

Tamarisk Coalition - Funding Program Coordinator Position

Description: The Tamarisk Coalition (TC), a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration of riparian lands, is seeking to fill a Funding Program Coordinator Position. The candidate will have demonstrated knowledge, skills and ability to research, and procure funding resources in a natural resources context. These skills will be used to assist TC partners in accessing those funding resources from local, state, federal, and private sources. This position may potentially evolve to create and execute long-term, sustainable funding plans for individual organizations and partnerships.

Location: The TC is located in Grand Junction, CO and works throughout the western US. The location for this position is in Grand Junction but could be negotiable pending the candidate's willingness to travel and whether the location is manageable given the requirements of the position and TC resources.

Salary: Professional full-time salaried; salary is based on experience; range from \$40,000 to \$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, federal, and private 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 Grant Programs, etc. in the states of Colorado, Utah, Arizona, and Nevada.

Required Qualifications:

- Master's degree preferred with 5 years minimum applied work experience in natural resources, 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.
- 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.
- 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 November 21, 2011 at 5 p.m. Mountain Time. Please send cover letter, resume, and references *in PDF format only* to Stacy Kolegas, Executive Director skolegas@tamariskcoalition.org; please write "Funding Program Coordinator Application" in the subject line.



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