

Community Development and Economic Justice Project

LawNY's® Community Development and Economic Justice Project (CDP) can provide free legal assistance and strategic support to eligible community-based organizations and coalitions. CDP is focused on alleviating the root causes of poverty by giving community members legal support to make the changes that they want to see in their communities. We support our clients through litigation, advocacy, transactional legal assistance, and community education, using a community lawyering model. Our work focuses primarily on housing opportunity, quality, and affordability; transportation equity; economic opportunity; and community economic development.

The project covers Monroe, Ontario, Wayne, Seneca, Yates, Livingston, Tompkins, Tioga, Allegany, Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler, Cattaraugus, and Chautauqua counties.

Who We Serve:

Nonprofits

Community groups/citizens' groups/community coalitions

Tenants' associations/neighborhood associations

Small businesses

Types of Services:

- Intakes and consultations
- Trainings for small businesses, nonprofits, and public
- Legal information materials
- Advise and represent:
 - groups on nonprofit formation, governance, and compliance issues
 - groups through strategic consultations, advocacy, and litigation
 - coalitions in negotiating community benefits agreements

Contact Us:

If you or or community group or nonprofit needs assistance, or you would like to learn more about the project, please contact us.

Tollfree Phone: 1-833-244-8066

Email: communitydevelopment@lawny.org

More About Community Lawyering:

Articles You May Be Interested In:

[Supporting Community-Driven Solutions - LawNY's Community Development & Economic Justice Project](#)

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