

NHLP's mission is to advance housing justice for low income people—by increasing and preserving the nation's supply of decent affordable housing, expanding and enforcing the rights of tenants and homeowners, and increasing housing access and opportunities for underserved communities. Our primary areas of emphasis are policy advocacy, training and technical assistance, and high impact litigation. We work on a wide array of intersectional housing issues, including challenges faced by domestic violence survivors, people re-entering the community from jail or prison, immigrants and people with limited English proficiency, and people with disabilities.

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50 Years Advancing Housing Justice

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National Housing Law Project A 50 YEAR LEGACY

Champion of Tenants' Rights
Policy Leader
Housing Advocates' Partner & Guide



Launching the Next 50 Years,
Your Support Will Move Us Forward!

For 50 years, NHLP has filled many roles as we work to advance the right to housing. At the hub of an expansive network, NHLP supports local advocates and in turn, these partners educate us to realities at the grassroots of our country's housing landscape. We carry the voices of the low-income families we serve to change makers and policy architects by highlighting the real housing challenges of low income tenants.



Hundreds of thousands of homes preserved.



Creation of basic tenants' and homeowners' rights.



Priorities reflected in federal housing programs and policies.



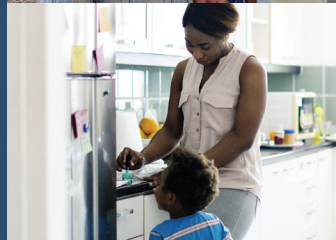
Increased understanding of the intersectional nature of housing with pressing social issues.



Countless thousands of attorneys and advocates armed with knowledge and resources.



High impact litigation.



In 2019, we will break ground in housing rights, just as we've done for 50 years. Please support NHLP in these efforts.

Improving Housing Access and Stability

NHLP will continue its efforts to improve housing rights, particularly for people who have added challenges associated with domestic violence, disabilities, and criminal records. We will advocate for improvements to the Violence Against Women Act. We will partner with grassroots coalitions to establish local ordinances that give people reentering the community a fair chance at a place to live, allow survivors to seek emergency assistance without risking evictions, and honor rights to reasonable accommodations for people who need them in order to stay in their homes.

Advancing Fair Housing and Other Federal Housing Rights

We are co-counsel in groundbreaking litigation against tenant screening companies who disproportionately deny rental applicants who are people of color and those with disabilities. We will work with state agencies and partners to create and implement fair housing protections as state level covers to negative federal actions. NHLP will represent housing advocates in the national Protecting Immigrant Families campaign, formed to fight Trump's proposed Public Charge Rule that targets families seeking basic services such as food and housing.



Protecting Tenants and Improving Housing Law and Policies

NHLP will partner with local legal services and housing advocates to protect tenants and uphold RAD rules as increasing numbers of jurisdictions seek to convert their housing. We will serve as watchdogs to jurisdictions whose RAD conversions construe thinly veiled efforts to divest of troubled developments while sidestepping program rules for tenant protection. We will work with local advocates to enforce residents' rights to healthy homes in cash-starved traditional public housing.

Preserving Affordable Homes

NHLP will continue its track record of successful litigation challenges against owners and the USDA to save rural homes at risk and to seek protection vouchers for tenants at risk of displacement. In the annual budget skirmish to fund project-based Section 8 contracts, now requiring in excess of \$11 billion each year, NHLP will work closely with Congressional allies to ensure an adequate budget. NHLP will continue its Low Income Tax Credits Housing Preservation Initiative. Like much of NHLP's early preservation efforts in other programs, we will work to create new preservation laws to safeguard against massive loss of tax credit units to market rate in the coming years.