



**Host Site:** California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

**Topic of Project:** LGBTQ+

**Location:** Any CRLA field office

This project is conducted statewide and most work will be done remotely.

**Description of Fellow Project:**

As part of CRLA's LGBTQ+ Program, the Fellow will address legal issues affecting rural transgender and gender-non-conforming Californians. The Fellow will work with the LGBTQ+ Program's advocates to investigate potential harassment and discrimination claims and provide direct legal services in the areas of identity-document updates, immigration, employment, housing, healthcare access, and education. The Fellow will also work with LGBTQ+ Program staff to streamline and expand CRLA's statewide name and gender marker correction practice that includes: 1) developing and conducting workshops or clinics for transgender and gender-non-conforming community members who wish to obtain a court decree to update their name and gender markers on identity documents; 2) developing educational materials for community members and service providers; and 3) supporting CRLA's attorneys in the provision of individual legal representation.

**Additional Applicant Qualifications:**

- Applicants must be bilingual (spoken and written) in English and Spanish
- Access to reliable transportation is preferred
- Passion and commitment to empowering LGBTQ+ communities
- Commitment to racial justice
- Commitment to trauma-informed, intersectional, and community-centered lawyering
- Interest in the areas of name and gender marker corrections, immigration, employment, housing, public benefits, access to healthcare, and criminal record expungement
- Experience working with immigrant communities, LGBTQ+ communities, low-income clients, or survivors of violence

