Seattle Housing Authority
Senior Development Manager
Recruitment announcement

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About the position

As a member of the Development Department, the Senior Development Manager is responsible for the construction and rehabilitation of housing, meeting the diverse needs of low-income residents in Seattle Housing Authority properties. The Senior Development Manager leads a team overseeing planning, design, permitting, construction and major rehabilitation. Typical projects include 70-110-unit apartment buildings, major rehabilitation programs, evaluation of potential sites and coordination with private sector development partners. The Senior Development Manager balances the priorities for environmental stewardship, durability and cost efficiency, and integrates the needs of seniors and families in developing outstanding affordable housing. The successful candidate will work with the retiring Senior Development Manager for a period of at least six months to enable a smooth transition.

The ideal candidate

The ideal candidate will have the ability and experience to successfully navigate some of the more involved aspects of the job, which include:

- Strong leadership within a team environment
- Ability to move projects forward while soliciting and integrating input from a wide variety of stakeholders
- Technical skills in program, project and construction management, design review and budget management
- Ability to communicate and partner with residents, colleagues, government officials, and private and nonprofit partners
- Ability to successfully manage complex contracts with architects, engineers and construction contractors
Desirable qualifications

- Eight years of work experience in public, private or nonprofit housing development, budgets, project management and grant development
- Experience in administering and managing complex development and redevelopment programs and projects
- Experience in public presentation and public speaking
- Bachelor’s degree in closely related field from an accredited college or university required, master’s degree preferred

About the Development Department

The Development Department creates communities of opportunity in Seattle neighborhoods through development and implementation of neighborhood plans, integrating community facilities, parks and housing for all incomes. In four projects, the Development Department has master planned 330 acres of SHA property, resulting in more than 8,000 new homes. One of these, High Point, was awarded the ULI Global Award of Excellence. The department’s work is currently concentrated on Yesler, until recently an SHA-owned public housing development with 561 aging units. Today, Yesler is in the midst of transformation into a thriving urban, mixed-income community with up to 5,000 units of sustainable housing, parks and open spaces, community amenities, art and arts programming and enhanced transportation options. The Senior Development Manager will play a key leadership role in the redevelopment of Yesler.
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About the Seattle Housing Authority

The Seattle Housing Authority provides long-term rental housing and rental assistance to nearly 35,000 people with low incomes. SHA owns and operates more than 8,000 units of housing at nearly 400 sites throughout the city. SHA also administers more than 10,000 Housing Choice Vouchers, enabling income-eligible tenants to receive assistance in renting with other landlords in Seattle. SHA has a highly diverse, committed staff of more than 550 people who are dedicated to expanding housing opportunities, promoting quality communities and improving quality of life. This work is driven by seven organizational cornerstones: engaging service and respectful relationships, staff excellence, partnership and coordinated action, financial stability and operational efficiency, race and social justice, environmental stewardship and innovation. SHA is an independent public corporation. The majority of SHA’s budget comes from federal funding. For more information, go to seattlehousing.org.

How to apply

Please submit a letter of interest to HRquestions@seattlehousing.org or call 206.615.3323. An email with a link to the formal job posting and description will be sent to qualified applicants. It is anticipated the successful candidate will start in October or November 2019, depending upon availability. This document is online at seattlehousing.org/jobs/recruitment-announcements.