Job announcement: GRID (Green Resilience Industrial District) Campaign Coordinator

Founded in 1966, UPROSE is an intergenerational, BIWOC-led, internationally recognized community organization working at the intersection of racial justice and climate change through community-based planning and research, policy advocacy, popular education, organizing, artistic expression, and youth leadership development.

The Green Resilience Industrial District (GRID) is UPROSE’s transformational community Just Transition plan that seeks to operationalize a Just Transition in Sunset Park through the “green reindustrialization” of its waterfront. The GRID was first issued in 2019 as an alternative to the corporate-sponsored Industry City rezoning plan that would have displaced both working class residents and local small manufacturing to make way for a high-end digital economy vision. After UPROSE’s and the community’s rezoning victory over this developer driven vision opened the door for an offshore wind assembly and maintenance facility on the Sunset Park waterfront, UPROSE began the process of ensuring that the GRID vision became an operational community wide plan.

This is a full-time position with a complete and fully employer-funded benefits package. UPROSE is looking for someone who can work in-person full-time Monday-Friday in our Sunset Park, Brooklyn office. Candidates must be able to work in a flexible schedule that may include evenings, weekends, and occasional travel.

To apply, send a resume and cover letter to employment@uprose.org.

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate campaign for the adoption and implementation of the GRID (Green resilience Industrial District), UPROSE’s transformational community Just Transition Plan.
- Work with the Executive Director and those she assigns to develop innovative GRID implementation strategies and action plans to achieve them.
- Work with the Executive Director to develop a strategy for the development of a GRID Special District proposal and campaign plan for adoption by New York City.
- Collaborate with UPROSE staff assigned to work on aspects of GRID implementation.
- Effectively collaborate with partners to advance the GRID and GRID implementation strategies.
- Support community education workshops and learning circles around the GRID and Just Transition.
- Represent the organization at meetings with partners and stakeholders and on coalition calls.
- Contribute to grant-writing as needed.
- Report directly to the Executive Director.

Job Requirements:

- Demonstrated commitment to working for environmental, social, and climate justice.
- Minimum of 3-5 years professional experience relevant to community organizing,
community planning, community engagement, and coalition building.

- Ability to work independently and in a collaborative team-setting.
- Outstanding personal organization, time management, attention to detail, and the ability to multitask.
- Knowledge of basic computer applications, such as Microsoft, Google, and Adobe applications.
- Excellent written/oral communications skills and comfortable giving public presentations.
- Good sense of humor.

Preferred requirements:

- Experience working with diverse project partners in public, private, and non-profit sectors
- Understanding of planning/economic development in New York City
- Understanding of the emerging clean energy economy
- Bilingual proficiency preferred

Salary based on experience: Starting $70,000

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