

# Yale University

## President's Public Service Fellowship

### Proposal for Fellowship Placement Summer 2023

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#### Organization information

<i>Name of organization</i>	Elm City Communities/Housing Authority of New Haven
<i>Full street address</i>	360 Orange St, New Haven, CT 06511
<i>Website or link to social media page</i>	<a href="http://www.elmcitycommunities.org">www.elmcitycommunities.org</a>

#### PPSF Fellow's direct supervisor

*The supervisor must be available to supervise Fellow on a daily basis.*

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**Placement dates (8-11 weeks between Tuesday, May 30, 2023 through Friday, August 11, 2023)**

5/30/23 to 7/28/23

**Are placement dates flexible? Are there any dates on which your Fellow must work?**

Dates are flexible, although it should not extend into August.

**Proposed work schedule (*work week should equal and not exceed 37.5 hours per week*)**

Any 37.5 hours between 8AM and 6PM from Monday to Thursday

**Organization description (*mission statement, population served. 1,000 characters or less*)**

Elm City Communities/Housing Authority of New Haven (ECC/HANH) is a dynamic organization that envisions public housing as the foundation of self-sufficiency. It is committed to end poverty and racism through housing and supportive services to residents. ECC/HANH has increased affordable housing choice, provided an array of self-sufficiency programs, created cost savings measures, and continues to strive to make a meaningful difference in the lives of residents and the community of New Haven.

ECC/HANH provides housing and support programs for more than 14,000 city residents. Our mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of residents of the City of New Haven through the development and operation of affordable communities of choice, equity, and by providing opportunities for greater self-sufficiency. Our vision is a New Haven where every resident has a safe and decent place to live and opportunities to fulfill their personal goals.

**Write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting (500 characters or less).**

The fellow will support the agency's policy and advocacy arm through research, data collection, policy development, and event coordination. The fellow will focus on municipal policy, designing and identifying new avenues for advocacy and helping to write and promote the agency's policy platform.

**Write a more complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow.**

There are three agency projects that the fellow will participate in, with the specific responsibilities contingent on the fellow's skills and interests. Those project are:

1. A housing policy event series. Over the first half of 2023, ECC/HANH will be hosting an event series on the basics of housing policy for policymakers, advocates and community members in New Haven. Over the summer, the agency will launch its policy agenda and hold a candidate forum on housing policy for the 2023 municipal elections. The fellow will help to coordinate the event series, identify points of emphasis for the agency and candidates, and support the development of the agency's agenda.
2. Developing the agency's policy agenda. ECC/HANH is expanding our local policy agenda and intend to advocate at the city level for policy changes that will increase the supply of affordable housing and make the city fairer and more dynamic. The fellow will support this work by

identifying promising policy strategies in other cities and helping find blind spots or low-hanging fruit for improving the city's housing ecosystem. The fellow will also help write public-facing material on these and other policies that the agency supports.

3. Data collection and research. Some of the agency's policy development work requires building extensive datasets and cataloguing housing development or resources in New Haven and Connecticut. The fellow will help with this data collection work in support of several policies, with the goal of fully understanding the resources the city has at hand and the opportunities for improvement with smart policy reform.

The fellow will have a set of projects to be completed by the end of the summer that will be outlined at the beginning of the fellowship. The fellow will be able to work on these at their convenience. At other times, they will be asked to turn around work same-day or same-week, depending on the needs of the agency. By the end of the fellowship, the fellow will have completed several writing projects, collected significant amounts of data, and coordinated one or two events.

**List specific skills/experience required for the project**

Someone with good interpersonal skills, writing ability, creative thinking skills, assessment ability, and strategy development is an ideal candidate. Data literacy and GIS skills would be useful but extra, if possible.

**Additional requirements (e.g. a car or weekend working hours). If a car is required, include information regarding parking arrangements and mileage reimbursement.**

Possibly some evenings, but otherwise nothing additional

**Briefly describe any work that Yale PPSF Fellows have done with your organization in the past and present. If you have not worked with Yale Fellows, describe any work that Yale students have done with your organization.**

ECC/HANH has a long history of providing excellent internships to Yale Fellows. Previous PPSF fellows have worked on several projects in conjunction with our Special Projects, Planning and Development and Glendower Group, LLC (our development affiliate), resident support services through our Community and Economic Development department; and housing policy work through the Executive Office and our Strategy, Policy and Innovation group.