

**Yale University President's Public Service Fellowship
Proposal for Fellowship Placement • Summer 2017**

- Organization:
**City of New Haven
Department of Youth Services
Newhallville Safe Neighborhood Initiative (NSNI)**

- Full street address of organization:
**New Haven Opportunity Center (NH-op center)
316 Dixwell Avenue
New Haven CT. 06511**

- Website: **www.cityofnewhaven.com**

- Name and title of the Direct Supervisor:
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- Placement dates:
8 Weeks-June 19, 2017 - August 11, 2017):

- Are placement dates flexible? If so, please describe:
Yes, we can work with the Fellow to accommodate.

- Hours of the program (placements should be equivalent to full-time):
9:00am – 5:00pm (30-minute break included)

Placement Description

- Organization description (*Mission statement, population served. 150 words or less.*):

The mission of the Newhallville Safe Neighborhood Initiative (NSNI) is to revitalize Newhallville into a “neighborhood of opportunity,” where people feel safe spending time outside their homes and participate with neighbors in local activities. NSNI’s goals include decreasing the rates of crime, poverty, school drop-outs, blighted areas and other issues impacted the quality of life for Newhallville residents. Newhallville currently has a population of approximately 7,000 residents. Residents, through community focus groups and surveys, have identified issues which they feel are impacting the community such as unsupervised youth, lack of community cohesion and poor relationship between law enforcement agencies and Newhallville residents.

- Please write a 1-2 sentence summary of the work that the Fellow would be conducting (50 words or less):

The Fellow will be responsible for collecting and analyzing data, engaging with stakeholders, attending meetings, submitting reports, assist with management of the Youth Ambassadors program and other responsibilities related to NSNI.

- Please write a complete description of the specific project you propose and list the duties/outcomes expected of the Fellow. (*Suggested length: one to two pages.*)

The City of New Haven is committed to increasing the participation of Newhallville residents in the process of improving social and economic issues impacting their quality of life. The City of New Haven plans to use the federal

Byrne Grant, which the city received from the U.S. Department of Justice, to improve community cohesion, collaborations and youth programs in the Newhallville community. The Newhallville Safe Neighborhood Initiative (NSNI) will provide a Yale Fellow with an incredible range of opportunities for collaborations with New Haven residents as well as federal, city, state and non-profit agencies. The overall goal of the Newhallville Safe Neighborhood Initiative (NSNI) is to revitalize Newhallville into a “neighborhood of opportunity,” where people feel safe spending time outside their homes and participate with neighbors in local activities.

NSNI objectives are aimed at reducing the high rate of crime through community-oriented policing and eliminating identified crime hot spots, cut the number of youth caught in the cycle of violence, fear and retribution that is causing the majority of the violent crime, build community leadership and social cohesion to transform the neighborhood and address the physical deterioration of the neighborhood.

This opportunity will provide a Yale Fellow with an engaging experience working with fellow scholars and relevant stakeholders; in addition, the fellow will develop an inside view of how policy is crafted and resource plans designed by participating in a process offering direct experience with various stakeholders involved in the NSNI initiative. Further responsibilities will involve coordination of trainings for the Newhallville Ambassadors summer employment program. The program employs fifteen (15) youth who reside in the Newhallville area. The programs goal is to support the youth’s engagement in activities which broaden their commitment to community service while increasing their capacity to act as change agents. The Fellow will identify trainings and opportunities which will enhance the youth’s knowledge and experience in the community services field over the course of the five-week employment program.

The NSNI goal is to reduce criminality in identified populations and areas through referrals to NSNI partners and, positive engagement in community trainings, forums and events in efforts to build community cohesion and collaborations which will ultimately have a positive impact on the quality of life for residents of Newhallville.

- Specific skills/experience required for the project (*Please list*):

The ideal PPSF fellow will have strong interpersonal skills with the ability to professionally interact and communicate with organizations and businesses. The Fellow will:

Work with the Project Manager and the NSNI Community Organizer to build community partnerships through extensive phone outreach, in-person meetings and attendance at community events.

Assist in the management of the Newhallville Youth Ambassadors summer employment program

Manage organization and communication systems to sustain community partnerships and relationships, maintain ongoing outreach, including maintenance of call logs, program newsletter, website updates, and Facebook updates.

Coordinate with the Project Manager to provide assistance with the record keeping and data collection, planning community focus groups, and organizing community forums.

Facilitate education workshops and seminars for Youth Ambassadors program.

Provide presentation of material and reports to community leaders and community groups.

Performs miscellaneous job-related duties as assigned.

- Additional requirements (e.g. a car or weekend working hours). If a car is required, please include information regarding parking arrangements and mileage reimbursement):

The fellow may be required to work up to 6 hours on a Saturday or Sunday in order to engage with the Youth Ambassadors who may be required to work events occurring in the Newhallville community during weekends. The Fellow will be required to attend such events in order to review, assess and provide evaluation summaries regarding such programming and the Ambassadors program.

- Briefly describe the work that Yale PPSF Fellows have done with your agency in the past and present. If you have not worked with Yale Fellows, please describe any work that Yale students have done with your agency.

The City of New Haven/ Youth Services Department hired a fellow through the Yale PPSF program during the summer of 2016 a Yale PPSF Fellows have completed valuable project research regarding community hot spots and the surveying process. The Fellow was instrumental in developing questionnaires which allowed the NSNI to receive feedback from residents regarding strategies to improve the Newhallville community. The Yale PPSF attended community meetings relevant to NSNI planning and implementation. The Fellow was instrumental in the development of a database of Newhallville residents, non-profits, faith based leaders and businesses.