HARDEST HIT FUND
First Quarter 2020 Performance Summary
Background and Glossary of Terms

- In 2010, The Hardest Hit Fund (HHF) provided $7.6 billion to 18 states and the District of Columbia to assist struggling homeowners through locally tailored programs administered by each respective housing finance agency (HFA) in order to help prevent avoidable foreclosures and stabilize housing markets. These areas were designated “hardest hit” because they experienced steep home price declines and/or severe unemployment in the economic downturn.

- On February 19, 2016, Treasury announced an additional $2 billion allocation to HHF, for a total allocation of $9.6 billion. States are required to finalize any decisions with respect to underwriting homeowner assistance or blight elimination projects by March 31, 2020.

- HFAs report program performance on a quarterly basis. This Quarterly Performance Summary is intended to serve as an additional resource for Hardest Hit Fund program information and performance data. For more detailed information, including any reporting corrections or revisions that occurred subsequent to the quarter end, please see the official quarterly report posted on each HFA’s website accessible on the “State-by-State Information” page found here: www.treasury.gov/HHF.

Terms used in this Summary:

Program Funds: Program funds are equal to the HFA’s total HHF allocation cap, less permitted administrative expenses.

Funds Drawn: Program and administrative funds HFAs have drawn from their account with Treasury containing their total HHF allocations.

Funds Disbursed: Funds HFAs have disbursed to HHF program participants, including those disbursed through down payment and blight elimination programs.

Homeowners Assisted: Eligible homeowners who have received financial assistance under one or more HHF programs. Includes borrowers assisted under down payment programs. Does not include structures removed under blight elimination programs.

Assistance Provided: Amount of financial assistance provided under HHF programs (equal to funds disbursed).

Total Program Income: Total repaid funds generated by HHF program activities.
**HARDEST HIT FUND**

**TOTAL ALLOCATION:** $9.6 billion  
**TOTAL PROGRAM INCOME:** $0.492 billion

**DESCRIPTION:**

- HFAs have implemented a number of different programs, including mortgage payment assistance, reinstatement, short sale/transition assistance, principal reduction and modification assistance, down payment assistance, and blight elimination programs.

- As of March 31, 2020, HHF has disbursed funds on behalf of 91 programs. 18 states continue to provide assistance, 1 state (Florida) has closed and completed its final repayment to Treasury. Most of this assistance has been provided from HHF mortgage payment and reinstatement programs; which assist borrowers suffering a financial hardship typically related to either unemployment or underemployment.

- In the aggregate, states have disbursed $8.6 billion of their program funds from Treasury ($9.5 billion in total program and administrative funds) and have assisted 409,208 homeowners.
Of the $9.6 billion allocated to HHF, HFAs have drawn from Treasury $9.5 billion, or 98.4%, as of 3/31/2020. HFAs must have no more than 5% of their total allocation on hand when requesting funds.

HFA (% Cap Drawn)
All information as of March 31, 2020

TOTAL ALLOCATION: $9.6 billion

Assistance Provided as a Percent of Program Allocation

Assistance Provided 3/31/19

Assistance Provided 3/31/19 - 3/31/20
The chart below shows the approved programs at each HFA. Programs closed to new applicants as of 3/31/2020 appear in striped gradient.

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1. May include assistance to reinstate delinquent mortgages, property taxes, and other arrearage fees and/or reverse mortgage assistance programs.
2. Includes facilitation of a short-sale or deed-in-lieu of foreclosure.
3. May include permanent loan modifications, recast, second lien extinguishment, and buy-and-modify programs.
The chart below illustrates the total funds disbursed by program type as of 3/31/2020. Over time, these disbursements have shifted, as HFAs have made program changes in order to respond to developments in their respective housing markets. HHF programs have assisted 409,208 homeowners and demolished and greened 42,259 blighted properties.

**Program Assistance by Program Type**

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Alabama Hardest Hit Fund

Total Allocation = $162.5 million
Total Program Income = $2.0 million

PROGRAMS:

• Unemployment Assistance Program (Closed) – Provides monthly mortgage payments and reinstatement assistance on behalf of homeowners who are unable to afford their monthly mortgage payment due an employment-related or other eligible financial hardship.

• Short Sale Assistance Program (Closed) – Provides assistance to facilitate a short sale for homeowners who are no longer able to afford their home.

• Loan Modification Assistance Program (Closed) – Provides principal reduction assistance to facilitate a modification, recast, or fully extinguish low-balance liens for eligible homeowners. The assistance must result in an affordable monthly mortgage payment.

