



POWER UP: Renter Action for Energy Justice

will equip renters with the information, tools, and resources to take concrete action towards enhancing their homes' energy efficiency without relying on landlords to initiate improvements.

Phase 1: Discovery

Assess mechanisms for renters to take action on energy efficiency and electrification across 5 categories:

Technical, Legal, Financial, Policy, and Behavioral.

Formation of Renter/Landlord Council.

Phase 2: Design

University-based subject matter experts and designers will facilitate iterative design sprints in collaboration with renters, landlords, organizers, community leaders, contractors and service providers - to illuminate the most helpful and desirable tools that will constitute our

Renter Action Toolkit.

Phase 3: Pilot Implementation

Program design and implementation of a package of measures of the toolkit's most promising recommendations in up to *25 landlord-tenant relationships* across Kingston's five Justice40 census tracts.

Outcomes

The **Renter Action Toolkit** will specify direct actions for LMI renters to *co-design and independently implement energy efficiency and electrification upgrades* across a spectrum of landlord involvement & tools to better negotiate with landlords when they must play an active or collaborative role.

- Immediate benefits for **25** LMI renter homes in the pilot phase
- Large-scale implementation can assist up to **1,468** households in Kingston and **493,635** LMI renter households in similar NY cities
- A pathway for more *equitable participation* for LMI communities in the energy system

Large-Scale Implementation

Pilot findings will inform the development and implementation of programs in Kingston and in cities throughout NY State with similar profiles: *Queens, Brooklyn and the Bronx in NYC, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh, Buffalo, Albany and Syracuse.*

