



Job Title: Disaster Resilience and Adaptation Program Director

Company: Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative

Location: Flexible, Preferably along the Mississippi River

Job Type: Full-Time

Are you a seasoned professional with experience in state, local, and federal grant management and deep understanding of natural infrastructure? Are you passionate about natural resources management and eager to make a significant impact on communities along the Mississippi River corridor? If so, we have an exciting opportunity for you!

Company Overview: Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative is a leading organization dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability, community resilience, and disaster mitigation along the Mississippi River corridor. Our mission is to bridge the gap between conventional conservation work and cutting-edge disaster resilience, climate mitigation efforts to create thriving, sustainable communities.

Position Overview: We are seeking a highly skilled and motivated Director of Disaster Resilience and Adaptation with a strong background in natural resources management to join our dynamic team. As a director, you will play a critical role in securing and managing state, local, and federal grants primarily through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill and the Inflation Reduction Act to support our initiatives and programs along the Mississippi River corridor. Your expertise in grant management and your ability to bridge the gap between conservation, resilience/climate mitigation efforts will be essential to success.

Responsibilities:

- Research, identify, and pursue relevant state, local, and federal grant opportunities to support our programs and initiatives.
- Work with communities large and small to develop natural infrastructure projects.
- Work with numerous external organizations, both large and small to develop natural infrastructure projects.
- Prepare and submit grant proposals, ensuring compliance with all requirements and deadlines.
- Manage the entire grant lifecycle, including some grant writing, budget development, reporting, and compliance.
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams to develop comprehensive grant strategies and align them with organizational goals.
- Bridge the gap between conventional conservation work and cutting-edge disaster resilience and climate mitigation efforts to enhance the sustainability of local communities along the Mississippi River corridor.

- Provide guidance and support to program managers in the implementation and management of grant-funded projects.
- Maintain accurate records of grant activities, financials, and reporting requirements.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's or Master's (preferred) degree in natural resources management, environmental science, or a related field.
- A minimum of 7 years of experience in state, local, and federal grant management. Experience can compensate for varied educational background.
- Proven track record of successfully securing and managing grants in the natural resources or environmental field.
- In-depth knowledge of grant application processes, requirements, and compliance standards.
- Strong understanding of natural resources management, conservation, disaster resilience, and climate mitigation.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, with the ability to effectively communicate complex concepts to diverse stakeholders.
- Ability to work independently and manage multiple projects simultaneously.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.
- Attention to detail and commitment to accuracy in grant applications and reporting.
- Strong history of work with multiple partners both governmental and non-governmental.

How to Apply: If you are a highly motivated professional with a passion for natural resources management and the ability to bridge the gap between conventional conservation work and cutting-edge disaster resilience and climate mitigation efforts, we would love to hear from you. Please submit your resume, cover letter, any relevant work samples, and salary requirements to tlumas@mrcti.org. Please include " Disaster Resilience and Adaptation Program Director" in the subject line of your email.

Mississippi River Cities and Towns Initiative is an equal opportunity employer. We value diversity and encourage candidates from all backgrounds to apply. Applications accepted until November 13, 2023. Please note this is a two-year funded position with an option to renew for additional cycles.

Note: Due to the high volume of applications, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