• Blight Elimination Program (Closed) – Prevents foreclosures through the demolition, greening, and ongoing maintenance of vacant and abandoned blighted residential properties throughout the state.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

• Alabama has drawn approximately $100.0 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
Total Allocation = $296.1 million
Total Program Income = $12.6 million

PROGRAMS:

• **Principal Reduction Assistance** – Provides principal reduction to facilitate a mortgage modification, recast, or a HARP or other eligible refinance.

• **Second Mortgage Assistance** – Provides funds to eliminate second mortgages to enable a first mortgage modification or a short sale.

• **Unemployment/Underemployment/Reinstatement Mortgage Assistance** – Provides monthly mortgage payments and/or reinstatement assistance on behalf of unemployed or underemployed homeowners. Homeowners must contribute a portion of their monthly income.

• **Short Sale Assistance (Closed)** – Provides assistance to facilitate a short sale, including closing costs and/or lien extinguishment. A limited amount of funds may be paid directly to the homeowner for transition assistance. Assistance may also be used to facilitate a short sale with lease-to-own option on select transactions.

• **Down Payment Assistance Program** – Prevents foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in targeted areas that continue to demonstrate high levels of housing market distress.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

• Arizona has drawn approximately $296.1 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
All information as of March 31, 2020

Total Allocation = $2.360 billion
Total Program Income = $0.172 billion

PROGRAMS:
- **Unemployment Mortgage Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides monthly mortgage payment and reinstatement assistance on behalf of unemployed or underemployed homeowners.
- **Mortgage Reinstatement Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides assistance to reinstate a delinquent mortgage.
- **Principal Reduction Program (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction with a loan recast or modification with a rate reduction; may provide principal curtailment for homeowners with severe negative equity.
- **Transition Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides relocation assistance in conjunction with a deed-in-lieu or short sale.
- **Community 2nd Mortgage Principal Reduction Program (Closed)** – Provides matched principal reduction to reduce or eliminate second mortgages or subordinate liens. C2MPRP is administered by Community HousingWorks.
- **Reverse Mortgage Assistance Pilot Program (Closed)** – Provides funds to reinstate delinquent property taxes or liens for eligible homeowners.

PROGRAM UPDATES:
- California has drawn approximately $2.36 billion from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.

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**Total Assistance Provided**

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HomeSaver Program

Total Allocation = $28.8 million
Total Program Income = $1.4 million

PROGRAMS:

• **HomeSaver Program (Closed)** – Provides monthly payment and reinstatement assistance on behalf of unemployed or underemployed homeowners who are unable to afford their monthly payments. Reinstatement-only assistance may be available for recently re-employed homeowners.

• **Recast/Lien Extinguishment Program (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction assistance to facilitate a recast or fully extinguish low-balance liens for eligible homeowners.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

• The District of Columbia has drawn approximately $24.0 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
Total Allocation = $1.137 billion
Total Program Income = $0.038 billion

PROGRAMS:

- **Unemployment Mortgage Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides monthly payment assistance on behalf of homeowners who are unable to afford their monthly mortgage payment due an eligible financial hardship.

- **Mortgage Loan Reinstatement Program (Closed)** – Provides assistance to reinstate a delinquent mortgage.

- **Modification Enabling Pilot Program (Closed)** – Provides funds to facilitate modifications for eligible distressed mortgages. Principal reduction may be matched with non-program funds to facilitate a mortgage modification.

- **Principal Reduction Program (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction for a current homeowner with a loan recast or refinance to reduce a homeowner’s monthly payment.

- **Elderly Mortgage Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides funds to reinstate delinquent property taxes or liens for eligible homeowners who have received the maximum benefit from their reverse mortgages.

- **Down Payment Assistance Program (Closed)** – Prevents foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in targeted areas that continue to demonstrate high levels of housing market distress.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

- On January 29, 2020, Florida completed its final repayment to Treasury in accordance with the terms and conditions of the HFA Participation Agreement.

- Florida has drawn approximately $1.137 billion from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
HomeSafe Georgia

Total Allocation = $370.6 million
Total Program Income = $14.4 million

PROGRAMS:

- **Mortgage Payment Assistance (Closed)** – Provides monthly payment assistance on behalf of unemployed or underemployed homeowners who are unable to afford their monthly payment. A homeowner may be eligible to receive additional assistance after reemployment. One-time reinstatement assistance may be available for homeowners who have regained employment and can afford their monthly mortgage payments but are unable to cure their mortgage delinquency.

- **Mortgage Reinstatement Assistance (Closed)** – Provides assistance to reinstate a delinquent mortgage.

