



# Housing Solutions Lab

Building and sharing knowledge to  
advance equitable local housing policy.

## **2022 Peer Cities Network Application Questions**

This document is for your convenience to preview the application questions only.

Please submit your application [here](#).

### **Point of Contact for Application**

First Name:

Last Name:

Email:

Phone:

Title:

City:

### **Expression of Interest in the Peer Cities Network**

Please describe your interest in participating in a national network of small and midsize cities and how your participation would help to advance your city's housing goals. (350 words max.)

Please describe your interest in developing local strategies to advance equitable housing solutions and address housing disparities. Include a brief description of any efforts your city has already made to work towards housing equity. (250 words max.)

Identify any assistance related to data, research, or evaluation that would help your city to achieve its local housing policy priorities. (200 words max.)

Identify any additional housing policy topics that you would like to focus on through participation in the Network. (200 words max.)

### **Housing Conditions in Your City**

What are the most pressing housing challenges in your city? In your response, please reference both longstanding and recent or emerging challenges. (250 words max.)

Does your city have a comprehensive local housing plan? If not, describe any interest in working towards a comprehensive and balanced approach to addressing housing issues. (200 words max.)

What policy changes, achievements, or opportunities for your city are you most excited or encouraged by in the coming year? (150 words max.)

## **Your Team**

Each participating team should include three to four local policy makers and stakeholders who are working to develop equitable housing policy solutions. City teams must have a minimum of two officials from relevant local government agencies focused on housing (e.g. housing or planning departments, housing authorities) and may also include representatives from other government sectors, such as departments of health or education or elected/appointed officials and their senior staff. Cross-sector teams comprising representatives from nonprofit and community-based organizations, such as homelessness or healthcare service providers, are strongly encouraged.

For example, a city team could include a representative from:

- the planning department;
- public housing authority;
- health department;
- homeless service organization.

This is only one example. Cities may identify the most appropriate representatives for their team. When composing your team, please consider that all team members will be expected to participate in all Network activities.

List your proposed team members (including yourself), their titles, organizations, and emails.

- (1) Person 1:
- (2) Person 2:
- (3) Person 3:
- (4) Person 4:

What are the strengths of this particular team as they relate to pursuing local strategies to advance housing policy goals? In your response, indicate whether these individuals have collaborated previously and describe the nature and outcomes of the work. (250 words max.)

Briefly describe any housing policy activities that members of your team have been involved in that demonstrate your commitment to equity-focused or innovative policy or program strategies. Please feel free to provide links to relevant materials that describe this work. (250 words max.)

## **Additional Information**

Are you currently a member of any national or regional peer housing cohorts? If so, please identify them below.

Is there anything else you'd like to share with the Housing Solutions Lab about your interest, your team, or your city? (250 words max)