



Energy and Transportation Program Director
Full-Time, Salaried - Steamboat Springs, CO

About YVSC

The Yampa Valley Sustainability Council (YVSC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization located in Steamboat Springs, CO (Routt County). Established in 2009, YVSC is guided by the mission, “to serve as a resource and catalyst for building a sustainable community in the Yampa Valley region.” YVSC programs span Energy and Transportation, Waste Diversion, Climate Action and Adaptation, Advocacy for Action and Community Education and Outreach. In recognition that climate change is the most pressing sustainability issue of our time, we are committed to supporting Routt County and municipalities in the effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through decarbonization and carbon sequestration.

Position Description

The Energy and Transportation Program Director will be a leading member of the Climate Action Program and will work closely with and report to the Executive Director. This is a full-time position charged with establishing, coordinating and managing all energy and transportation related carbon emission reduction programs while providing YVSC and the community with technical expertise on related topics.

Responsibilities and Scope

Candidates will be leading and managing existing energy and transportation related programs and developing new programs and projects that: reduce GHG emissions by implementing energy efficient technologies; support energy transitions to low and no carbon energy solutions; increase community understanding of energy and transportation related opportunities that support climate action implementation; and expand equity and justice dimensions of energy solutions. In addition, the candidate will lead YVSC’s efforts working with the community to remove barriers to the adoption of electric and low carbon transportation solutions. The candidate will regularly lead multidisciplinary, public-private collaborations and contribute to outreach and community education that supports and advances organizational goals. Existing project management responsibilities will include: managing existing grants; facilitating energy assessments with a range of clients (including low-income) and engaging in related education/program administrative duties; writing interim grant reports and program summaries; and managing energy partner relations. Additional responsibilities include:

- Maintaining and cultivating relationships with local government and utility partners including Yampa Valley Electric Association, Routt County, City of Steamboat Springs, the towns of Hayden, Craig, Oak Creek, Yampa, Energy Smart Colorado and the State of Colorado’s Energy Office.
- Assisting in the leadership and management of the implementation of the energy and transportation portions of the Routt County and the City of Steamboat Springs Climate Action Plan.

- Leading and contributing to education and outreach on building science, energy conservation, renewable energy solutions, energy transitions and transportation improvements relating to carbon emissions reduction.
- Assisting in the development of carbon emission reduction targets.
- Assisting in the development of tools to report on Energy and Transportation metrics and impacts.
- Maintaining knowledge of current science, trends and relevant energy reduction and transportation strategies, synthesizing relevant scientific literature and providing or arranging for the presentation of these trends to technical and non-technical parties which could include donors, City, County and State officials and the general public.
- Coordinating with utilities, municipalities, contractors, the public and a range of energy assessment clients (including low-income) to manage the energy assessment program and connect with and coordinate with the Energy Smart Colorado program.
- Supporting fundraising, recruiting sponsorships and grant writing efforts.
- Working with the Executive Director to create strategic direction and develop programs.
- Creating and/or supporting the creation of communication materials for YVSC events, media and advertising in order to accurately convey program successes and relevance.
- Participating in monthly YVSC community meetings and other meetings as needed for program development and outreach.
- Training and mentoring of YVSC Interns
- Coordinating and working with contractors, engineers, architects and volunteers for community-involved programs and events like the Sustainable Building Tour.
- Advocating for the development and implementation of local, state and national policies and strategies that lead to reductions in carbon emissions, such as: increased use of renewable energy, increased building energy efficiencies, adoption of alternative fueled vehicles, increased use of public transportation and low and no carbon transportation solutions, etc.

Qualifications and Background

The candidate should ideally have core scientific training in fundamental engineering/architecture/transportation principles including energy management, building science, energy conservation, renewable energy and additional experience in and/or exposure to low and no carbon transportation solutions.

Minimum Qualifications

- BS or BA degree in Engineering, Architecture, Building Science, Environmental Studies or related field
- Minimum of 4 years of experience in construction, energy analysis, building science, environmental sustainability, renewable energy generation and transmission, transportation or a combination of these.
- Professional qualifications, such as a PE, or certifications from BPI, RESNET, ASHRAE, LEED, ICC, CEM or equivalent, **or willingness to obtain these.*
- General knowledge of the tools and techniques involved with energy assessments and retrofits
- Experience manipulating, analyzing and interpreting statistical and environmental data.
- Experience managing complex projects, including the financial aspects and coordinating the work of peers and partners.
- Experience working and communicating with a wide range of people.

- Ability to diagnose complex problems and identify solutions.
- Ability to work independently, creatively and proactively to solve problems.
- Experience fundraising and/or writing grants and research proposals.
- Strong team player who can build productive relationships and work collaboratively across the organization, with local, state and federal partners, and community members.

Desired Qualifications

- Master's degree in a sustainability-related field and 4 years of professional experience in a related field, **or equivalent combination of education and experience.*
- Experience developing, implementing and managing local/regional Climate Action Plans
- Experience in and/or exposure to carbon measurement and reporting.
- Experience developing trainings and/or training staff, contractors and volunteers to meet program needs.
- Experience leading and/or working within environmental justice-related frameworks, with demonstrated ability to articulate an energy justice platform for YVSC's energy program.
- Demonstrated expertise in the application of science to a range of carbon reduction strategies, with specific experience working in transitioning economies.
- Demonstrated leadership in advancing energy solutions that address and/or integrate economic and environmental dimensions into processes and outcomes.

Salary and Benefits

The Yampa Valley Sustainability Council offers a competitive salary commensurate with experience. Benefits include vacation package, paid holidays and a flexible work schedule as this position requires attendance at evening and weekend events.

How to Apply

To apply, submit cover letter and resume to info@yvsc.org by **11:59 p.m. Mountain Time on February 15, 2021.**