agency ID:** 80118

**Agency Name:** DUPAGE HOMEOWNERSHIP CENTER, INC. DBA H.O.M.E. DUPAGE, INC.  
**Phone:** 630-260-2500  
**Toll Free:**  
**Fax:** 630-260-2505  
**Email:** [info@homedupage.org](mailto:info@homedupage.org)  
**Address:** 1600 E Roosevelt Rd  
Wheaton, Illinois 60187-6808  
**Counseling Services:** - Financial Management/Budget Counseling  
- Financial, Budgeting, and Credit Workshops  
- Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling  
- Non-Delinquency Post Purchase Workshops  
- Pre-purchase Counseling  
- Pre-purchase Homebuyer Education Workshops  
- Rental Housing Counseling  
- Resolving/Preventing Mortgage Delinquency Workshops  
- Reverse Mortgage Counseling  
**Languages:** - English  
- Spanish  
**Affiliation:** HOUSING ACTION ILLINOIS  
**Website:** <https://www.homedupage.org>  
**Agency ID:** 80523

**Next Steps:**

- Subcommittee to meet with City Clerks Office to determine process for contracting with a HUD Approved Homebuyer Counseling Organization
- Develop a plan and timeline to complete the AI Action Item