



Hartford Mayor Segarra Announces Federal Funds Now Available to Help Homeowners Facing Threat of Foreclosure

[CHFA-HUD approved Hartford area counseling agencies now accepting applications for Connecticut's new Federal Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program; Free Housing Fair Sat., April 30](#)

Hartford, Conn., April 27, 2011—Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra today announced that Hartford area housing counseling agencies are now accepting applications for new Federal aid available for city and area homeowners who may be facing the loss of their home due to foreclosure. Mayor Segarra urged homeowners facing this possibility to contact area housing counseling agencies to determine if this program may be able to help.

Connecticut has been awarded \$33 million from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program, a forgivable loan program intended to assist homeowners facing foreclosure due to unemployment, under-employment or for medical reasons. Applications for this program are now being accepted by the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA) and their CHFA-HUD approved Counseling Agencies, which provide services free-of-charge to homeowners who are delinquent or in danger of becoming delinquent on their mortgages. Connecticut is one of five states HUD has approved to administer the [Emergency Homeowner Loan Program \(EHLP\)](#).

The CHFA-HUD approved counseling agencies serving homeowners throughout Greater Hartford area include:

Co-opportunity Inc., 20-28 Sargeant Street, Hartford, CT 06105, 860-236-3617 ext. 100;

Community Renewal Team (CRT), 395 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114, 860-560-5881, hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm;

Housing Education Resource Center, 901 Wethersfield Avenue, Hartford, CT 06114, 860-296-4242 ext. 107, hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 to 5:00;

Urban League of Greater Hartford, 120 Woodland Street, Hartford, CT 06105, 860-527-0147 ext. 168, hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

"I encourage homeowners who are facing foreclosure or can't keep up with their mortgage payments to contact one of the four Hartford-based CHFA-HUD approved counseling agencies immediately as this funding is only available for a short time," stated Mayor Segarra.

Mayor Segarra also announced that CHFA will host an EHLP Housing Fair Saturday, April 30, 9 am - 12 noon at the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford. For details visit www.chfa.org. The housing fair, which allows for face-to-face inquiries about the program, is free and open to any state homeowner.

Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy said, "While our economy is showing signs of improvement, it's unfortunately not fast enough for some families who are struggling to keep their houses in these tough economic times. While this is a federal program, it will be implemented right here in Connecticut, allowing families who need our help the most to receive it efficiently and quickly."

"It is very important for homeowners throughout our community to know that if they are struggling to keep up with mortgage payments, there is help available," Congressman John Larson said. "The funding available through HUD's Emergency Homeowners' Loan Program will help ensure that our friends and neighbors do not have to go through this experience alone."

"Our goal is to help Connecticut homeowners threatened by foreclosure stay in their homes," Dara Kovel, CHFA's Chief Housing Officer, said. "We are very excited to be able to offer assistance to Connecticut homeowners who are struggling. This federal program provides CHFA with an additional tool to provide homeowners stability and to support Connecticut's economic recovery."

Eligibility requirements will be explained to those homeowners who request information from CHFA. Hartford and area homeowners interested in the program have three ways to access information—contact any CHFA-HUD approved counseling agency, visit CHFA's website at www.chfa.org or contact CHFA's Customer Call Center at 877-571-CHFA (2432) or visit any one of the series of statewide housing fairs being planned by CHFA. CHFA's Customer Call Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm. More information about the housing fairs are available on CHFA's website, www.chfa.org