



**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
DEPARTMENTAL OFFICES
CAREER OPPORTUNITY**

**Program Operations Advisor, GS-301-13/14
(career or career-conditional appointment)**

**This announcement is a solicitation for applications from "all sources."
No prior civil service is required.**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER 2002-254VJ

The Office of Personnel Resources will be accepting applications for the position identified above from September 23, 2002, through October 22, 2002. All applications must be received by October 22, 2002.

A full time (40 hours per week) position is available for a Financial Strategies and Research (FS&R) Advisor in the organization of Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI). The Fund is charged with promoting economic revitalization and community development primary through investment in and assistance to CDFIs, through encouraging insured depository institutions to increase lending, financial services and technical assistance to CDFIs and within distressed communities throughout the United States, and through allocation of tax credits for community development under the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program. Among other things, the Fund provides allocates tax credits and makes grants, loans, deposits, equity investments and awards for technical assistance to organizations engaged in community development finance.

The Financial Strategies and Research Advisor is responsible for a variety of functions and tasks. Through the CDFI Program, the Fund provides grants, loans and technical assistance to new and existing community development financial institutions (CDFIs) such as community development banks, community development credit unions, revolving loan funds, and micro-loan funds. The Fund also is responsible for the implementation of the NMTC Program. Through this program the Fund allocates tax credits to Community Development Entities (CDEs). The credits are used to raise capital for investment in economically distressed communities. The Financial and Program Advisor shall report to the Financial Strategies and Research Manager and is responsible for assisting in the implementation of the Fund's programs. Specific duties include: 1) evaluating applications for certification as CDFIs and as CDEs and funding; 2) developing performance goals and related actions with funded organizations needed to achieve closing of an award; 3) conducting outreach and training on programs of the CDFI Fund; 4) other tasks related to implementation of the CDFI, NMTC and Bank Enterprise Award Programs, and other programs of the CDFI Fund.

The Fund is located in the heart of downtown Washington, D.C. at 601 13th Street, NW, seconds away from the Metro Center, shops, restaurants, and less than 3 blocks from the Main Treasury building located on the White House Complex.

Additional information is provided on the reverse side of this announcement for Veterans, Status Candidates and Persons Eligible Under Special Appointing Authorities.

A copy of this vacancy announcement is also available through OPM's web site at www.usajobs.opm.gov or Treasury's web site at <http://intranet.treas.gov/sites/tvas>.

Questions regarding this position may be answered by contacting Vera Jones at (202) 622-1104.

You may email your application to vera.jones@do.treas.gov or fax your application to (202) 622-0161.

BENEFITS: ~ Salary \$66,229 - \$101,742 ~ 10 Paid Holidays ~ Paid Annual & Sick Leave ~
~ Federal Employees Retirement Plan ~ Health Benefits ~ Life Insurance ~ Awards ~
~ Valuable Work Experience ~ Thrift Savings Plan (Similar to 401K plans)

APPLICATION ~ In order to assist you in preparing your application package, instructions and **PROCEDURES:** checklist are included with this announcement.

QUALIFICATION ~In accordance with the Office of Personnel Management's qualification **REQUIREMENTS** standard Administrative and Management Positions, all candidates must possess one year of specialized experience equivalent to at least the next lower grade level. Specific information defining experience creditable as "specialized" is included below.

Additional information is provided below on Veterans, Status Candidates and Persons Eligible Under Special Appointing Authorities.

Status candidates who wish to be considered under both merit promotion and OPM competitive procedures must submit two complete applications. When only one is received, it will be considered under merit promotion procedures only.

Employment of People with Disabilities: The Departmental Offices provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the point of contact listed on this vacancy announcement.

Veterans Employment Act of 1998: Veterans who are preference eligibles or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 or more years of continuous active service may apply.

Specialized Experience: Specialized experience is experience which provided the applicant with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA's) to successfully perform the duties of the position and which is typically related to the work of the position to be filled. For this position, specialized experience includes experience with staff analytical, planning, and evaluative work concerned with the administrative and operational aspects of agency programs and management.

Basis for Rating: Applicants will be evaluated for this position based on their relevant experience (including voluntary experience), education, training, and awards as reflected in their application as of the closing date of this announcement. Status applicants will be rated and ranked based on values that are assigned to your experience to determine the best qualified. Therefore, to receive full consideration, applicants are encouraged to address the rating factors listed below. These rating factors may be addressed by using plain paper. Training records, awards, and supervisory appraisals will also be considered in the ranking process.

Rating Factors:

1. Knowledge of community development finance and community development financial institutions. Skill to analyze and evaluate non-profit and for-profit CDFI and CDE financial statements, community development impact, and governance structures.
2. Experience in setting up and managing EXCEL spreadsheets and ACCESS databases. Experience with statistical programs such as SPSS. Experience with SQL databases, mapping software (such as Arcview), and CRA Wiz is preferred. Experience analyzing and importing public data, including Home Mortgaged Disclosure Act (HMDA) and Community Reinvestment Act (CRA) is preferred.
3. Knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research methods, and the ability to design and implement research studies, including: designing surveys and related research instruments, collecting data, performing statistical analyses, and reporting the results.
4. Skill in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with direct reports, supervisors and other work units within the Fund, and with organizations affected by CDFI Fund programs including other federal agencies and CDFI/CDE industry organizations.
5. Ability to communicate effectively in writing and orally.

