

TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE INFRASTRUCTURE FELLOWSHIP



Application Deadline:
Extended to March 17th



Communities First Fund and the Government Alliance on Race & Equity (GARE) are excited to announce that applications are open for the **2025 Transformative Justice Infrastructure Fellowship**

The third cohort of the Fellowship will support co-governance projects: teams of government and community leaders who ideally have a shared vision and plan for a transformative justice infrastructure project. Teams should include a government lead and community-based organization/partner lead (2 - 4 team members who must apply separately). The Fellowship is an opportunity for the team to strengthen their relationships and test out approaches for co-governing the project or process. Teams should already have federal, state or local funding in hand to advance their infrastructure related project or community plan.

Fellows will meet virtually and in-person in 2025 to connect and participate in shared learning sessions, group discussions, networking events, and curated professional development opportunities. A commitment of up to four hours per month, beginning April through December 2025, will be required as part of the fellowship program. Community-based organizations will receive a stipend as needed.

Fellows should plan to attend in-person gatherings on the following dates:

- April 16-18 in Minneapolis, Minnesota
- June 18-19 in Baltimore, Maryland
- The week of Sept. 8-12 in Montgomery, Alabama (*specific dates to be announced*)
- In-person family celebration week of Dec. 8-12 (*specific dates to be announced*)

Learn more at CommunitiesFirst.us/Fellowship

2025 Transformative Justice Infrastructure Fellowship FAQs

Does my team need both a government lead and community partner lead to apply?

Yes. Each team applying needs to have at least one lead representative from a government entity and one lead representative from a community-based partner organization. The team should have at least one government lead and one community lead for a total of two members; if the community based organization has a co-leadership model the team can have two lead representatives from government and two lead representatives from community for a total of four members. As the goal of this cohort is to explore co-governance methods, teams will need to be balanced with either two (one government lead and one community lead) or four participants (two government leads and two community leads).

Do we already need to have funding for our plan or project?

Yes, the purpose of this Fellowship is to advance projects or plans that already have federal, state, or local funding in hand to move forward.

What is the time commitment?

Each individual team member should plan to participate for the duration of the Fellowship and is expected to be able to commit up to four hours per month from April through December 2025.

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Will travel expenses be covered?

Yes, costs associated with attending in-person convenings will be covered by the Fellowship including flights, hotels, meals and a stipend for local transportation.

Does the Fellowship award additional funding to teams?

No, the Fellowship will cover all costs associated with professional development opportunities, in-person convenings, travel and conferences. Teams will not be provided with additional grant funding for their projects through the Fellowship.