

## **Tamarisk Coalition - Funding Specialist Position**

**Description:** The Tamarisk Coalition, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration of riparian lands, is seeking to fill a Funding Specialist Position. The candidate will have demonstrated knowledge, skills and ability to research, procure funding resources in a natural resources context and be able to assist TC partners in accessing those funding resources from local, state and federal sources. This position may potentially evolve to create and execute long-term, sustainable funding plans for individual organizations and partnerships. This is an exciting new position requiring many specialized skills as well as the desire to confront unique challenges. All who feel they may be able to complete many of the tasks outlined and to work into the other areas required are encouraged to apply.

**Location:** The position is based in Grand Junction, CO. It is important that the applicant is able to work in a non-traditional work environment that fosters flexibility, open dialogue, and innovation.

**Salary:** Professional full-time salaried; salary is based on experience; range is \$45,760 – \$52,000/year. Benefits include health insurance stipend, continuing education stipend, vacation, sick and holiday pay, 403(b)7 retirement account, and employee assistance program.

**Primary Responsibilities:** This person will assist and support the TC and its staff and partners to gain a greater understanding of local, state and federal funding streams that support riparian restoration on private and public lands, their origins and applicability to enhance the riparian restoration activities conducted by the TC and its partners. These funding sources include but are not limited to funding from US Dept. of Interior (BLM, USFWS, USGS, and NPS), Dept. of Agriculture (NRCS, USFS), Dept. of Energy, Severance Tax, Great Outdoors Colorado, etc.

### **Required Qualifications:**

- Master's degree with 5 years minimum applied work experience in natural resources management, public policy, public administration or a related field.
- Experience in grant writing, funding procurement and/or grant administration.
- Experience with federal and western state cost share and other funding programs which support watershed health and conservation measures; especially NRCS Farm Bill Programs implementation components including eligibility, administrative processes, and technical aspects (setting priorities, formulating criteria rankings).
- Demonstrated ability to form relationships and work with diverse stakeholders including landowners, funders, state and federal agency personnel and other nonprofit staff.
- Expertise in restoration and practical environmental science experience.
- Computer skills (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.)
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.

### **Preferred Qualifications:**

- Experience providing assistance on grant requirements (i.e. administrative, fiscal, and technical responsibilities) for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP), Conservation Security Program (CSP), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Wetland Reserve Program (WRP), Basin States Parallel Program (BSPP) and other sources of federal funding which support watershed health and conservation measures.
- Knowledge of and ability to clearly communicate, advise, and assist on river restoration and conservation issues, problems, and solutions (including habitat restoration) in the western US to

diverse groups of rural and community landowners, residents and other stakeholders in writing and verbally.

- Work experience can include knowledge of policy analysis and development and how that would relate to funding potential, interaction with diverse organizations and legislative bodies, technical understanding of invasive weed control and ecosystem restoration.

**Special Job Requirements:**

- Dependable car and valid driver's license, registration, and insurance for travel throughout Colorado and other western states
- Ability to work a flexible schedule, including evenings and weekends as needed; ability to travel for extended periods (1 week or more)
- Public participation experience is desirable

**Application Instructions:** Application deadline is October 14, 2011 at 5 p.m. Mountain Time. Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Stacy Kolegas, Executive Director [skolegas@tamariskcoalition.org](mailto:skolegas@tamariskcoalition.org); please write "Funding Specialist Application" in the subject line.



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