

Community Revitalization Planner

Must be a resident of Illinois or willing to relocate. Flexible scheduling is available, upon completion of a six-month probationary period.

Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), one of the Nation's preeminent Housing Finance Agencies and one of the State's ten largest financial institutions, is currently seeking a Community Revitalization Planner to build upon their 50+ year leadership in housing finance.

At IHDA we are dedicated to building a diverse, inclusive, and authentic workplace. If you're excited about this opportunity, we encourage you to apply. You may be just the right candidate for this position or other positions within our organization.

What we Offer

- Paid time off, plus paid holidays
- Hybrid work arrangement
- Medical/dental/vision insurance plans that are effective on day one
- Life insurance, short/long term disability, tuition reimbursement, and flex spending
- 401(k); immediate vesting
- Tuition reimbursement/Educational benefit program
- Employee Assistance Program

Inclusive work culture. At IHDA we value and strive to create and maintain a work environment that promotes recognition and inclusion. IHDA is committed to hiring and investing in individuals of diverse talents and backgrounds, to ensure a range of perspectives and experiences that will inform and guide our work of financing affordable housing within the state of Illinois.

Summary & Essential Functions:

The Community Revitalization (CR) team within SPAR provides a crucial link between local housing, community planning, and IHDA-administered funding. Focusing particularly on underserved geographies throughout the state, the CR team provides both long-term planning and direct technical assistance to communities looking to engage development resources at IHDA and beyond. This group relies on partnerships within SPAR and other IHDA departments, and with planners, developers, and communities throughout Illinois to gather and assess quantitative and qualitative information on local conditions to make actionable recommendations.

The Community Revitalization Planner will participate as a key member of the CR team, serving communities directly by providing proactive planning services that include but are not limited to surveying, data-gathering, mapping, and plan-making. The Community Revitalization Planner will maintain a "caseload" of multiple planning partnerships and technical assistance activities, and will be responsible for working with the CR Manager and CR Specialist in carrying out all outreach, planning, and research activities, as well as identifying new program opportunities to enhance community engagement, data analysis, and other planning components that examine local conditions for communities and support the development of Community Revitalization Plans.

Additional activities of this role include providing technical assistance to communities and developers surrounding the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program; participating in conferences, panels, and other speaking engagements for Community Revitalization Program; and others as necessary. Must have excellent written and analytical skills, as well as good oral communication capabilities. This position requires travel throughout the State of Illinois. Bilingual (Spanish/English) speakers are strongly encouraged to apply.

EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE and SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:

5)+ years of proven and related experience; or a bachelor's degree in planning, urban studies, public administration, public policy, or economics, or a related field plus (3)+ years experience; or a master's degree in the above fields plus (1)+ year experience.

Good communication and strong writing skills are required. Experience in community engagement/organizing or working with outside stakeholders and community residents is strongly preferred. Experience analyzing large datasets with strongly preferred but not required. Will be required to utilize a variety of data-processing software, applications, and websites (Microsoft Excel, PolicyMap, Census Bureau, ArcGIS products); experience in or ability to learn these programs is required. Experience in Microsoft Word is required.

Excellent benefits package,

To apply, submit resume and to:

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