



Cowlitz-Wahkiakum
Council of Governments

Recruitment Announcement

Transportation/Community Development Planner

About the Position

A CWCOG Planner is responsible for research, development and/or implementation of plans, studies, ordinances, and 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.

The position conducts data research and analysis, prepares reports; works with local jurisdiction staff, committees, planning commissions, and the public; assists with development of scopes of work for agency budgets and grant applications, and authors plans and studies.

The position will work directly within a group of three transportation planning positions that work collaboratively on a variety of technical and procedural activities related to a five county regional transportation planning program and federally designated metropolitan planning organization for an urbanized area. The position involves extensive work with numerous public agencies, various committees, members of 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. May also work on comprehensive plans, zoning code changes and similar short-to-long range planning matters.

Work is performed with latitude for independent judgment within the scope of agency programs and policies, but reports to the Executive Director.

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 within a planning process related to transportation.

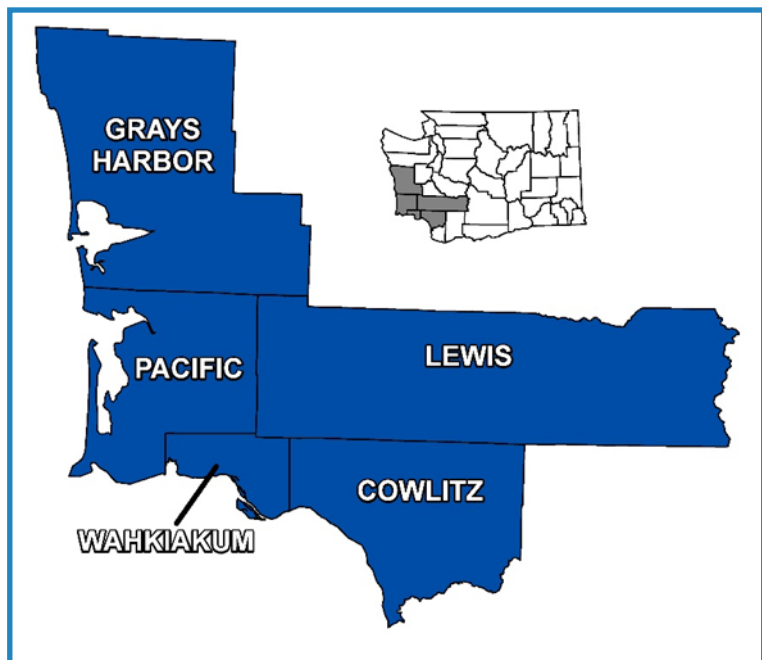
To be considered, candidates must demonstrate strong technical and public relations skills. GIS experience is preferred.



About the Organization

The Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (CWCOG) was established in 1961 as the Cowlitz Regional Planning Commission, was reorganized in 1974, and renamed in 1992. Today the Cowlitz-Wahkiakum Council of Governments (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 with over 30 initiatives undertaken 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.



About the Community Planning Program

The CWCOG provides a wide spectrum of planning services to members that this position will support. These services include short-range and long-range planning services, code updates, development review services, neighborhood plans, and other services requested by our members .

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 on 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 102,000 residents.

Wahkiakum County covers 287 square miles and has a population of 4,000 residents making it the second smallest county in Washington State.

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. Long-term disability and deferred compensation.
The CWCOG participates in Washington State Dept. of Retirement in lieu of Social Security and offers a 457K program.



“Working together to enhance our region”