Non status candidates are those applicants who have not been appointed to a permanent position in the competitive service. Upon request from the selecting official, all non status candidates who meet minimum qualification requirements will be forwarded to OPM for ranking and referral.

Other Significant Information:

Relocation expenses are not authorized.

Time-in-Grade: Status applicants applying under merit promotion procedures must meet the time-in-grade requirements outlined in 5 C.F.R., Subpart F, i.e., at least 52 weeks at the lower grade level.

Note for CTAP/ICTAP Eligibles: Treasury Career Transition Assistance Program (CTAP) eligibles in the local commuting area who are determined to be “well-qualified” for this position will be given selection priority consideration. Interagency CTAP eligibles in the local commuting area who are determined to be “well-qualified” for this position may apply for special selection priority over other candidates for this position. Preference eligibles or veterans who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after three (3) years or more of continuous active service may apply under the Veterans Employment Act of 1998. In accordance with Treasury’s Career Transition Assistance Plan, a CTAP/ICTAP eligible will receive special selection priority consideration if 1) applying at or below the grade level from which separated with no greater promotion potential than the position from which separated, 2) is within the commuting area, and 3) is determined to be “well qualified” for this position. To be determined “well-qualified,” a candidate must be able to demonstrate that he/she has had specialized experience in the community development industry, including development finance. Candidates must submit documentation of eligibility under the Department of the Treasury .
CTAP/ICTAP for special selection priority: i.e., a copy of the certification/displacement letter, along with all other items listed in the “How to Apply” section of this announcement.

Application Procedures: In order to assure that you are given full consideration for this position, the information identified on the attached checklist should be included in your application package. Application packages may be mailed to: Department of the Treasury, Office of Personnel Resources, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C., 20220. Applications sent in government postage paid envelopes WILL NOT be considered. Applications received under this announcement will not be returned. Therefore, do not submit original documents that you will need for your personal records. Copies will be accepted. For those applicants who wish to personally deliver your application package, you may deliver your package to Metropolitan Square directly across from the Main Treasury Building at 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Once you get to the sixth floor of the Metropolitan Square Building you should call the contact person listed on the first page of this announcement.

Recruitment bonus may be authorized.

This position has been designated noncritical sensitive. The individual selected for this position will be subject to the necessary security investigation. Executive Branch agencies are barred from accepting or considering prohibited political recommendations and are required to return any prohibited political recommendations to the sender.

Financial Disclosure: The applicant selected for this position may be required to complete a financial disclosure form.

ALL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE CONSIDERATION REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, NONDISQUALIFYING DISABILITY, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION/NONAFFILIATION, GENETIC INFORMATION, MARITAL STATUS, OR PARENTAL STATUS.

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided to assist you in preparing your application package. The items marked by an asterisk are **REQUIRED** and must be included in your application package for you to be considered for this position.

JOB INFORMATION

- *Updated SF-171, "Application for Federal Employment," OF-612, "Optional Federal Employment Application," or "Resume," or any other format your choose.
- Announcement Number
- Title and grade of the position applying for.
- Identify the lowest pay or grade level you will accept. *(You will not be considered for jobs which pay less than you indicate.)*
- *Copy of most recent (nonperformance/non-incentive award) SF-50B, "Notification of Personnel Action." *(Status applicants only.)*

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- First, last & middle name
- Mailing address *(with ZIP Code)*
- Social Security Number
- Day and Evening Phone Numbers *(with area code)*
- Country of Citizenship
- Highest Federal civilian grade held. Include job series and the dates you were at this grade level.

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Describe specific duties & responsibilities.
- Include paid and volunteer work experience. *(Include title, grade & series if applicable)*
- Performance Appraisal
- Indicate if we may contact your supervisor.

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

- Job-related skills, accomplishments, and awards, (i.e. awards or special fellowships received, i.e., typing proficiency, skills with computers, speaking other languages, public speaking, membership to professional orgs.)
- Job-related qualifications must be described
- Job-related certificates & licenses *(current only)*
- Job-related training courses *(title and year)*
- Rating factors identified on the previous page. *(Factors may be addressed on bond paper.)*

INFORMATION FOR VETERANS

- DD Form 214
- Proof of veterans' preference if applicable.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- Letter of eligibility from the appropriate State Department Rehabilitation Service. *(This document is to be provided only if you are applying under a special appointing authority for individuals with disabilities.)*

EDUCATION

- High School, address & zip code
- Date of diploma or GED.
- Colleges & Universities, address & zip code
- Identify majors, degree received, & date graduated (If you have not received your degree, show total credits earned and indicate whether semester or quarter hours)
- *College transcripts. *(If applicable)*