

1000 Friends of Iowa



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We're Hiring a Transportation Organizer!

1000 Friends of Iowa is hiring a Transportation Organizer. The position will coordinate the organization's transportation program that advocates for Iowa's transportation and land use decision-making to reduce carbon emissions, equitable access to public transportation and active transportation infrastructure, environmental justice and protecting natural resources. The role's main responsibilities are:

- Work with local, statewide, and regional coalitions on campaigns to reduce carbon emissions from the transportation system.
- Create and lead a Transportation Academy program in targeted communities in Iowa
- Advocate for walking, biking, and transit projects locally and statewide.
- Push for more equitable transportation infrastructure, especially opposing unnecessary highway projects.
- Carry out in-house research and publish reports to advance smart transportation policy.
- Update transportation related social media.
- Work with volunteers on walk audits and other transportation related activities
- Develop and maintain relationships with Metropolitan Planning Organization staff, local planners in targeted communities and other key decision makers.
- Help identify foundations and granting organizations to bring in new revenue for the organization's transportation program.
- Develop and maintain relationships with key media contacts and appear on media channels to promote our work.
- Advise communities around the state on improving their transportation systems to be safer, more inclusive and cleaner.
- Work to involve and engage people most impacted in transportation decision making.
- Tracking activities, contacts, etc. in data management software.
- Other activities as needed.

Some travel is required. The successful candidate can work remotely or at a Co-working space in Des Moines, IA. Ideally, the candidate will live in Central Iowa. Initially, much of the work will focus in the greater Des Moines area, Cedar Rapids area, and Waterloo/Cedar Falls, but will expand to other locations in the state.

Key Qualities and Skills Needed:

- Proficient with Microsoft apps and google docs.
- Familiar with CRM data management software or able to learn it quickly.
- Proficient with email, facebook, and other social media platforms.
- Understanding of Transportation Issues, especially equitable, multimodal transportation, smart growth and responsible land use.
- Able to communicate clearly and directly both internally and externally.
- Able to talk to lots of people, both community members and decision makers; and equally comfortable on the phone, Zoom, or in person.
- Punctual and prepared.
- Driven by goals and follows through on tasks or other commitments.
- Can work independently with little supervision.
- Looks for and steps into opportunities to drive the work forward.
- Solutions-oriented, innovative, and forward thinking.
- Research issues, stakeholders, and locations.
- Organized and can juggle multiple projects.
- Curious about people and a good active listener.
- Creative and willing to try new things.
- Some fundraising experience is a plus.
- Training or teaching experience is a plus.

Starting Salary: \$40,500, generous paid time off, health stipend

Send resume and statement of interest to Kari Carney, Executive Director at Kari@1000friendsofiowa.org by Feb. 16, 2024. Please put "Transportation Organizer" in the subject line.

1000 Friends of Iowa is a small statewide non profit focused on responsible land use, transportation and the intersection of climate change. Our mission is to engage and unite Iowans in efforts to protect farmland & natural areas, revitalize neighborhoods, towns & cities, and improve quality of life for future generations.

We have a three-pronged approach to our work:

- Engage and involve everyday people in organizing around land use, transportation, and climate issues that they care about.
- Engage, work with, and provide education and information to cities, counties, planners and other decision makers around responsible land use, transportation, and climate issues through reports and research, webinars, workshops, advocacy, and more.
- Recognize cities, counties, businesses, and individuals who are doing projects that exemplify our values and goals through our Best Development Awards program

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