



## Director of Economic and Community Development

The Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) is seeking an experienced professional to direct its newly organized Department of Economic and Community Development (ECD). The Department is responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of a variety of programs that 1) assist the State of Tennessee and local community partners with job creation/retention and 2) focus investments on improving quality of life for vulnerable populations throughout the region.

The duties of the Director of Economic and Community Development include:

- Manage GNRC's ECD staff and work activities to include grant-writing and administration for a variety of state and federal programs, administration of small business lending and assistance programs, and coordinated marketing of regional assets to potential investors;
- Participate as a member of GNRC's staff leadership cabinet along with the executive director and other department heads;
- Build or strengthen partnerships with external partners in the public and private-sectors engaged in regional economic development initiatives;
- Assist with the development of the federally-required Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Nashville/ Middle Tennessee region;
- Assist with the implementation of community and regional plans by identifying grants or other sources of revenue to pay for recommended investments in infrastructure, programs, and services;
- Remain current on local, state, and federal regulations and policy-making pertaining to economic and community development initiatives.

The ideal candidate will be a critical thinker with a dynamic and engaging personality, strong communication skills, a solid understanding of industry practices, and demonstrated ability to build partnerships, and a track record of delivering results for clients.

A Master's degree in Business Administration, Public Administration, Public Policy, Community and Regional Planning, or related field is preferred, along with at least three years of managerial experience. A Bachelor's degree and five years of professional experience, three of which must include supervisory duties, may be substituted for the Master's degree. Foreign degrees and credentials will be considered.

GNRC is the regional council of governments for Nashville and surrounding counties and serves as one of nine regional economic development districts established by the Tennessee General Assembly in 1965. GNRC also serves as the fiscal agent and professional staffing to 1) the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization which coordinates regional transportation planning and 2) the Mid-Cumberland Area Development Corporation which provide a variety of loan products and assistance to small businesses. More information is available at [GNRC.org](http://GNRC.org), [NashvilleMPO.org](http://NashvilleMPO.org), and [MADC.us](http://MADC.us).

Interested? In order to receive full consideration, please send resume and a cover letter to Amanda Evilcizer, HR Manager at [jobs@gnrc.org](mailto:jobs@gnrc.org). Position open until filled.

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