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## Equipping Ministries Fellowship Description

The Center for Public Justice invites Hispanic-led, faith-based ministry and church leaders to apply for the Equipping Ministries Fellowship. The Equipping Ministries Fellowship is a two-year learning community that brings together believers who seek to take practical steps to do justice and be light in their communities as the Body of Christ. The Equipping Ministries Fellowship helps participating Hispanic ministry leaders discover how to use the tools they already have and gain key knowledge and resources to increase their impact in their ministries, congregations and wider communities.

The Equipping Ministries Fellowship is a collaboration between the [Center for Public Justice](#) and the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference (NHCLC). Our local community partners for 2025-2026 are the El Paso Baptist Association and Baptist Texas Espanol "BGCT". Funding for this program comes from the Lilly Endowment.

## Fellowship Details

- The next learning community begins January 2025 with in-person sessions taking place until June 2026.
- Six in-person sessions will be held at the El Paso Baptist Association at 10061 Rushing Rd, El Paso, TX 79924.
  - Session 1: January 16, 6-8:30 pm
  - Session 2: February 6, 6-8:30 pm
  - Session 3: February 27, 6-8:30 pm
  - Session 4: April 3, 6-8:30 pm
  - Session 5: April 24, 6-8:30 pm
  - Session 6: May 1, 6-8:30 pm
- If accepted to the program, each participant will be eligible for up to \$3,000.00 for attending all in-person sessions of year-one of the program.
- Each participating organization/congregation can apply for a mini- grant proposal of \$3,000.00 for a community advocacy project. The community advocacy project will be completed during year two of the program.
- Participants of the Equipping Ministries Fellowship program are encouraged to partner with other Fellowship members as a group project to unlock additional funding opportunities for community advocacy projects during year two of the program.

## Fellowship Eligibility

The Equipping Ministries Fellowship is open to applicants who:

- Live and work in El Paso, TX

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- Have at least two years of pastoral leadership experience in Christian ministry
- Are between the ages of 25 and 45 on or before the application deadline, although exceptional applicants ages 46+ will be considered
- Are bilingual, (Spanish/ English)

### **Fellowship Requirements**

- Participants must attend all 6 sessions in-person and other program gatherings scheduled for the duration of the cohort, with exceptions made only for significant extenuating circumstances such as the death of an immediate family member.
- Participants must fill out and return a W-9 form to receive the Fellowship participation stipend.
- Participating ministries must submit the organization's W-9 and 501(c)(3) documentation or letter.

### **How to Apply**

- Applicants will submit a 1-page application describing the applicant's ministry and how they hope the fellowship will help the ministry increase their impact in their community.
- Application deadline is December 6, 2024. 5pm Central Time.
- The filled out PDF must be sent to Mario Alfaro, Program Director at [mario.alfaro@cpjustice.org](mailto:mario.alfaro@cpjustice.org) by the above deadline.

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