

Community / Economic Development Specialist

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We are actively seeking an individual to assist our municipal clients with securing and administering funding for important community and economic development projects, with a focus on infrastructure. We have a growing list of clients and projects and need a professional to lead this part of our business. The position may be located in Troy or Queensbury, NY office.

Responsibilities include developing funding/ financing applications for our existing municipal clients and managing and administering our current portfolios of grants. Knowledge of the CDBG, NYS EDC, NYS EFC, US EDA and USDA programs, a track record in securing funding/ financing, as well as the oversight and implementation of these programs is essential. This position will fill a Project Manager role in our municipal services practice area.

The preferred candidate will have significant experience working with municipalities and public agencies, a strong understanding of the municipal procurement/ capital project development process, as well as a sound understanding of SEQRA/NEPA. We are looking for an individual who can assist and/or lead strategic outreach efforts to identify opportunities to develop new clients by providing these services.

We are looking for a professional with excellent verbal and written communications, has a strong technical aptitude, and enjoys working in a collaborative environment. The candidate should understand demographic and technical analysis methods, possess strong public presentations skills and be self-directed. Attendance at evening meetings/ functions may be required.

Requirements - Bachelor's degree in engineering, planning, public administration/ finance or related field required; Master's degree is preferred. Four to six (4-6) years of experience and excellent technical writing and computer skills are required. Chazen is a growing company with opportunities for like-minded individual.

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The Chazen Companies is actively seeking an experienced planner to join our team. This position will support our growing planning practice. Our work is diverse and includes community or area-specific, environmental, cultural, economic, and transportation planning. As a multidisciplinary firm, our planning team works in partnership with our different service lines and our clients include local municipalities, planning and advocacy organizations and private enterprise.

The preferred individual will have a strong academic planning foundation and the intuition to identify how best to apply their knowledge when working on projects. The candidate will bring the passion to explore

new planning practices and opportunity to employ these in our work. Experience in supporting and leading public engagement exercises, the ability to work independently and collaboratively, a keen understanding of the planning and design process, and strong graphic arts skills are required. The ability to conduct and interpret planning related research and data is essential.

We are looking for a planner with excellent written and verbal skills, has a strong technical aptitude, is intuitive and wants to crush it! A working knowledge of SEQRA/NEPA and the local land use approval process is a benefit.

Requirements: Masters in planning or landscape architecture or a related field is required. Applicants with a bachelor's degree and exceptional work experience will be considered. Three to five (3-5) years' experience, excellent technical writing and computer skills are required. Proficiency in GIS, Google Sketch-Up (or comparable 3D software), communications graphics, and website related platforms is preferred. Salary is negotiable and the position will likely be based in our Queensbury, NY office.

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