

PHFA Kathy A Possinger Housing Policy Fellowship

2026 Fellows

Evaine Sing



Biography: Dr. Evaine K. Sing is a Registered Landscape Architect and community development practitioner whose work centers on strengthening neighborhoods, increasing accessibility to decision-making, and policy-informed systems change in the Pittsburgh region. As Principal of EKS Solutions, she advises municipalities, CDCs, and resident-led groups on strategic planning, program design, and implementation frameworks that strengthen community capacity and long-term self-sufficiency. For over a decade, Evaine has primarily focused on issues related to vacancy and disinvestment in urban communities. She holds degrees in landscape architecture, public policy & management, and social sciences. Her interdisciplinary background—spanning planning & design, policy, people-centered research, and nonprofit operations—positions her to translate on-the-ground community needs into actionable policy recommendations.

Project Summary: The awarded project—Filling the Gaps—aims to develop a replicable, policy-aligned model for pairing vacant, underutilized urban land with modular, cost-effective housing solutions in Pennsylvania’s legacy cities, beginning with the City of Pittsburgh and adjacent Borough of Wilkinsburg as the focus of the study. Modular housing offers a promising solution for affordability, speed of deployment, and quality control. However, its potential remains largely untapped in urban Pennsylvania due to zoning, parcel irregularity, infrastructure readiness, and financial structuring challenges. This project will bridge that gap—by identifying ideal sites, engaging community partners, and modeling real-world feasibility and cost. The project will use a mixed-methods approach combining spatial analysis, policy research, stakeholder interviews, and strategy development. The work will be grounded in site-specific research in the City of Pittsburgh and Borough of Wilkinsburg but structured to create a replicable model applicable across Pennsylvania’s legacy cities.