

Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc. (NLS) will host a fellow over two years as part of the Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps. The fellowship should begin on or about June 1, 2018 and end May/June 2020.

The Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps is a legal fellowship program designed to increase capacity and access to civil legal help for crime victims. All fellows will incorporate crime victims' rights enforcement into their practice and will receive training from the National Crime Victim Law Institute.

This program is supported by an award from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime, Award Number 2017-MU-MU-K131, and private funding.

The fellow will be supervised by NLS and based in Buffalo and Niagara Falls, NY.

Fellowship Description:

The Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellow at NLS will:

- Provide direct legal services to - human trafficking survivors/, immigrant victims with meritorious immigration relief to address the range of civil legal issues that arise from the victimization
- Provide crime victims' rights enforcement
- Conduct outreach and education activities, provide referrals, and leverage pro bono resources
- Contribute to programmatic reporting required under the grant
- Collaborate with other Equal Justice Works Crime Victims Justice Corps Fellows
- Actively participate in mandatory in-person training programs

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Licensed to practice law in the State of New York
- A demonstrated commitment to public interest work and desire to assist indigent clients
- Strong writing, communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills
- An ability to provide victim-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally competent legal assistance to crime victims/survivors
- An ability to work collaboratively in a variety of contexts and with multiple organizations to facilitate comprehensive services to crime victims/survivors
- Ability to begin the fellowship on or about June 1, 2018 and serve for 2 years
- Those with legal experience in crime victims' rights enforcement and victim service are strongly encouraged to apply
- Law school clinic, externship, summer or other relevant practice experience a plus

- Proficiency in Spanish preferred

Salary and other support

The Fellow will receive an annual stipend, as well as health insurance and a generous benefits package, including dental insurance, annual leave time, sick leave, personal leave, life insurance, supplemental disability insurance, long-term disability insurance, tax-deferred annuity, pension plan and flexible spending plans.

NLS is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national or ethnic origin, age, disability or veteran status. Minorities, women, persons with disabilities, gay, lesbian and transgender persons are all welcome and encouraged to apply. Please send resumes and references (no phone calls, please) to: sfudala@nls.org or by regular mail to Sandra Fudala, Office Manager, Neighborhood Legal Services, Inc., 237 Main Street, Suite 400, Buffalo, New York 14203

Application Deadline: **May 4, 2018**, but candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.