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## **RCAP RECEIVES HUD FUNDING FOR HOUSING COUNSELING PROGRAMS**

(Worcester, Mass., July 12, 2013) - RCAP Solutions is pleased to announce that the organization recently received \$18,167 in funding from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for its housing counseling programming.

RCAP Solutions is a member of HUD's nationwide network of Housing Counseling Agencies (HCA) and counselors. HCA's are trained and approved to provide tools to current and prospective homeowners and renters so that they can make responsible choices to address their housing needs in light of their financial situations.

"We are thrilled to have received this important funding from HUD, said Karen A. Koller, RCAP Solutions President & CEO. "These funds will allow our organization to continue to provide the vital counseling services and other programs that we offer to the growing number of families and individuals that so desperately need our services."

RCAP Solutions will utilize the funding to address a full range of family housing counseling needs. This includes helping homebuyers and homeowners realistically evaluate their readiness for a home purchase, understand their financing and down payment options, and navigate what can be an extremely confusing and difficult process.

Our Housing Counselors also help households find affordable rental housing and offer financial literacy training to individuals and families struggling to repair credit problems that restrict their housing options. In addition to providing counseling to homebuyers and renters, RCAP Solutions assists homeless individuals in finding the transitional housing they need to move toward a permanent place to live.

"Make no mistake: these grants will do a lot of good," said HUD Secretary Shaun Donovan. "The HUD-approved counseling agencies this funding supports are crucial in helping families manage their money, navigate the homebuying process, and secure their financial futures. The evidence is clear that housing counseling works. These grants are a smart investment to help families and individuals find and keep housing which helps promote neighborhood stability in the long term."

RCAP Solutions administers an extensive array of State and Federal housing programs. The organization has an extensive, highly professional and highly trained housing staff working on a myriad of programs. Central to RCAP Solutions' operating model, are its State-funded Housing Consumer Education Centers (HCEC) which function as the "Front Door" through which all requests for housing counseling are funneled. The organization operates HCEC out of Worcester and Gardner to ensure access throughout its vast service region. RCAP Solutions is the only regional agency that provides comprehensive housing counseling throughout the entire Central Massachusetts region, which includes all of Worcester County and several communities in Middlesex and Norfolk Counties. The organization has been a Comprehensive Housing Counseling Agency since 1972.

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**About RCAP Solutions, Inc.**

RCAP Solutions has been helping people throughout central Massachusetts with a wide range of housing and supportive services since 1969. Our mission is to foster personal and public self-reliance and improve the quality of life for individuals, families and the communities in which they live. RCAP Solutions is the Worcester County affiliate of The Regional Housing Network of Massachusetts and the Northeast affiliate to the national RCAP (Rural Community Assistance Partnership) Network. For more information, please visit [www.rcapsolutions.org](http://www.rcapsolutions.org).

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