Introduction
The Minnesota ERASE Campaign (End Rental Arrears and Stop Evictions) is an effort to ensure that the historic aid enacted by Congress reaches the lowest-income and most marginalized renters it is intended to help. We are working to eliminate rental indebtedness caused by the pandemic, prevent evictions, and create support for long-term policy changes to end housing instability and homelessness. Co-conveners of the campaign include ACER (African Career Education Resource); Housing Justice Center, and MHP (Minnesota Housing Partnership).

Project Background and Goals
In 2022, the ERASE Campaign initiated its first project to evaluate extrajudicial evictions in Minnesota, working with the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs and HOME Line as research partners. The research publication, “The Impact of the COVID-19 Eviction Moratorium on Landlord-Initiated Displacement Actions” defined landlord-initiated displacement actions (LIDAs), or instances of residents/renter households forced to leave their residence with or without a formal eviction and analyzed the frequency and types of extrajudicial evictions. The project relied on data from HOME Line for analysis over a multiple-year period for analysis.

The project revealed that landlord-initiated displacement actions, particularly non-formal evictions, are understudied and not well understood – in fact CURA’s report may be one of the first to examine no-eviction LIDAs to this extent.

The Minnesota ERASE campaign seeks to expand on the 2022 research report to further explore LIDAs in Minnesota, utilizing qualitative research to enhance learnings, and to begin exploration of potential policy solutions. We are hoping this meeting series could take place in the fall or winter of 2023. The project goals include:

- Designing a meeting series for a working group of community subject matter experts, with the support of a project team of MN ERASE members, to include renter experts, to explore LIDA experiences and identify solutions;
- Facilitating up to three meetings of LIDA community experts, or a combination of less than three meetings and individual interviews with community experts; and
- Producing a written summary of findings and recommendations from community experts.

Project Funding: MN ERASE has a budget of up to $15,000 for this project.
Project support from MN ERASE

- MN ERASE will recruit community subject matter experts for participation in the meeting series.
- MN ERASE co-conveners will be part of a project research team, which can provide feedback on meeting design and key questions for community experts on their experiences with landlord initiated displacement actions.
- The ERASE Campaign will provide financial support to community participants in this research project.

To Apply
Interested parties should submit:
- Description of experience, skills, and qualifications
- Project proposal, with budget
- At least one reference/testimonial

Timeframe
Responses are accepted starting Wednesday, August 9; applications will be accepted until partner is selected. Please send all responses via email to elizabeth.glidden@mhponline.org.