



Water Protection and Stakeholder Engagement Internship

INTERNSHIP SUMMARY

The Grand County Manager's Office is offering an internship focused on water resources management and stakeholder engagement. This unique opportunity allows interns to actively participate in local government initiatives related to water quality, conservation, and sustainable water management. The intern will work closely with government officials, local, state, and federal partners, water users, community stakeholders, and committees to address pressing water-related issues in our community.

ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS

Stakeholder Engagement:

- Facilitate and attend meetings with local stakeholders, including community groups, nonprofit organizations, and governmental bodies.
- Collaborate with diverse community members to understand their perspectives and concerns regarding water resources.

Data Analysis and Reporting:

- Compile and analyze data related to hydrology and water quality.
- Prepare reports and presentations summarizing key findings for internal and external stakeholders.

Water Conservation Programs:

- Contribute to the development and implementation of water conservation and efficiency programs.
- Collaborate with the local community to promote water resource awareness and water-saving practices.

Project Coordination:

- Work with local partners to coordinate stream restoration projects.
- Collaborate with assigned committees to align projects with Grand County's needs and goals.

Policy Analysis and Development:

- Assist in reviewing and analyzing existing water-related policies and agreements.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education and Experience:

- Currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in environmental science, watershed science, hydrology, or a related field.
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills for effective engagement with diverse stakeholders.
- Familiarity with water management issues in the headwaters of the Colorado River and a passion for sustainable environmental practices.
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a government setting.
- Strong organizational and project management skills.

Special Qualifications:

This remote internship requires the successful candidate to work independently and demonstrate a strong attention to detail. Occasional travel to Grand County will be necessary, so possession of a valid State of Colorado driver's license is required.

BENEFITS

This internship offers a three or six-month paid position at \$15.00 - \$16.00 per hour, providing hands-on experience in a local government setting. It also includes exposure to diverse perspectives and collaboration with community stakeholders. Additionally, there are opportunities for professional development through workshops and training sessions, as well as networking opportunities within the local government and community organizations.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Interested candidates should submit a resume and a cover letter outlining their interest in the internship to Kayli Foulk, Water Quality Specialist (kfoulk@co.grand.co.us). Applications will be accepted until **May 3, 2024** and interviews will be scheduled thereafter.

Grand County is an equal opportunity employer and encourages candidates from diverse backgrounds to apply. To perform this internship successfully, an individual must be able to perform the essential job functions satisfactorily. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the primary job functions described. Since every duty associated with this position may not be described herein, interns may be required to perform duties not specifically spelled out in the job description, but which may be reasonably considered to be incidental in the performing of their duties just as though they were actually written out in this job description.