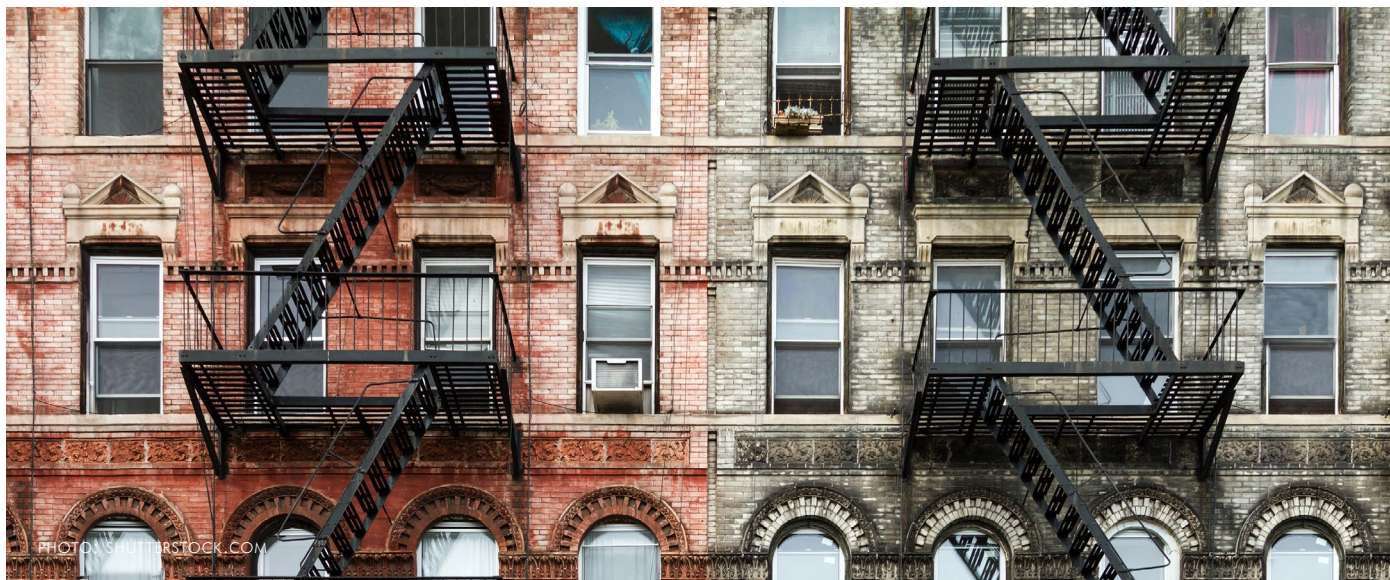


HOUSING STABILITY EVALUATION INCUBATOR

Letters of Interest due: April 6, 2020



The types of services offered to individuals experiencing housing instability in the US have dramatically changed in the past few decades, with evidence playing a fundamental role in these shifts. However, critical open questions remain on how to effectively reduce and prevent homelessness for the millions of people who struggle to remain stably housed each year. How can rigorous evaluation continue to drive improvements to programs aimed at helping people access safe, affordable housing?

J-PAL North America's [work on homelessness](#) seeks to expand the base of evidence on strategies to reduce and prevent homelessness. A key aspect of this goal is supporting organizations working to end homelessness in using randomized evaluations to generate new and widely applicable lessons about which strategies are most effective and why.

Through the Housing Stability Evaluation Incubator, organizations can apply for:



Pro bono technical assistance from J-PAL's staff of policy and research experts to develop an evaluation idea;



Flexible funding of up to \$50,000 to support the design of a high-quality evaluation; and



Connections with J-PAL's network of leading academic researchers to develop one or more high-quality randomized evaluations of a policy or program.

J-PAL's network of researchers includes affiliated professors at more than 40 universities around the world who use randomized evaluations to design, test, and improve programs and policies aimed at alleviating poverty. Selected organizations that partner with a researcher from J-PAL's network to design a rigorous, randomized evaluation through the Evaluation Incubator can apply for further funding to carry out the evaluation.

LEARN MORE

- Contact Rohit Naimpally at rnaimpally@povertyactionlab.org if you have any questions about eligibility. J-PAL North America staff are available for half hour informational calls to talk with interested organizations about the opportunity.
- If you would like to receive updates from the [Housing Stability Evaluation Incubator](#), including updates on application deadlines, please sign up for J-PAL North America's homelessness mailing list [here](#).
- [Sign up here](#) for a free webinar that will provide more details about the opportunity and putting together a successful application.
- Application materials will be available on [our website](#) starting January 13.



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ELIGIBILITY

Organizations in the North America region interested in answering policy-relevant research questions on strategies to reduce homelessness are invited to apply. This may include nonprofit service providers, government agencies or offices, public housing authorities, Continuums of Care, and other organizations that operate programs or policies aimed at reducing homelessness, preventing eviction, and promoting housing stability. The policies or programs that organizations propose to evaluate may be related to:

- Short-term financial assistance for individuals and families at imminent risk of experiencing homelessness;
- Legal representation in housing court for individuals and families at risk of eviction;
- Project-based transitional housing;
- Rapid re-housing;
- Permanent supportive housing;
- Broader housing subsidies, such as Housing Choice Vouchers, public housing, and low-income housing tax credits;
- Rent control;
- Evaluating whether housing first programs reduce the public costs of homelessness;

- The long-term benefits of homelessness reduction programs, on a broad range of outcomes from housing stability to well-being and health;
- Whether coordinated entry successfully matches people to the right programs;
- How existing programs can be designed, targeted, and bundled to be most effective.

This list is not exhaustive: any proposal that explores forward-looking mechanisms to prevent homelessness, or interventions and services for people experiencing homelessness is potentially in scope. For a comprehensive review of open academic research questions on reducing and preventing homelessness, please see our Evidence Review, “[Reducing and Preventing Homelessness: Lessons from Randomized Evaluations.](#)”

We also welcome ideas for evaluation outside of the policies and programs listed above.

TIMELINE

J-PAL North America will release a call for Letters of Interest on January 13, 2020. **Letters of Interest will be due on April 6, 2020.** Selected finalists will be invited to submit a full application in July 2020.