POSITION OPENING: Affordable Housing Climate Resilience Intern (Paid)

LOCATION: Washington, DC—City Center/Gallery Place area

TO APPLY: E-mail resume and cover letter to jobs@sahfnet.org
No calls, please

SUMMARY
Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future (SAHF) is seeking a talented intern to help direct and further our work on ways the affordable housing sector can be more resilient to climate change. SAHF and its members are longstanding leaders in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and water conservation. Our current strategic plan includes looking at climate resilience as part of our goal to “promote positive environmental and health outcomes in affordable rental housing through quality design & operations.”

SAHF takes pride in tailoring meaningful experiences that help our interns learn about affordable housing development and operations while contributing to our policy work. We prefer team member who can join us full-time during the summer. The work is to be performed in SAHF’s offices, located near Gallery Place Metro Station. Position begins in May/June 2019 and runs through July or August.

ABOUT SAHF
SAHF is a collaborative of thirteen exemplary multi-state nonprofit affordable housing providers who own more than 138,000 affordable rental homes. SAHF members are committed to long-term affordability, sustainability and expansion of rental housing that makes a difference in people’s lives. SAHF’s mission is to lead policy innovation and advance excellence in the delivery of affordable rental homes that expand opportunity and promote dignity for residents.

SAHF and its members apply on-the-ground experience to advance change in policy and practice. They leverage one another’s best practices and collaborate with one another and SAHF’s affiliate, National Affordable Housing Trust, on business and mission opportunities. SAHF and its members are committed to scaling their successes through business innovations and policy change. Examples include SAHF’s work to improve health outcomes for low-income individuals and families through thought leadership and best practices, financing innovations and healthy building practices.

SAHF’s members provide resident services in many of their properties and are deeply committed to identifying those services that can most effectively make a difference in people’s lives. As a collaborative, they are committed to working both independently and together on resident services, housing policy, housing operations and management, healthy building practices and active design, and energy and water conservation. SAHF members are also committed to measuring their impact, leveraging data to evaluate outcomes to foster new partnerships, collaborations.

JOB DESCRIPTION
SAHF’s interns make meaningful contributions to our work by conducting research and analysis that relates directly to SAHF initiatives and members’ on-the-ground experiences. Climate resilience is an emerging topic area within the larger field of environmental sustainability that directly impacts affordable housing properties and disadvantaged communities. The intern will work closely with the SAHF Energy and Policy Teams. SAHF has identified the following as distinct projects that would further our work on resilience and is prepared to work with the right candidate on alternative projects addressing resilience in a manner relevant to multifamily affordable housing.
• **Landscape analysis of state and local resilience policies affecting affordable housing:** As jurisdictions across the U.S. prepare for various impacts of climate change (heat waves, rain, droughts, hurricanes, wildfires, etc.), some are adopting policies that affect affordable housing development through building codes, impact assessments, or restrictions on new building. The intern would review existing local policies and conduct an analysis of the implications of different types of local resilience policies to affordable housing and low-income communities.

• **Hazard assessment for SAHF member properties:** Over the past few years, a number of organizations have developed and released tools for assessing vulnerability to climate hazards. Additionally, a range of GIS data sets are available that relate to climate threats. The intern would work with the team to identify the tool(s) or data sets that would provide the best portfolio-level analysis (be it portfolio-wide or portfolios within a state or region) of members’ levels of exposure to various climate risks. The project could include identifying tools, resources, and programs to assist in responding to those hazards where SAHF members face the greatest vulnerability.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Bachelor’s degree required;
- Background in policy, law, urban planning, or environmental science/studies with an emphasis on sustainability or real estate;
- Interest in climate change, affordable housing, low-income communities, and equity;
- Excellent written and oral communicator;
- Analytical thinker with the ability to research and synthesize topical information, draw connections between topic areas, and assess policy implications for a specific sector;
- Data analysis skills and proficiency in manipulating data sets in Excel or GIS preferred;
- Experience with SharePoint, website population, social media, or design software a plus.

This is a temporary, non-exempt position. No vacation or other benefits are offered with this position.