

LEGAL FELLOWSHIP SPONSORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT (2021)

Communities Resist Inc., a project of Southside United HDFC (“CoRe”), announces the opportunity to apply for sponsorship for post-graduate legal fellowships starting in the fall of 2021 (fellowship applications due fall of 2020).

CoRe is seeking third-year law students and recent law graduates currently in clerkships or with clerkships beginning in the fall of 2020 to sponsor for public interest law fellowships offered by the Skadden Fellowship Foundation, Equal Justice Works, and other similar programs. We are looking for fellowship applicants interested in providing legal services in our areas of work, described below.

CoRe is a legal services organization for housing and community justice steeped in the 50-year tradition of community lawyering in North and East Brooklyn. In these communities, we have spent years working together with neighborhood organizations and organizers in representing hundreds of tenants and tenant associations. Our representation aims to enforce their right to social citizenship by struggling, resisting, and enduring against any attempts to deny communities, largely of color, their place and their agency.

The prospective fellow should consider a project working in collaboration with this extraordinary coalition of neighborhood organizations and their tenant and community organizers. The project should aim to preserve and expand access to affordable housing for lower income residents in the face of rapid gentrification and tenant displacement throughout their neighborhoods. A prospective project may involve any of the following:

- Representing tenant associations confronting landlord harassment and/or poor housing conditions;
- Representing individuals and families facing eviction;
- Working with low-income tenant co-ops;
- Assisting community institutions facing closures or adverse actions due to extraordinary market pressures and neighborhood displacement;
- Fair housing litigation, involving source of income discrimination, disability discrimination, race discrimination, and other forms of unlawful housing discrimination.

- Legal work aimed at serving community groups involved in struggles against pervasive housing discrimination, neighborhood segregation, and other issues critically affecting the future of their communities.
- Legal work aimed at addressing the collateral consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic--largely born by communities of color--through the lenses of housing, community, and racial justice.

A project should involve representing groups and individuals experiencing harassment, discrimination and/or displacement in the boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

Applicants must have the following qualifications:

- J.D. or expected to receive a J.D by the spring of 2021.
- Experience, including internships, working in housing court, or other relevant public interest work.
- Cultural competence demonstrated through either personal or professional experience working with the communities CoRe serves.
- Demonstrated ability to effectively communicate with clients and organizers from diverse backgrounds.
- Excellent legal writing, litigation and advocacy skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Effective communication skills, including the ability to work with people in crisis.
- Professional proficiency in a language other than English is a major plus.

CoRe is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will be afforded equal employment opportunities without discrimination because of race, religion/creed, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, sexual orientation, military status, predisposing genetic characteristics, victim of domestic violence status or marital status. Salary will be commensurate with experience; excellent health and other benefits will be provided.

To apply, forward a cover letter with your resume to:

Stephanie Rudolph, Director of Fair Housing
 Communities Resist Inc.
 E-mail: srudolph@communitiesresist.org

Applications will be accepted and considered on a rolling basis until **July 24, 2020**. Late applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Please put "Fellowship Application" in the subject line.