- **Recast/Modification (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction with a loan recast or permanent modification to create an affordable mortgage payment. Principal curtailment is available for severely underwater homeowners who are current on their mortgage payments.

- **Down Payment Assistance Program** – Prevents foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in targeted areas that continue to demonstrate high levels of housing market distress.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

- Georgia has drawn approximately $370.6 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
Illinois Hardest Hit Program

Total Allocation = $715.6 million
Total Program Income = $42.8 million

PROGRAMS:

- **Homeowner Emergency Loan Program (Closed)** – Provides monthly mortgage payment and reinstatement assistance on behalf of homeowners who are unable to afford their monthly payment due to an eligible financial hardship. Reinstatement assistance can include reverse mortgage assistance.

- **Mortgage Resolution Fund Program (Closed)** – Through a public-private partnership, provided funds to facilitate modifications of delinquent and distressed mortgages purchased from lenders. Modified/rehabilitated loans are subsequently sold. This buy-and-modify program targeted six Chicago metro area counties.

- **Home Preservation Program (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction with reinstatement assistance (as needed) to facilitate a refinance. Illinois no longer offers recast or mortgage modifications under this program.

- **Blight Reduction Program (Closed)** – Prevents foreclosures through the demolition, greening, and ongoing maintenance of vacant and abandoned blighted residential properties throughout the state.

- **Down Payment Assistance Program** – Prevents foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in targeted areas that continue to demonstrate high levels of housing market distress.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

- Illinois has drawn approximately $715.6 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
**INDIANA**

**Indiana Hardest Hit Fund**

Total Allocation = $284.0 million  
Total Program Income = $10.9 million  

**PROGRAMS:**

- **Unemployment Bridge Program (Partially Closed)** – Provides monthly mortgage payment and reinstatement assistance on behalf of homeowners who are unable to afford their monthly payment due to an eligible financial hardship. Reinstatement-only assistance may be available for recently re-employed homeowners.

- **Recast/Modification Program (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction and/or reinstatement assistance as a one-time payment to facilitate a loan recast or permanent loan modification.

- **Transition Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides relocation assistance for homeowner expenses and the extinguishment of subordinate liens associated with a short sale or deed-in-lieu.

- **Blight Elimination Program** – Prevents foreclosures through the demolition, greening, and ongoing maintenance of vacant and abandoned blighted residential properties throughout the state.

**PROGRAM UPDATES:**

- Indiana has drawn approximately $253.3 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
 Protect My Kentucky Home

Total Allocation = $207.2 million
Total Program Income = $8.9 million

PROGRAMS:

- Kentucky Unemployment Bridge Program (Closed) – Provides monthly mortgage payment and reinstatement assistance on behalf of unemployed, substantially underemployed, or qualified disabled homeowners who are delinquent on their mortgages. Assistance may be provided for up to two months following re-employment or substantially increased employment.

- Hardest Hit Fund Down Payment Assistance Program (Closed) – Prevents foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in targeted areas that continue to demonstrate high levels of housing market distress.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

- Kentucky has drawn approximately $184.5 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
Total Allocation = $761.6 million
Total Program Income: $19.4 million

PROGRAMS:

- **Principal Curtailment Program (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction with a 1:1 match from the servicer or lender to facilitate a mortgage modification.

- **Loan Rescue Program** – Provides assistance to reinstate a delinquent mortgage. Assistance may also be used to reinstate delinquent property taxes and other arrearage fees.

- **Unemployment Mortgage Subsidy Program (Closed)** – Provides monthly mortgage payment and reinstatement assistance on behalf of unemployed and underemployed homeowners. Homeowners must contribute a portion of their monthly income.

- **Modification Plan Program (Closed)** – Provides assistance to facilitate a mortgage modification or recast.

- **Blight Elimination Program** – Prevents foreclosures through the demolition, greening, and ongoing maintenance of vacant and abandoned blighted residential properties in targeted municipalities throughout the state.

- **Down Payment Assistance Program** – Prevents foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in targeted areas that continue to demonstrate high levels of housing market distress.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

- Michigan has drawn approximately $761.6 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
Mississippi

Mississippi Home Saver Program

Total Allocation = $144.4 million
Total Program Income = $1.7 million

PROGRAMS:

- **Home Saver Program (Closed)** – Provides reinstatement and monthly mortgage payment assistance on behalf of homeowners who are at risk of default or losing their home due to unemployment or other eligible financial hardship. Reinstatement-only assistance is available for recently re-employed homeowners.

