

Request for Project Consultant Black & Latino Middle Neighborhoods Heirs Property and Wealth Building Initiative

Overview

HouseATL is seeking an independent consultant for a 12-month (2025) project that will support the Black and Latino Middle Neighborhoods Heirs' Property Initiative. HouseATL is one of three host sites for this initiative through under the National Community Stabilization Trust. Other host sites are in Birmingham, AL and Baltimore, MD. This consultant will focus on research, policy and projects to support heirs' property owners, revitalize middle neighborhoods and advance homeownership preservation for Black and Latino families. This work will be supervised by HouseATL's Executive Director and will be done in partnership with HouseATL's Homeownership Working Group. For more information about HouseATL, please see <u>www.houseatl.org</u>.

Scope of Work

- Research and identify communities of focus using the National Community Stabilization Trust's definition of middle neighborhoods.
- Research and identify prospective partners and stakeholders (such as community development organizations, housing counselors, legal support, etc.) for the focus communities in coordination with the Executive Director and the HouseATL Homeownership Working Group.
- Coordinate with Executive Director to build relationships with agreed upon prospective partners.
- Conduct project planning and develop project schedules for approval by Executive Director.
- Manage project schedules, convene partners and implement agreed upon programmatic activities.
- Work with partners to provide guidance and tools to heirs' property owners as needed to connect them to appropriate resources.
- Identify opportunities and plan methods with partners to encourage estate planning by homeowners to prevent future heirs property issues.
- Determine data that needs to be tracked, support the collection of relevant program data, draft monthly reports, and contribute to overall program evaluations.
- Support local and state public policy advocacy efforts on issues related to heirs property, closing the racial homeownership gap, and preserving homeownership in cooperation with the HouseATL Policy Working Group and Homeownership Working Group. Support may include related research, position paper development, creation of advocacy tools and convening partners.
- Participate in weekly virtual sessions with the National Community Stabilization Trust to gather research, information and best practices for use in local project and review related documents for these sessions.
- Attend quarterly in-person meetings with the National Community Stabilization Trust to report on progress and share effective practices with other sites (up to 2 days of travel per in-person meeting with expenses covered).

Geography

HouseATL focuses on the 5 core counties of metro Atlanta: Cobb, Clayton, Gwinnett, Fulton and DeKalb. The project consultant will help identify some target areas within the broader service area.

Payment and Term

HouseATL is seeking to contract for services paid on a monthly basis for approximately 12 months. The total potential compensation for the 12 month period is \$70,000. This is a grant supported role and is limited to the terms of the grant.

Submission

Please submit a description of your interest, approach, qualifications and references to Natallie Keiser at nkeiser@houseatl.org.