



/ 2023 Disaster Resilience Program Project Descriptions

Below are the Disaster Resilience Program Student Fellow project descriptions for the summer of 2023. The Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project site project description is provided below:

Host Site: Migrant and Immigrant Community Action Project

Topic of Project: Disaster

Location: St. Louis, MO (In person position)

Number of Open Positions: 2

Description of Fellow Project:

The MICA Project is a community organization that works with low-income immigrants to overcome barriers to justice. We provide legal services for immigration cases, and we also work in immigrant communities to create partners through educational and outreach activities. By working with the MICA Project, immigrants are reuniting with family members, obtaining legal status, and avoiding deportation.

The Disaster Resilience Program Summer Fellow will work with survivors of the 2021 Missouri tornadoes to help prepare immigration cases for affirmative filings and for Immigration Court. The fellow will have responsibility for drafting legal documents, assembling evidence, legal research, preparing for court hearings, and other legal casework. The fellow will also assist in planning community outreach activities for disaster preparedness.

The fellow needs to have a passion for working with nonprofits and/or underserved communities, excellent oral and written communication skills, organizational and time management skills, and the ability to work both independently and collaboratively. Knowledge of immigration law is helpful but is not required. The majority of the MICA Project's clients are Spanish-speaking, so Spanish language skills are helpful but not required.

Applicant Qualifications:

- No language requirements but the ability to speak Spanish is highly valued and preferred.