

CABANNE DISTRICT CDC

Practicum Description

About the Organization:

CABANNE DISTRICT CDC, established in 2023, is dedicated to developing, financing, and advocating for affordable housing at scale with a focus on racial equity, sustainability, education, innovation, and healthy communities. The organization is committed to addressing systemic and environmental inequities experienced by historically marginalized groups and actively engages in strategies to promote economic, health, justice, and energy equity.

Mission:

CDCDC's mission is to create strong, economically resilient, and sustainable communities by addressing inequities and injustices through a spectrum of place-based activities. The organization acts as a catalyst for change, playing a critical role in shaping the West End/VP future, particularly through initiatives like the Equitable Energy Mixed Income Community Initiative (EEMICI).

About the Position:

The Practicum Student will play a crucial role in advancing equitable energy access and contributing to the Localization of United Nations SDGs, particularly the Justice 40 Initiative. Responsibilities encompass collaborating on equitable community building, fostering relationships with private and public sector partners, and providing technical assistance to enhance the organization's impact. This role involves proactive engagement with community leaders, managing diverse projects, and staying informed on relevant legislation and advocacy efforts in the realm of community development. The position also includes tasks such as facilitating marketing communication activities, creating programs, compiling newsletters, and coordinating various events to promote awareness and capacity building in the St. Louis community.

Experience gained and acquired include:

- Practical experience in the community development field.
- Facilitating and managing individual and group projects.
- Working, interacting, and influencing civic and community leaders, as well as other key stakeholders.
- Collaborating with diverse individuals across various socio economic levels to achieve common goals.
- Managing multiple projects simultaneously in complex environments.
- Knowledge and practical field experience in urban planning, community real estate development, economic and workforce development, economic justice, and public policy.
- Familiarity with relevant community development terminology encountered in the course of work.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Collaborate with the team to contribute to equitable community building efforts.
- Build and maintain relationships with private and public sector partners.
- Provide technical assistance to organization.

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- Facilitate marketing communication activities to raise awareness of community building efforts in the region.
- Assist in creating new programs that meet the needs of the organization.
- Compile weekly and monthly newsletter communication to our network and membership, updating on the latest community development trends, news, and opportunities.
- Assist with the coordination of meetings, events, workshops, and other activities with other organizations to build and enhance capacity in the community development field.
- Assist in tasks, assignments, and required follow up from meetings and events.
- Assist in the creation of meeting summaries and distribute via email to attendees.
- Assist in the creation of reports, presentations, documents, and correspondence related to project activities.
- Develop and sustain close working relationships with a wide variety of stakeholders.
- Research and stay informed on local and state-level legislation and advocacy efforts related to the community development field.
- Undertake other projects as assigned.

POSITION QUALIFICATIONS

Education:

Students pursuing their Master's (Bachelor's degree acceptable) from an accredited college or university in public administration, urban planning, economics, social work, or related field.

Desired Qualifications:

- Communicate strongly both orally and in writing; ability to speak publicly (e.g., small groups).
- Organize and prioritize to ensure effective workflow and response to deadlines.
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with individuals and groups.
- Use basic computer word processing and spreadsheet/database management applications (i.e., Microsoft Word/Excel/Access/PowerPoint applications) and comfortable with the use of virtual meeting technology (i.e., Zoom).

APPLICATION

Interested candidates should send their cover letter and resume to jpcabanne@icloud.com with the subject line "Interest in Practicum Position".

Best Regards

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CABANNE DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION