

Rural LISC Seeks a Disaster Recovery/Resiliency Coordinator

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The Rural program of the Local Initiatives

Support Corporation (LISC) seeks a professional to fill the position of Disaster Recovery/Resiliency Coordinator. This is a temporary position that is currently funded for 24 months. This position reports to the Vice President responsible for oversight of Rural LISC. Background LISC is a national nonprofit organization, which provides financial and technical assistance to neighborhood-based nonprofit community development corporations (CDCs) working to improve housing and economic conditions in distressed neighborhoods. Rural LISC works with CDCs and community-based organizations in 44 states and over 2000 rural counties across America to develop affordable multi-family rental housing, homeownership opportunities, commercial enterprises and community facilities. Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria have caused widespread damage in the rural regions of southeast Texas, southern and western Florida and all of Puerto Rico, and will have long-term impacts. Thousands of people have been displaced and are in need of immediate housing and other resources that will aid their stabilization and recovery. Many of those people are in communities where Rural LISC partners already have a strong presence and infrastructure. In order to address critical needs, LISC is assembling a pool of capital—loans, equity, investments and grants—to support the work of our partners to move quickly to bring aid to these communities and their residents. As Rural LISC provides technical assistance and financial support to community partners in these three regions of impact, it is critical that we have a point person to coordinate recovery and resiliency activities within each region, as well as across the entire network of Rural LISC community based partners working on disaster recovery and resiliency, post storm. We want to insure that we share and document best practices and take advantage of peer to peer learning and support opportunities, as well as purchasing, scale and other collaboration opportunities in this critical work. The Disaster Recovery/Resiliency Coordinator will be the “face” of Rural LISC for local partners, residents, local and state governments, FEMA and others in each region.

Responsibilities

- Manage relationships with defined Rural LISC partners working on disaster recovery and resiliency efforts in the various geographies impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria on a day-to-day basis, reporting to the Rural LISC Vice President.
- Participate in providing, awarding and monitoring capacity building grants to enable Rural LISC's partners to conduct outreach to residents in affected areas and connect them with public and private services and financial support; conduct community assessments; strengthen partnerships with local government agencies, federal agencies, and other first responders and service delivery agencies; and address housing and other community needs.
- Create and manage a formal peer mentoring program for Rural LISC partners with more nascent or emerging capacity to undertake this work with more mature/advanced organizations to encourage learning and growth.
- Provide technical assistance to Rural LISC's partners in navigating the government and private sector relief and recovery system.

- Help Rural LISC's community-based partners to identify solutions to facilitate temporary and permanent relocation of residents in affected areas; permanent housing solutions to include new construction, rehabilitation and replacement units.
- Work closely with groups on the ground to identify programmatic and regulatory issues as they arise during the recovery effort, bring them to the attention of relevant government agencies and civic groups, and help develop strategies for resolving them. ♣
- Work with Rural LISC's community development partners to advocate around critical recovery issues, and to help develop an effective long-term recovery/resiliency strategy in communities impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.
- Assist community groups with designing and implementing rebuilding programs.
- Oversee and organize the collection of data, its analysis and reporting, as related to rebuilding, and the use of funds for such efforts.
- Manage and coordinate consultant activities, as needed.

Qualifications ♣

- Undergraduate degree required.
- Knowledge of community development and affordable housing. Familiarity with impacted regions a plus.
- Bilingual preferred.
- Prior experience with rural community and housing development programs, resources and policy issues required.
- Working knowledge of USDA Rural Development, CDBG, HOME, CDBG-DR and other related rural and disaster financing tools.
- Ability to quickly gain expertise and navigate the emerging system of relief being created by government agencies such as FEMA and state housing agencies in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico.
- Ability to collaborate and build relationships with local partners and multiple teams to get resources to impacted areas and people quickly.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- Housing finance or underwriting experience a plus.
- Flexibility to interact with a variety of people from diverse backgrounds.
- Experience in policy and advocacy around issues that affect rural communities.
- Self-directed, independent worker who takes initiative and is interested in helping to create systems and processes to support this position.
- Capacity to simultaneously work, in an organized and independent way, on multiple tasks and set priorities for a challenging workload.
- Demonstrated commitment to working in the nonprofit sector.

Please send cover letter and resume via e-mail to: Suzanne Anarde Vice President LISC - Rural sanarde@lisc.org Subject Line: Disaster Recovery/Resiliency Coordinator LISC IS AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION/EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

ABOUT LISC

With residents and partners, LISC forges resilient and inclusive communities of opportunity across America – great places to live, work, visit, do business and raise families. Since 1980, LISC has invested \$17.3 billion to build or rehab 366,000 affordable homes and apartments and develop 61

million square feet of retail, community and educational space across the country. For more, visit www.lisc.org

ABOUT RURAL LISC

Launched in 1995, Rural LISC is the rural component of the largest community development support organization in the country, called LISC (Local Initiatives Support Corporation). For 22 years, Rural LISC has partnered with rural communities, helping to forge innovative solutions that lead to prosperity and opportunity. Rural LISC's investments in rural America have totaled \$1.14 billion in grants and low-cost loan funds. Rural LISC has leveraged this investment resulting in \$2.8 billion from public and private sources, to produce 31,500 affordable homes and apartments, create 3.8 million square feet of commercial and community space, assist 600 businesses, create 6,800 jobs and support 20 early childhood centers. By generating resources and investing in the grassroots efforts of its 81 partner community-based organizations, Rural LISC is committed to making rural communities good places to live, work, do business and raise children. Learn more at www.lisc.org/rural