



Community Engagement Specialist

Missourians for Responsible Transportation is hiring a Community Engagement Specialist to assist rural communities in identifying and addressing their transportation needs.

Founded in 2018 by Missouri's leading transportation advocacy organizations, Missourians for Responsible Transportation (MRT) is an advocacy network working to address Missouri's transportation needs at a statewide level.

MRT serves as an umbrella partnership that brings together communities and organizations from across the state to advocate with one voice at the state level for a fiscally responsible transportation system that works for all Missourians. We envision a statewide transportation system made up of streets, roads, sidewalks, protected bike lanes, trails, and public transit service that allows all Missourians to travel safely and independently. MRT's Leadership Team is made up of PedNet Coalition in Columbia, BikeWalkKC in Kansas City, Trailnet in St. Louis, and Ozark Greenways in Springfield.

MRT has been awarded a grant (January 2020 - December 2021) to assist 10 rural Missouri communities in identifying and addressing their transportation needs. With the support of MRT, the rural communities will assess their transportation needs, gaps, and barriers; develop solutions; and lead campaigns for infrastructure and policies to address their needs. The specific campaign topics will be dependent on local needs and priorities, but will share a focus on connecting vulnerable populations (i.e., economically disadvantaged children, youth, and families) to everyday destinations (e.g., jobs, healthcare facilities, schools) that allow them to live self-sufficiently.

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- Full-time position (salaried, exempt)
- Compensation: \$35,000/year
- Benefits:
 - 20 days Vacation/Illness/Personal paid leave
 - 9 paid holidays
 - Health insurance contribution (\$250/month)
 - Retirement contribution (match up to 3% of salary)
 - Personal cell phone stipend (\$50/month)
 - Long-term disability insurance
 - Identity theft insurance
 - Flexible schedule
- Commitment through December 31, 2021 with potential for future renewal based on continued project funding

This position reports to the MRT Leadership Team, and is housed at PedNet's office in Columbia.

What we're looking for

The ideal person for this position is someone who has:

- A personal commitment to walking, biking, and public transit
- An understanding of the relationship between policy, infrastructure, and strong communities
- A high level of cultural competency and an enjoyment of working in diverse communities
- The ability to be self-directed and work independently
- Outstanding organizational skills
- Strong listening skills (listening for understanding, and conveying compassion and empathy)
- Technical communication skills, such as:
 - Writing for web, newsletters, advocacy resources, grant reports and proposals
 - Experience developing and editing website content
 - Photography
- Computer skills (email, internet, document writing)
- Passion for MRT's mission

MRT strives to have a diverse staff that represents our community. We particularly encourage people of color, people with disability experience, and people connected to communities with limited economic opportunity to apply.

MRT values inclusion, diversity, and equity, and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, or disability.

Position Description

The Community Engagement Specialist assists MRT's Project Coordinator in implementing rural community-based transportation advocacy projects. The Community Engagement Specialist's roles are primarily to: 1) provide on-the-ground assistance to communities, and 2) develop communications materials (print, web, etc.) to support the projects. The position requires occasional travel to communities across Missouri.

Responsibilities

- Assist the Project Coordinator in the community recruitment and selection process
- Collect data from the communities, including performing walk/bike audits
- Develop communications materials and resources for communities
- Manage MRT website to provide updates on current projects and easy access to resources
- Plan community retreats and trainings
- Assist communities in mobilizing around advocacy issues
- Identify and pursue new sources of funding to financially sustain the work of MRT (grant proposals, membership, sponsorships, etc.)

Physical requirements

- Ability to use a computer and phone for regular communication
- Ability to travel independently across Missouri

To apply, please submit the following application materials to Chief Strategy Officer, Lawrence Simonson (Lawrence@PedNet.org), by November 8, 2020:

1. Cover letter
2. Résumé or CV