- **Blight Elimination Program** – Prevents foreclosures through the demolition, greening, and ongoing maintenance of vacant and abandoned blighted residential properties.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

- Mississippi has drawn approximately $115.6 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
Nevada Hardest Hit Fund

Total Allocation = $196.2 million
Total Program Income = $3.7 million

PROGRAMS:

- **Principal Reduction Program (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction assistance to facilitate a mortgage modification, recast, or a HARP or other eligible refinance. Principal curtailment may be available for severely underwater homeowners who are current on their mortgage payments.

- **Second Mortgage Reduction Plan (Closed)** – Reduces or extinguishes a second mortgage balance to facilitate a refinance or modification of the primary mortgage or a short sale.

- **Short Sale Acceleration Program (Closed)** – Provides transition assistance for a homeowner who has been lender-approved for a short sale or deed-in-lieu.

- **Mortgage Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides monthly mortgage payment assistance on behalf of unemployed or underemployed homeowners.

- **Mortgage Assistance Program Alternative (Closed)** – Provides monthly mortgage payment and reinstatement assistance for homeowners on a fixed income due to retirement or disability. Homeowners must contribute a minimum partial payment.

- **Mortgage Reinstatement Assistance Program (MRAP) (Closed)** – Provides assistance to reinstate a delinquent mortgage.

- **Down Payment Assistance Program** – Prevents foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in targeted areas that continue to demonstrate high levels of housing market distress.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

- In the first quarter, Nevada received approval to make operational adjustments to their Down Payment Assistance (DPA) program and to reallocate funds to its administrative expense allocation.

- Nevada has drawn approximately $196.2 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
New Jersey HomeKeeper Program

Total Allocation = $415.5 million
Total Program Income = $15.2 million

PROGRAMS:
• New Jersey HomeKeeper Program (Closed) – Provides reinstatement and monthly mortgage payment assistance on behalf of unemployed and underemployed homeowners. Homeowners must also be in the process of seeking work or job training that will enable them to resume making their mortgage payments in full.
• New Jersey Home Saver Program (Closed) – Provides principal reduction and/or reinstatement assistance to facilitate a refinance, recast, or permanent mortgage modification.
• New Jersey Home Seeker Down Payment Assistance Program – Prevents foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in targeted areas that continue to demonstrate high levels of housing market distress.

PROGRAM UPDATES:
• New Jersey has drawn approximately $415.5 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
Total Allocation = $706.9 million
Total Program Income = $54.9 million

PROGRAMS:

• Mortgage Payment Program (Closed) – Provides monthly mortgage payment and reinstatement assistance on behalf of unemployed and other eligible homeowners who are unable to afford their monthly mortgage payments.

• Second Mortgage Refinance Program (Closed) – Provides assistance for the extinguishment of second mortgages to reduce the homeowner’s monthly mortgage payment.

• Modification Enabling Pilot Program (Closed) – Provides funds to facilitate modifications for eligible mortgages purchased in a distressed asset sale. Principal reduction may be matched with non-program funds to facilitate a mortgage modification.

• Principal Reduction Recast/Lien Extinguishment for Unaffordable Mortgages Program (Closed) – Provides principal reduction assistance to facilitate a recast or fully extinguish low-balance liens for eligible homeowners.

• Down Payment Assistance Program (Closed) – Prevents foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in targeted areas that continue to demonstrate high levels of housing market distress.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

• In the first quarter, North Carolina reallocated funds among various administrative expenses.

• North Carolina has drawn approximately $706.9 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
All information as of March 31, 2020

**Save the Dream Ohio**

Total Allocation = $762.8 million
Total Program Income = $9.9 million

**PROGRAMS:**

- **Rescue Payment Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides reinstatement assistance to cure a mortgage delinquency.
- **Mortgage Payment Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides monthly mortgage payment assistance on behalf of unemployed and underemployed homeowners.
- **Modification with Contribution Assistance (Closed)** – Provides assistance to facilitate a permanent mortgage modification.
- **Lien Elimination Assistance (Closed)** – Provides assistance to extinguish mortgage liens to create an affordable payment.
- **Transition Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides relocation assistance and the extinguishment of liens associated with a short sale or deed-in-lieu.
- **Homeowner Retention Assistance (Closed)** – Provides assistance to extinguish subordinate liens and ancillary property expenses.
- **Homeowner Stabilization Assistance Program (Closed)** – Leverages HHF funds and private capital to facilitate modifications for eligible mortgages purchased in a distressed asset sale.
- **Neighborhood Initiative Program** – Prevents foreclosures through the demolition, greening, and ongoing maintenance of vacant and abandoned blighted residential properties.

**PROGRAM UPDATES:**

- Ohio has drawn approximately $734.8 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
Oregon Homeownership Stabilization Initiative

Total Allocation = $314.8 million
Total Program Income = $66.3 million

PROGRAMS:
• Mortgage Payment Assistance Program (Closed) – Provides monthly mortgage payment assistance on behalf of unemployed and underemployed homeowners.
• Loan Preservation Assistance Program – Provides reinstatement for delinquent mortgages, property taxes or other eligible property charges. Mortgage reinstatement under LPA may be combined with Mortgage Payment Assistance.
• Loan Refinancing Assistance Pilot Project (Closed) – Provides for the purchase of underwater mortgages at a discounted price to facilitate a modification, refinance, or a short sale.
• Rebuilding American Homeownership Assistance Pilot Project (Closed) – Provides assistance to underwater homeowners statewide to facilitate a refinance with lower monthly mortgage payments.
• Principal Reduction/Lien Extinguishment (PR/LE) Program – Provides principal reduction assistance to facilitate a recast or fully extinguish low-balance liens for eligible homeowners.

PROGRAM UPDATES:
• Oregon has drawn approximately $280.0 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
Total Allocation = $116.0 million
Total Program Income = $3.2 million

PROGRAMS:

- **Loan Modification Assistance (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction assistance to facilitate a recast, mortgage modification, or curtailment.
- **Temporary and Immediate Homeowner Assistance (Closed)** – Provides assistance to reinstate a delinquent mortgage.
- **Moving Forward Assistance (Closed)** – Provides relocation assistance and the extinguishment of liens associated with a short sale or deed-in-lieu.
- **Mortgage Payment Assistance – Unemployment Program (Closed)** – Provides monthly mortgage payment and reinstatement assistance on behalf of unemployed or underemployed homeowners. Homeowners must contribute a minimum partial payment each month.
- **Principal Reduction Program (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction for underwater homeowners with a 1:1 match from the servicer or lender to facilitate a mortgage modification.
- **Down Payment Assistance Program (Closed)** – Prevents foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in targeted areas that continue to demonstrate high levels of housing market distress.
- **Rhode Island Refi (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction assistance to facilitate a refinance.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

- Rhode Island has drawn approximately $116.0 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Homeownership and Employment Lending Program (SC HELP)

Total Allocation = $317.7 million
Total Program Income = $8.0 million

PROGRAMS:

• **Monthly Payment Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides monthly mortgage payment assistance for eligible households that are experiencing a temporary reduction in income or financial hardship.

• **Direct Loan Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides reinstatement assistance, principal reduction, or forbearance reduction/elimination for homeowners who experienced a financial hardship but have regained the ability to pay their mortgage.

• **Modification Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction assistance to facilitate a recast or fully extinguish low-balance liens for eligible homeowners.

• **Property Disposition Assistance Program (Closed)** – Provides assistance to offset relocation expenses incurred in conjunction with a short sale or deed-in-lieu.

• **Neighborhood Initiative Program (Closed)** – Prevents foreclosures through the demolition, greening, and ongoing maintenance of vacant and abandoned blighted residential properties.

• **Down Payment Assistance Program** - Prevents foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in targeted areas that continue to demonstrate high levels of housing market distress.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

• South Carolina has drawn approximately $317.5 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.
Keep My Tennessee Home

Total Allocation = $302.3 million
Total Program Income = $7.0 million

PROGRAMS:

• **Hardest Hit Fund Program (Closed)** – Provides monthly mortgage payment and reinstatement assistance on behalf of homeowners who are delinquent on their mortgages as a result of unemployment, substantial underemployment, death of a spouse, or divorce. Re-employed homeowners may qualify for stand-alone reinstatement assistance.

• **Blight Elimination Program** – Prevents foreclosures through the demolition, greening, and ongoing maintenance of vacant and abandoned blighted residential properties.

• **Principal Reduction with Recast Program or Lien Extinguishment (Closed)** – Provides principal reduction assistance to facilitate a recast or fully extinguish low-balance liens for eligible homeowners.

• **Down Payment Assistance Program (Closed)** – Prevents foreclosures by stimulating home purchase activity and stabilizing neighborhoods in targeted areas that continue to demonstrate high levels of housing market distress.

• **HHF Reinstatement Only Program (Closed)** – Provides assistance to reinstate a delinquent mortgage and mortgage-related expenses.

PROGRAM UPDATES:

• Tennessee has drawn approximately $302.3 million from Treasury as of March 31, 2020.