

**Cook County Equity Cohort Fellowship Community Based Organization Application**

**Instructions:** Thank you for your interest in being a community-based organization (CBO) in Cook County’s Equity Cohort. Please fill out this application and submit to *Wynetta Scales*, submit your responses to [JACinfo@cookcountyil.gov](mailto:JACinfo@cookcountyil.gov) by **November 07, 2022**.

**Eligibility:** Selected CBOs will have experience serving those impacted by the criminal justice system. A willingness to participate and mentor an equity fellowship participant throughout the duration of the one-year program. In addition, a relationship with the fellows in Chicago Regional Organizing for Antiracism’s (C-ROAR) equity analysis will be essential. Finally, selected CBOs would be able to commit *four* hours per week during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm).

**Mission:**

The mission of Cook County’s Safety and Justice Challenge Equity Cohort is to decrease systematic racism and promote equity. Our goal is to address inequities across each Cook County criminal justice agency including the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office, Cook County Public Defender’s Office, Cook County Sheriff’s Office, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, and the Office of the Chief Judge Circuit Court of Cook County.

Incorporating the voices of those who have been directly impacted by using an equity framework to identify and address points throughout our systems that can empower individuals and communities.

**Vision:**

The vision of Cook County’s Safety and Justice Challenge Equity Cohort is to use the collaborative experiences of justice impacted individuals, community organizations, and representatives of Cook County’s criminal justice system agencies to create equitable outcomes for marginalized people of color. “**To amplify public safety and encourage successful community reintegration through education, treatment, and active participation in rehabilitative and invigorating justice programs.**” We envision this fellowship as a shared learning experience that equips those who have been impacted by the criminal justice system with knowledge, courage, and leadership skills to advance equitable reform.

**Community-Based Organization Applicant Information**

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| **Name of CBO:** Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **CBO’s Address:** Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **CBO Website:** Click or tap here to enter text. | |
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| **CBO’s point of contact name:** Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Point of contact’s position title:** Click or tap here to enter text. | |
| **Phone:** Click or tap here to enter text. | **Email:** Click or tap here to enter text. |

**Application Questions**

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| 1. How would your organization describe itself without including your mission statement? Assume we’ve reviewed your website, so please tell us what your website does not tell us about your organization.   Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. What is the history, size, and organizational background of your CBO? Please describe the diversity of its members at both the staff and leadership level.   Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. What services does your organization provide for those impacted by the criminal justice system?   Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. What are opportunities for change in the current local criminal justice system? Please describe.   Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. What does equity mean to your CBO? What changes have your organization made internally and externally, that directly supported people impacted by the criminal justice system? Example: Internal leadership or external programs.   Click or tap here to enter text. |
| 1. What does your organization hope to achieve by being a CBO member of Cook County’s Equity Cohort?   Click or tap here to enter text. |