



***Our Homes, Our Votes* Tenant Fellowship Program Information and Application Guide**

The *Our Homes, Our Votes* Tenant Fellowship will convene 20 tenant leaders that are committed to the mission of NLIHC's nonpartisan *Our Homes, Our Votes* campaign: to increase voter turnout among low-income renters and elevate housing as an election issue. Fellows will be selected by application and will participate in bimonthly cohort meetings, which will include training on nonpartisanship.

The fellowship will run from May through December 2025, and each fellow will receive a stipend of \$1,000 upon successful completion.

Throughout the duration of the program, each fellow will work on a substantial project that fosters nonpartisan civic engagement and encourages their community members to participate in the democratic process. Such projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Writing blog posts or articles about civic engagement;
- Creating social media content;
- Conducting nonpartisan voter registration, education, and turnout activities;
- Organizing in-person community events;
- Leading other efforts to encourage voter participation among tenants (ex: bringing a polling place to their community, organizing rides to the polls).

All fellowship activities must be strictly nonpartisan, meaning that they do not support or oppose a specific political party or candidate.



Program Expectations

Fellows will:

- Remain nonpartisan in all fellowship activities and when representing NLIHC;
- Attend and participate actively in bimonthly (every other month) one-hour Zoom meetings;
- Complete a substantial project that fosters nonpartisan civic engagement and encourages their community members to participate in the democratic process;
- Check emails and/or texts consistently, and strive to meet deadlines for all program-related requests from NLIHC staff;
- Treat all fellows, staff, and community members with respect. Fellows will develop a set of shared community agreements around respect and accountability.

NLIHC will provide:

- Leadership development and peer exchange opportunities through bimonthly meetings;
- Guidance and support for fellows' projects, as well as opportunities to showcase projects on NLIHC's blog, social media platforms, email communications, and/or webinars;
- *Our Homes, Our Votes*-branded materials to encourage voter participation;
- Connections with state and local partner organizations that are involved in *Our Homes, Our Votes*; and
- A stipend of \$1,000, which will be distributed in two halves: one half at the midpoint of the fellowship and one half upon successful completion of the fellowship.

The application window is March 24 through April 18, 2025, at 11:59pm ET.

Applicants who are selected for interviews will be contacted by late April and all applicants will be notified of final decisions in May.



Application Guide

This document is NOT the application. The application must be completed [online](#). This document instead provides an overview of the questions included in the application so that you can prepare your answers for the [online application](#). If you have any questions, please contact *Our Homes, Our Votes* project manager Courtney Cooperman at ccooperman@nlihc.org.

NLIHC is an equal opportunity employer. Consistent with applicable law, all qualified applicants will receive consideration for the fellowship without regard to citizenship, gender identity or expression, immigration status, marital status, national origin, physical or mental disability, political affiliation, protected veteran or military status, race, ethnicity, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by applicable local laws, regulations and ordinances.

1. Name and Contact Information

- First Name
- Last Name
- Phone Number
- Email Address

2. Mailing Address

3. What is your preferred method(s) of communication?

- a. Email
- b. Phone calls
- c. Texts
- d. Other (please describe)

NLIHC strives to prioritize racial and social equity in all that we do. By completing this section, you will help us create an inclusive cohort that reflects the diverse backgrounds and life experiences of our network.

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4. Which best describes your race/ethnicity? (Select all that apply.)
 - a. American Indian or Alaska Native
 - b. Asian
 - c. Black or African-American
 - d. Hispanic or Latino/a
 - e. Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
 - f. Middle Eastern or North African
 - g. White
 - h. Prefer not to say
 - i. Other (please describe)

5. Do you identify as a person with a disability and/or chronic condition?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Prefer not to answer

6. What is your gender identity?

7. What age range do you fall within?
 - a. 18-30 years
 - b. 31-40 years
 - c. 41-50 years
 - d. 51-61 years
 - e. 62 years and over

8. If you're comfortable sharing, are you a person with lived experience of homelessness or housing instability?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Prefer not to say

9. Which best describes the housing type(s) you have lived in or experienced?
 - a. Public housing
 - b. Housing Choice Voucher/Section 8



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- c. Project Based Rental Assistance
- d. Tribal Housing
- e. LIHTC (Low Income Housing Tax Credit)
- f. Non-subsidized housing
- g. Other (please describe)

10. Why are you interested in being an *Our Homes, Our Votes* tenant fellow?
11. Describe your experiences with civic engagement. These may include, but are not limited to: experiences registering voters, encouraging community members to vote, community organizing, meeting with elected officials, serving as a poll worker, etc.
12. During the fellowship experience, all fellows will complete a project to promote nonpartisan civic engagement. Projects may include: hosting in-person events, writing blog posts or op-eds, creating social media content, or advocating for policies to increase voter access. Briefly describe an idea for your project and how it will empower tenants to participate in the democratic process.
13. Please describe any past experiences with *Our Homes, Our Votes* and/or the National Low Income Housing Coalition. These may include: attending webinars, being an NLIHC member and/or *Our Homes, Our Votes* affiliate, using online resources, reading NLIHC emails, speaking with a staff member, or other forms of engagement.
14. Please list any tenant associations, advocacy organizations, or other groups where you are involved, and your role with each organization (if applicable).
15. OPTIONAL: Please describe any requests for accommodations that would make the fellowship more accessible to you.
16. OPTIONAL: Do you have any media or published works you would like to share with us (e.g. articles, op-eds, speaking events)? If so, please provide the links or upload the files.



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Fellowship Terms and Scheduling

17. If I am selected as a fellow, I will remain nonpartisan when representing *Our Homes*, *Our Votes* and the National Low Income Housing Coalition. I understand that I will be expected to complete a training on nonpartisanship.

18. Fellows will collaboratively develop a set of shared community agreements to ensure respect and accountability. If I am selected as a fellow, I agree to participate in this process and to abide by our community agreements.

19. The *Our Homes*, *Our Votes* tenant fellowship will meet every other month for one hour from May through December 2025. To help us schedule the meetings, please select all of the times when you are available.
 - a. Mondays from 6-7pm ET
 - b. Tuesdays from 6-7pm ET
 - c. Wednesdays from 6-7pm ET
 - d. Thursdays from 6-7pm ET

Please email Courtney Cooperman, project manager of *Our Homes*, *Our Votes*, with questions.

Application Link:



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