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# BUILDING TENANT POWER

## 2023-2024 Springfield Housing Justice Fellowship



### FELLOWSHIP GOALS



#### Build Power

Participants will work with their neighbors to bring tenants together to build power to address housing issues by distributing flyers, holding one-to-one meetings, canvassing, hosting community meetings and tabling events, text and phone banking, and more.



#### Organize for Change

The Tenant Organizing Fellowship is designed to allow rising leaders and organizers to develop skills and strategies that will allow them to develop their own organizing projects. The fellowship culminates with presentations on strategic plans and actions for these projects.



#### Build Skills

Fellows will develop skills such as effective communication with peers and decision-makers, conflict resolution, campaign planning, and learn how to organize tenants in their communities.

### WHAT

Empower Missouri and Springfield Tenants United are partnering to pilot Springfield's first Tenant Organizing Fellowship Program in an effort to build and strengthen tenant power across Springfield MO.

### WHO

10-15 rising leaders from the Springfield area will be chosen for the six-month cohort based program led by experienced organizers from Empower Missouri and Springfield Tenants United.

### WHY

We believe that in order to challenge and change injustice in our society, we must build political power and organization in the communities directly impacted by those injustices.

### WHEN

**Applications Due:** Aug. 18  
**Interviews:** Aug. 21 - Sept. 2  
**Cohort Announcement:** Sept. 6  
**Program Begins:** Sept. 16  
**Program Graduation:** March 16

**APPLY TODAY!**

### Why JOIN US?



Empower Missouri and Springfield Tenants Unite have joined forces to build tenant power and address housing injustice in your community. Tenants and allies are organizing to ensure that every person has a safe, accessible, truly affordable home. Together, we will teach you how to work with your neighbors to build power.

**SCAN TO  
APPLY!**



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