



Community and Economic Development Director

Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments seeks a highly motivated individual to join a team of professionals who work to plan and implement collaborative projects in the Kerr-Tar region. The Community and Economic Development Director will provide technical planning and grant management in support of the Kerr-Tar Economic Development District, which includes the counties of Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren. The Director will work with local officials, community leaders, and businesses to support community and economic development activities including infrastructure and housing development; provides a variety of technical assistance including supporting economic development efforts in attracting new businesses, developing special economic profiles and demographic and economic data.

Duties include but are not limited to:

- Leads the implementation, reporting, and future updates of the Kerr-Tar Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).
- Identifies needs and applies for grants to support member jurisdictions in economic and community development activities; develops project budgets; develops contracts to administer grants; assists in developing priorities for funding and grants.
- Inform, educate, consult, and present to municipalities, boards, commissions, civic groups, businesses, and the public on economic development issues, plans, programs, and services.
- Manages revolving loan fund for small businesses; meets with citizens seeking to establish and/or expand a business regarding financial assistance; reviews and insures compliance in applications; arranges Loan Review Committee meetings and presents applications; performs annual site visits to loan recipients; promotes the loan program to the public.
- Works with a wide variety of businesses, industries, member jurisdiction staff and elected officials, state officials and others to promote community and economic development in the region.

The ideal candidate will hold a degree in planning, community development, public administration, or related field supplemented by training in economic development and professional experience in community and economic development; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Salary will be competitive and based on experience, with a hiring range of \$62,000 - \$70,000 annually. Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments offers a generous benefits package including paid vacation and sick leave; NC Local Government Retirement System; 401(k); health, dental, vision and life insurance; and flexible spending account.

Interested candidates should email a cover letter, resume, and three references to Diane Cox, Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments, at info@kerrtarco.org. Please note, only electronic application materials emailed will be accepted for this position. Position is open until filled with rolling interviews. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply early.

Complete job description and requirements are available on our website at kerrtarco.org.

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