

# Texans helping Texans

New program aims to prevent foreclosures in the state.



The Texas Association of REALTORS® has received a grant from the National Association of REALTORS® to develop foreclosure-prevention resources for Texas REALTORS® and consumers.

Other partners include the Texas Foreclosure Prevention Task Force, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and NeighborWorks.

The grant, which was presented under NAR's Foreclosure Prevention and Response Program, will fund efforts to identify, train, and certify Texas REALTORS® in best practices for foreclosure avoidance.

Texas REALTORS® will have the opportunity to become foreclosure-prevention/short-sale specialists, who will work together with TDHCA- and HUD-approved counselors to provide specialized guidance to distressed Texas homeowners.

Training for Texas REALTORS® will be provided by the Texas Foreclosure Prevention Task Force, the Texas Association of REALTORS®, TDHCA, and NeighborWorks. The grant also covers the development and hosting of KeepMyTexasHome.com, a new Web site that will include consumer-oriented educational content provided by the Texas Association of REALTORS® and partner organizations, including NAR and participating local associations.

The partners will also create and make available a checklist that Texas REALTORS® and homeowners can use to ensure all possible avenues to foreclosure-avoidance have been explored.