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## **CALL FOR FELLOWSHIP APPLICANTS**

A long legacy of historical and persistent divestment from low-income communities and communities of color has resulted in a lack of access to quality healthcare, affordable housing, child care, and educational and economic opportunities for some neighborhoods that exacerbate existing economic and racial inequalities. Public Counsel's Community Development Project (CDP) strives to bridge this gap through the delivery of legal services to community-based coalitions, nonprofits, and small businesses in Los Angeles County. CDP also supports community-led advocacy groups and community-based organizations in their efforts to advance racial and economic justice and build power in low-income communities and communities of color.

CDP builds strong foundations for healthy, inclusive, and economically stable communities through (1) legal services for nonprofits that assist lower-income people and neighborhoods, and for small businesses and low-income entrepreneurs; (2) its Inclusive Development and Housing Opportunities, Preservation and Enforcement Unit (HOPE), which advances racial and economic justice by increasing housing and economic opportunities for lower-income persons; and (3) its Early Care & Education Law Unit (ECE), which increases child care capacity in low-income communities and improves the quality of care.

For this cycle, Public Counsel's Community Development team seeks applicants to partner on a fellowship application in any of our practice areas. We are also open to considering projects that focus on specific client populations.

### **JOB SUMMARY**

Applications for those proposing Equal Justice Works or Skadden fellowship projects to begin in fall 2025 should be submitted by July 1, 2024. Applications for those proposing other fellowship projects to begin in fall 2025 should be submitted as soon as possible and will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Students who are interested in a fellowship with the Community Development team should send their resume and cover letter that includes a brief description of their proposal to Directing Attorney Ritu Mahajan at [rmahajan@publiccounsel.org](mailto:rmahajan@publiccounsel.org).

We value lived experiences, cultural competency, and experiences working with traditionally underrepresented communities and historically oppressed groups across a range of settings. Please discuss such experiences in your cover letter, especially if they are not reflected in your resume.