

2017 Florida Immigration and CED Fellowship Projects – APPLY NOW

Equal Justice Works is currently accepting Fellowship applications for the following four projects focused on the nexus of immigrant populations and community economic development. Interviews will take place in June and selected Fellows begin service September 2017. Candidates may apply to one or more projects online at info.equaljusticeworks.org/fellowships/login.asp.

Please email Fellowships@equaljusticeworks.org with questions about the application, and listed host organization contacts below for additional information about each project.

Candidate Applications Due: Friday, May 26 at 11:59pm EDT

CATHOLIC LEGAL SERVICES, ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI, INC. (MIRAMAR, FL)

Fight back against unjust detention of immigrants through representation and by mitigating the effects of detention on children and families by helping parents prepare and appoint guardians.

The Fellow will represent detained immigrants to maintain the stability and economic viability of immigrant families. Access to counsel helps boost workforce participation for those clients eligible for bond, work authorization, or granted relief—some may gain access to public benefits from humanitarian visas. The Fellow will implement pro se clinics to help parents seek custodial placements or guardianship for their children in case they are detained or deported. Families can take back control and be prepared for the worst. Pro se clinics can be replicated and implemented by other S. Florida organizations and continue after the fellowship. Families with plans in place will have continuity, thus increasing stability and minimizing the trauma and economic harm of having a parent detained.

Questions? Contact pstphilippe@cclsmiami.org

FLORIDA LEGAL SERVICES, INC. (NEWBERRY, FL)

Use education, outreach, community lawyering, legislative advocacy and impact litigation to increase access to affordable, safe and sanitary housing for migrant farmworker communities across Florida.

This project aims to prevent deteriorating housing conditions and increase stable housing by providing advocacy, community outreach, and education to farmworker communities caused by misinformation about the impact of immigration status on eligibility for affordable housing. Through

community lawyering, policy advocacy and impact litigation, the project will combat landlord harassment and/or abuse of farmworker communities resulting from tenants' fear of accessing public services, such as law enforcement or code enforcement, as a result of the presence of undocumented household members.

Bilingual preferred; at a minimum, the ability to understand and to make one's self understood to all Spanish-speaking individuals

Questions? Contact EJWapplicant@floridalegal.org

LATINOJUSTICE PRLDEF (ORLANDO, FL)

Provide legal advocacy and representation for low-wage Latina workers in the hospitality industry experiencing wage theft, discrimination, harassment and other employment issues in Central Florida.

The proposed Central Florida Workplace Justice Initiative (CFWJI) will utilize a two-pronged enforcement strategy to seek workplace justice by first advocating for enforcement of wage theft complaints to the OAG and, second, direct legal representation through filing FLSA and other employment claims in court. The project will utilize bilingual community education through "Know Your Rights" Presentations with an accompanying guide and mobile bi-monthly outreach clinics. The presentations will be given at community centers to provide geographic reach such as Orlando's Hispanic Office for Local Assistance, Central Florida Jobs with Justice, and our Orlando office. Workers will have the opportunity to fill out an intake complaint form after the presentations, if they suspect they are being victimized at work.

Questions? Contact kromero@latinojustice.org

LEGAL SERVICES OF GREATER MIAMI, INC. (MIAMI, FL)

Help poor immigrant stakeholders in Miami's Little Haiti neighborhood work collectively to advocate and protect their interests during ongoing neighborhood gentrification.

The Fellow will advocate for the Little Haiti residents/businesses/organizations to effectively participate in decisions impacting the development of their community, resulting in improved economic and social opportunities. Strategies to be used are: Community education about the development process and how to participate; create a coalition to participate in approval process for selected developments; represent coalition including CBA negotiation; recruit pro bono lawyers to support efforts. The project hopes to create sustainable impact through the creation of new housing for Little Haiti residents, hiring local residents to fill new jobs, creating commercial space for local businesses, designating a cultural district to preserve heritage, and using city funds to fuel sustainable neighborhood growth.

Haitian-Creole speakers are strongly encouraged to apply.

Questions? Contact srowley@legalservicesmiami.org