National Park Service – Community Assistance Fellow

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Length:</th>
<th>Term of positions is 47 weeks; full-time commitment 5-days per week.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Location:</td>
<td>Anchorage, AK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Living Allowance:</td>
<td>$465/week, health insurance provided if desired. An additional $500/month housing stipend is available.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>AmeriCorps Award:</td>
<td>Community Assistance Fellows are eligible for an AmeriCorps education award upon successful completion of the program. Value of education award is $5,730 (pre-tax). Fellows also receive federal non-competitive eligibility for 120 days following completion of the fellowship</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Educational Status:</td>
<td>Bachelor’s degree in related field such as environmental studies, community/regional/rural planning, recreation management, natural resource management, geography, or landscape architecture.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Start Date:</td>
<td>Position starting on or around July 25, 2016</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Specific training:</td>
<td>Hands-on mentored work experience; individual training available to meet specific interests and needs.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Application Due Date:</td>
<td>Applications received on or before June 25, 2016 will be guaranteed full consideration.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

How to Apply
Apply on-line at: http://www.environmentalstewards.org/join/current-openings/ In addition to your resume, please submit a one page cover letter highlighting why you are interested in this position and how your background and experience will help you succeed in this position.

For More Information
Contact Emma Savely, Environmental Stewards Program Coordinator
970-403-8720 Emma@ConservationLegacy.org
Program Basics

In addition to protecting and managing America’s 401 national parks, the National Park Service (NPS) also operates programs that extend throughout the nation to connect all Americans to their parks, trails, rivers, and other special places. The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) program helps community groups, nonprofits, state and local governments, and tribes plan parks and trails, conserve and improve access to rivers and natural areas, and create recreation opportunities through locally led partnerships.

Specifics about the Anchorage, AK Fellowship

The Alaska RTCA program works on anywhere from 4-12 community assistance projects each year in urban and rural communities depending on demand, and provides brief support to several more projects. The RTCA program is striving to build new connections in underserved and rural communities, as well as strong relationships with other NPS staff in the regional office and parks throughout the state. We look to support priority park work as well where there is a good fit. The NPS/RTCA Community Assistance Fellow will work in the Anchorage office with the regional program leader in a mentored environment, providing assistance to the overall program. The Alaska RTCA program needs additional capacity and energy to help partners realize their project vision and goals, which directly benefits local communities and the environment.

Duties and responsibilities may include:

The selected NPS-RTCA Fellow will work with the entire RTCA Alaska staff, as well as with key project partners, to deliver technical assistance in planning and developing opportunities for outdoor recreation and natural resource conservation on a range of projects. Projects will likely include trails, open space, and watershed planning, volunteer development, and youth engagement. Occasional travel to project sites is necessary.

Depending on the projects selected to receive technical assistance in FY17 (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017), the Fellow’s focus will likely be to:

- Support and expand the Anchorage-based Schools on Trails Program, leading to a sustainable program in Anchorage and possible expansion to other communities in Alaska.
- Assist with volunteer recruitment and training as part of the Alaska Trail Volunteers Program
- Help advance the Park Prescriptions concept to interested communities and/or national parks throughout Alaska. Also explore connections between conservation and environmental health to identify opportunities for future RTCA projects.
- Directly support at least one park-based project that engages youth or local communities

The Fellow will also help RTCA Alaska and other supporting NPS staff organize meetings, build public participation strategies, assist with RTCA program outreach and generally help our partners plan and implement projects across the state. As a result of the Fellow’s assistance, who will provide new ideas and ongoing support to implement those ideas, project partners will be provided additional energy and resources to realize their project goals.
Preferred Qualifications

- Ability to think critically and creatively
- Excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work effectively with a variety of people and develop strong partner networks
- Strong organizational skills
- Completion of a Bachelor’s degree is required.
- Coursework or experience in community or transportation planning, landscape architecture, geography, public affairs, environmental studies, environmental education, recreation management, community/rural studies or related field
- Experience with or ability to learn one or more of the following software programs is desirable: ArcGIS, InDesign, or Photoshop

Mandatory Requirements

- Ability to meet deadlines and communicate to supervisor when assistance is needed/desired.
- Maximum age is 30.
- Possession of a current valid driver’s license
- Must be a US Citizen, National, or Lawful Permanent Resident Alien of the United States

Fellows will be required to submit quarterly reports and a final report during their year of service