



Host Site: Legal Services of North Florida

Topic of Project: Disaster Recovery

Location: Pensacola/ Tallahassee, Florida

Description of Fellow Project:

In 2018, Hurricane Michael plowed through the Florida Panhandle resulting in 13 of the 16 counties LSNF serves being declared major disaster areas. Recovery has been slow because of delays in federal and state resources to provide support for these survivors. In 2020, Hurricane Sally hit further west, resulting in five of our 16 counties being declared major disaster areas, including one—Bay County—which was among the most impacted by Hurricane Michael. LSNF is working with multiple local, regional, and state partners as these areas recover, while also facing the economic and health impacts of COVID-19.

LSNF seeks a Rural Summer Legal Corps Student Fellow to support our response to legal issues resulting from Hurricane Michael, Hurricane Sally, and COVID-19. This position will be located in our Pensacola office. Under the supervision of one of our Disaster Response attorneys and with the support of the Pensacola Senior Attorney, Director of Litigation, and Executive Director, the Fellow's work will largely involve housing issues. These issues include title-clearing and heir-property issues; contractor disputes such as fraud, liens, and poor-quality work; access to federal and state rehabilitation funds; and the development of affordable housing within the affected counties.

Additional Applicant Qualifications:

LSNF reimburses mileage for the Student Fellow to visit the affected areas; however, reliable transportation is required.

