

Host Site: Legal Aid Services of Oregon

Topic of Project: Housing

Location of Fellow: Albany, OR

This project will be conducted in-person if public health conditions allow. Some work can be done remotely but not all, and court appearances at the justice court and outreach can only be done in-person.

Description of Fellow Project:

The Fellow will work in Linn and Benton County, which have been hard hit by the lifting of the eviction moratorium. The Fellow will conduct outreach to low-income housing communities, mobile home parks and resource centers where low-income individuals usually turn to when attempting to access rental housing assistance and other safety net programs. The Fellow will also educate tenants about their rights, work with staff attorneys to provide legal representation in eviction cases, collect data about eviction proceedings; and examine compliance of the courts with various rules and statutes meant to protect tenants now that the moratorium on evictions has been lifted, with the overarching goal to preserve a tenant's housing by avoiding eviction.

Applicant Qualifications:

Housing is at a premium in Albany. If the Fellow requires housing, they are advised to seek housing as soon as the position is secured. Short-term housing is generally more available in Corvallis, a college town about 20 minutes from the office. We are willing to consider a flexible schedule to the maximum extent possible in order to minimize commuting for the Fellow.