

EDRN Application

HOW TO APPLY

The application for Eviction Data Response Network (EDRN) partners consists of this application, three letters of support, a 2026 organizational budget, a proposed EDRN program budget, and an optional draft job description.

The application is due by 5:00PM ET on March 3, 2026 via the [EDRN application portal](#).

You may use this document to take notes and prepare your application. The portal will not accept incomplete submissions.

1. Organizational Background

Primary Contact for Application

Name	
Title	
Organization/Affiliation	
Website	
Street Address	
City/State/Zip	
Phone	
Email	

a. **Describe your organization, your department, and their functions. (200 words)**

b. **Please share your organization's current year operating budget, including revenue and expenses. (attach as separate document)**

2. Eviction Data Context

This section asks you to describe the current landscape of eviction data in your state, including the accessibility of the data and existing efforts to collect it, to the best of your knowledge. We are asking these questions to get a sense of your existing familiarity with eviction data in your state, not to weed out applicants with poor data access. However, as EDRN defines statewide data access as covering 80 percent or more of the state's renter population, states where major population centers rely on paper court records may not be invited to participate.

a. What does access to eviction data look like in your state? Ultimately, who decides what information is shared and how? (100 words)

b. Are housing stakeholders regularly able to access data on evictions? If so, what sorts of data are available and to whom? If not, why not? (100 words)

c. Tell us about your organization's experience gathering and/or analyzing data on evictions in your community. Please describe the challenges you encountered, and how you overcame those challenges (or not). (200 words)

3. Program Narrative

This section asks you to outline your vision for EDRN participation. It also asks you to describe your organization's experiences, relationships, and capacity relevant to the role of an EDRN partner.

- a. What do you hope to accomplish by joining EDRN? Why is your organization uniquely positioned to partner in EDRN? How might advocates and decision-makers in your state, whether inside or outside government, use eviction data to advance housing stability? (500 words)**

- b. Describe existing eviction prevention efforts at the state or local level. How would your participation in EDRN complement the work of existing programs? (200 words)**

c. **Describe any anticipated challenges to accomplishing the goals of EDRN if selected. What strategies would you employ to overcome them, and what support might you need to do so? (200 words)**

4. Eviction Data Problem Solving Team

The EDRN partner is responsible for building and regularly convening an eviction data problem-solving team that includes, among other qualities, buy-in from state level authority; housing and eviction subject matter expertise (legal and policy); key players at the local level representing major population centers; necessary data and IT skillsets; and relationship-building and information sharing among all team members.

If selected as an EDRN partner, who do you anticipate will be key members of your eviction data problem-solving team, and why? Describe your relationship to these organizations and your experience convening multi-stakeholder teams. (250 words)

5. Budget & Staffing

New America will provide grant funding to selected EDRN partners to directly fund EDRN activities, primarily through staff time of a new hire or existing staff with dedicated capacity for EDRN. Partners are required to provide a one-to-one match. Assume an approximate amount up to \$150,000 awarded by New America, and an approximate amount up to \$150,000 match. While proof of cash match is not required at the time of application submission, it will be required prior to distribution of passthrough funds should your state be awarded.

a. What would be the roles and responsibilities for the person at your organization funded to do the EDRN work? Please provide a draft job description (by uploading to the application portal) or a narrative description of duties for a new or existing staff member. (250 words)

b. Describe how your organization will ensure that the eviction data work is appropriately resourced and sustainable, including through the matching grant requirement. (150 words)

c. Please detail the anticipated total income and expenses specific to the proposed work, by year, for both years of the requested grant period using the budget template available for download in the application portal.

6. Letters of Support

Please provide three letters of support demonstrating your relationships with and support from eviction prevention stakeholders in your state. Letters of support do not represent a binding commitment. Applicants must provide the following:

- One letter from a state agency related to housing or data collection, or from a state-level judiciary (e.g. the Department of Housing and Community Development, Government Operations Agency, State Administrative Office of the Courts). A clear indication of a state agency's commitment to eviction data such as a recent press release, interagency council, or existing working group meeting may be considered in lieu of this letter.
- Two letters from anticipated members of the eviction data problem-solving team, including at least one organization operating at the local level (e.g. municipal government, Continuum of Care, local judicial district) within your state.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The application packet of materials is due via this [portal](#) by 5:00PM ET on March 3, 2026.

All submissions are final and applications will not be considered after the deadline closes.

You will receive an email by March 4, 2026 indicating confirmation of your application.

A review panel will assess applications in March and likely schedule virtual interviews with finalists under consideration in late March. States selected for Cohort 1 and Cohort 2 as well as those states not selected will be notified no later than April 10, 2026.

Please see the [FAQs page](#) for more information.