



Host Site: Legal Services of Greater Miami

Location: Monroe County and Homestead, Florida

Project: Mobile Home Park Advocacy Project

Description of Fellow Project:

The proposed Fellowship will support Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.'s Mobile Home Park Advocacy Project which serves mobile home park residents in Homestead, Florida, and Monroe County. Homestead is in southwest Miami-Dade County, 39 miles from Miami, between Biscayne National Park to the east and Everglades National Park to the west. Homestead is a major agricultural area. The U.S. Census Bureau designates Monroe County as a rural county. The County is 74% water, and almost all residents live in the County's island chain known as the Florida Keys. The County seat is Key West which is 155 miles south of Miami. Legal Services is engaged in ongoing representation and advocacy on behalf of the residents of eight mobile home parks in these communities which are home to about 600 residents. The Project is led by Attorney Nejla Calvo who established the Mobile Home Park Advocacy Project when she began her career with Legal Services as an Equal Justice Works Fellow. Ms. Calvo will supervise the Fellow.

Applicant Qualifications:

There is very little available housing in the Florida Keys, and that which exists is extremely expensive. Therefore, Legal Services anticipates the Fellow will live in Miami-Dade County and will travel to Monroe County as necessary. Legal Services has sufficient resources to pay mileage at the IRS approved rate as well as per diem and overnight accommodations as may be necessary.

