



Recruitment Announcement Community Development Planner

About the Position

This Level II planner position is responsible for research, development and/or implementation of plans, studies, ordinances. The position may work to provide recommendations pertaining to land use, comprehensive planning, community development, housing, urban growth management, transportation, demographic information, economic development, environmental issues, and other regional and community planning areas as needed.

The position conducts data research and analysis, prepares reports; works with local jurisdiction staff, committees, planning commissions, and the public. The planner may also assist with development of scopes of work for agency budgets, complete grant applications for the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG), or member agencies and work to complete special projects for member agencies.

The position will work collaboratively with the entire CWCOG staff including other professional planners on a variety of technical and procedural activities related to our major program areas of community development, economic development and transportation. The position involves extensive work with numerous public agencies, committees, member jurisdiction staff, elected officials and the public.

This position may provide city planning assistance to our member agencies, reviewing land applications for compliance with local, regional and state plans, policies and regulations. Develop staff reports and recommend action on land use applications, violations or appeals. Duties may also include work on comprehensive plans, zoning code changes and similar planning matters.

Qualifications

The successful candidate must possess a Bachelor's degree or higher in urban and regional planning or related field and have three to five years experience in local planning or community development.

To be considered, candidates must demonstrate strong technical, organizational and public relations skills. GIS and small city experience is preferred.

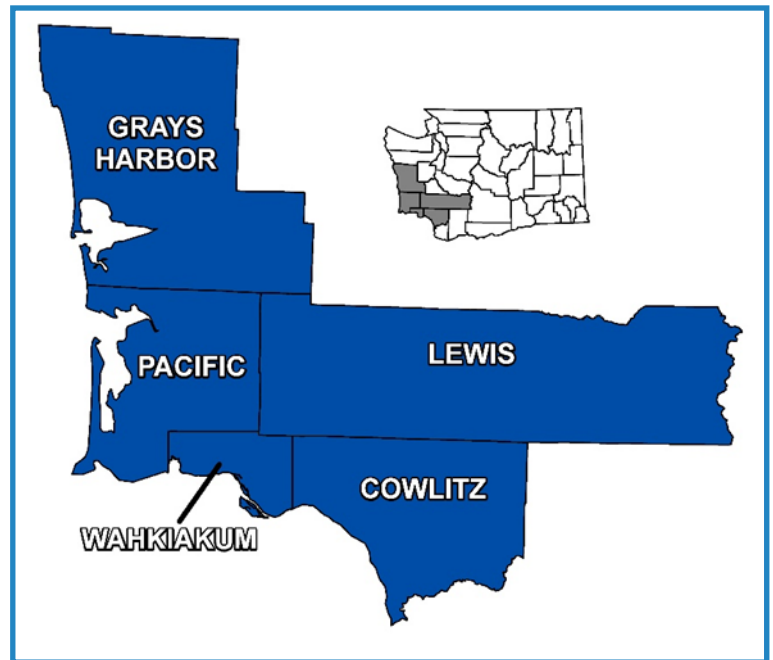


About the Organization

The Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments was established in 1961 to work with its member agencies to resolve challenges and problems within the region. The organization brings stakeholders together to enhance our region through community and economic development, transportation and a variety of other issues. The CWCOG is a voluntary association of general and special purpose governments and agencies in the Southwest Washington region. The CWCOG is supported by a membership of 33 entities made up of counties, cities, school districts, utility districts, ports, fire districts, economic development councils, a community college, and other non-profit agencies in or near Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.

The CWCOG has a vibrant, varied work programs in the areas of regional and local planning, transportation, community and economic development planning,

technical assistance, information services, and a wide array of contractual services. The CWCOG serves as the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the state designated Regional Transportation Planning Organization (RTPO) for five counties. The CWCOG is also the federally designated Economic Development District (EDD) for Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.



Application Process

To apply:

Please see the Employment section at www.cwcog.org. A letter of interest, application, resume, and an example of writing are required.

This position will remain open until filled.

Salary: \$4,519 — \$5,640 per month DOQ

Benefits include:

- Paid holiday, vacation, and sick leave
- Medical, dental, and vision
- Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance
- Long-term disability
- Deferred compensation 457b
- Washington State Dept. of Retirement in lieu of Social Security
- CWCOG Sponsored Wellness Program
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

About the Region

The Southwest Washington region offers residents a comfortable, small-town lifestyle with access to the many outdoor recreational activities such as fishing, hunting, hiking, camping, boating, mountain climbing, and skiing. There are many cultural opportunities in the region with more to be found on the Pacific Coast and within the two major metropolitan cities of Seattle and Portland.

Cowlitz County which covers 1,144 square miles is the 28th largest county out of 39 counties in Washington State and is home to approximately 106,910 residents.

Wahkiakum County covers 287 square miles and has a population of 4,264 residents making it the second least populous county in Washington State.



“Working together to enhance our region”