



Community Development Project Seeks 2017 Legal Fellowship Candidates

The [Community Development Project](#) of the [Urban Justice Center](#) announces the opportunity to apply for sponsorship for **post-graduate legal fellowships** starting in the **fall of 2018** (applications to fellowship foundations due fall 2017).

The Community Development Project seeks rising third-year law students, recent law graduates with judicial clerkships beginning in the fall and those currently clerking to sponsor for public interest law fellowships offered by the [Skadden Fellowship Foundation](#), [Equal Justice Works](#), [Kirkland & Ellis New York City Public Service Fellowship Program](#), and similar programs. CDP invites fellowship project ideas that fall within any of our [legal practice areas](#), and particularly seeks projects designed to support our community partners' racial justice work.

About CDP

The Community Development Project provides legal, participatory research and policy support to strengthen the work of grassroots and community-based groups in New York City to dismantle racial, economic and social oppression. CDP employs a unique model of partnership with grassroots and community-based groups. Our partners take the lead in determining the priorities and goals for our work and advance our understanding of justice. This upends the traditional power dynamics between communities and service providers. We believe in a theory of change where short-term and individual successes help build the capacity and power of our partners, who in turn can have longer-term impact on policies, laws and systems that affect their communities. Our work has greater impact because it is done in connection with organizing, building power and leadership development.

CDP engages our community partners in the areas of workers' rights, housing rights, consumers' rights and immigrants' rights. In addition, the [equitable neighborhoods](#) practice provides technical and transactional support to community groups and non-profits.

Please read an [overview of our work](#) for more information.

Qualifications:

Skadden Fellowship Foundation, Equal Justice Works and similar organizations provide fellowships to graduating law students or outgoing judicial clerks who seek to begin their careers at public interest law offices like the Community Development Project, which sponsors the fellowship candidate. Applicants with experience working with community-based organizations are strongly encouraged to apply. Applicants must either be admitted to the New York Bar, or sitting for the New York Bar not later than July 2018. Applicants of color and applicants with foreign language abilities, particularly Spanish, East Asian and South Asian languages, are also encouraged to apply.

Application Instructions:

Interested applicants who are eligible for the fellowships described above (i.e., rising third-year law students, those with clerkships beginning in fall 2017 or recent law graduates currently clerking), should send a resume and cover letter including a brief description of their interest in being considered for sponsorship by the Community Development Project as well as information about the type of fellowship project they are considering. Applicants should show a basic familiarity with the fellowship opportunities available and the requirements of each.

Please note: this is not a job posting. General application materials will not be considered. Send the requested documents by e-mail with the words "Fellowships 2017" in the subject line to cdpfellowships@urbanjustice.org. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis through 5 p.m. EST on **July 7, 2017**. Due to our rolling deadline, early applications are encouraged.

Contact Information: cdpfellowships@urbanjustice.org, Community Development Project, Urban Justice Center, 123 William Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY, 10038, Attn: Fellowships.

The Community Development Project is an equal opportunity employer. CDP encourages applications from people with diverse backgrounds, including women, people of color, immigrants, people with disabilities, LGBTQ people, people from low-income backgrounds, and people with personal experience with the criminal justice system. We strongly encourage applications from people with lived experiences in the communities we serve.