



REQUEST FOR WORKSHOP AND ROUNDTABLE PROPOSALS

2017 Housing Justice Network Conference: *Shelter from the Storm*

Conference Overview:

The Housing Justice Network (HJN) Conference brings together low-income housing allies—public interest attorneys, affordable housing advocates, policy analysts, and organizers—from across the nation. The conference features plenary sessions and 20-25 workshops and roundtables covering important issues that impact affordable housing and low-income tenants, such as current developments in the federal housing programs, strategies for representing the interests of low-income residents, and ideas on litigating, advocating, and organizing. The conference is an opportunity to meet with colleagues and build our collective capacity to advance housing justice for low-income households across the country.

Site: Washington, D.C.

The 2017 Housing Justice Network Conference will be held **October 12-14**, at the Washington Court Hotel. The theme for the conference is *Shelter from the Storm*.

Proposal Guidelines:

The conference planning committee will consider the following in reviewing proposals:

- Relevance to housing advocates and attorneys
- Clear take-home value and practical how-to strategies
- Attention to emerging issues
- Innovative approaches
- Inclusion of panelists from diverse and underrepresented backgrounds

Workshops and roundtables must include interactive elements that facilitate audience participation.

The planning committee is interested in workshop and roundtable proposals covering:

- building the movement for housing security
- health and housing
- fair housing enforcement

- hate crimes in housing
- state and local affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) strategies
- immigration and housing
- LGBT housing rights
- reentry and housing
- impact of the federal budget
- voucher funding and policy
- advocating for good public housing authority (PHA) policies in light of spending cuts
- PHA planning process advocacy
- preserving HUD and RD housing
- energy issues
- Moving To Work (MTW) basics, expansion, and deregulation
- current issues in the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program (LIHTC)
- premature terminations of LIHTC
- Section 3
- American Disabilities Act and new construction
- Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD)
- introduction to HUD block grant programs
- due process issues in HEARTH Act programs
- implementation of the Violence Against Women Act of 2013
- gentrification and displacement
- LSC restrictions and policy advocacy

Expectations:

The conference planning committee may modify and/or consolidate similar proposals. Confirmed panelists must adhere to deadlines and will be expected to submit workshop and roundtable agendas, materials, presenter biographies, and A/V needs in advance.

Conference Registration and Travel Expenses:

Trainers who only participate in their workshop(s) or roundtable(s) and do not attend other aspects of the conference will not be charged a conference registration fee. Trainers who attend any other workshops/roundtables or meals are required to pay the conference registration fee. Trainers are responsible for paying their own travel and hotel costs.

Deadline:

Please email the completed RFP form no later than **May 10, 2017** to Karlo Ng at kng@nhlp.org. The planning committee will make its final selections and notify session coordinators by **July 7, 2017**. Late submissions will not be reviewed. Please contact Karlo Ng with any questions.

2017 Housing Justice Network Conference: Workshop and Roundtable Proposal Form

Workshop/Roundtable Coordinator Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Program/Office: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Workshop/Roundtable Title:

Workshop/Roundtable Description:

Who is your intended audience?

Do you have any special requirements? Please explain:

Proposed Panelists: If this proposal is selected, all panelists must be confirmed by **August 9, 2017**. Please contact your proposed panelists *before submitting this proposal*. Organizers who are unable to contact proposed panelists before the submission deadline are still encouraged to submit workshop and roundtable proposals.

Presenter 1 Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Program/Office: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Presenter 2 Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Program/Office: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Presenter 3 Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Program/Office: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Presenter 4 Information:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Program/Office: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

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