



ERIC GARCETTI
MAYOR

HOUSING INNOVATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Location: Los Angeles
Terms: Full-Time for 3 years, Exempt/Grant Funded, Full Benefits
Salary: Commensurate with Experience
Start Date: Immediately

SUMMARY:

The City of Los Angeles is advancing aggressive solutions to address the City's affordability and homelessness crisis. To bring these initiatives to scale, the Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti is hiring a "Housing Innovation Program Director" to lead the City's efforts in cultivating innovative solutions to the housing crisis. The flagship task of this new position is to implement a \$120m Housing Challenge in partnership with the Los Angeles Housing and Community Investment Department (HCIDLA), to fund 1,000 units of supportive housing through innovative construction and/or financing methods that demonstrate the ability to produce high-quality, supportive housing environments in a timely and cost-effective manner.

This new Housing Innovation Program Director will be a senior member of the Mayor's Housing Crisis Response Team (HCRT) in the Office of City Homelessness Initiatives. The HCRT is a central hub comprised of City staff, led by the Mayor's Chief Housing Officer, for coordinating the City's response to the housing crisis.

The ideal candidate must demonstrate a passion for public service, a deep understanding of affordable housing finance programs, experience with underwriting and/or developing affordable housing projects in California, exceptional project management skills, and an ability to drive transformative change in the public sector.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Program Director's responsibilities will be:

- Overseeing the implementation of the City's \$120m Proposition HHH Housing Innovation Challenge to produce 1,000 units of supportive housing through innovative construction and/or financing methods in close coordination and collaboration with the Mayor's Office, HCIDLA, and the Office of the City Administrative Officer.
- Provide direct guidance and supervision of one loan officer and one underwriter for the City's Prop HHH Housing Innovation Challenge.

- Provide guidance for the implementation of two smaller grant-funded housing innovation programs managed by the Mayor's Office to accelerate the production of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) and preservation of Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH).
- Develop new incentives to enhance the private sector's use of prefabricated/modular construction methods.
- Manage the Mayor's Housing Innovation Working Group with various City Departments to facilitate innovative solutions to the housing crisis.
- Other housing related duties as required to facilitate the production of affordable and supportive housing projects in the City of Los Angeles.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS:

EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree from an accredited university in Public Policy, Urban Planning, Business, Economics, Political Science or a closely-related field. Master's degree is preferred.

WORK EXPERIENCE: The successful applicant will have demonstrated at least five (5) years of full-time work experience in the field of housing development and/or finance. A Master's degree will be considered equivalent to two years of work experience.

SKILLS: An applicant with strong project management, writing, organizational, communication and interpersonal skills, including the ability to comfortably deliver public presentations is desired. Preference will be given to candidates that demonstrate a deep understanding of affordable housing policies and financial programs, especially in the City of Los Angeles and/or California. Experience running public NOFAs and RFPs is also preferred.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Interested applicants must send their resume and cover letter to mayor.HousingPolicy@lacity.org no later than **May 12, 2019**.

This is an exempt, at-will position. The individual appointed to this position will not accrue any civil service tenure, contractual employment rights, or due process rights. The incumbent may be removed, without any finding of cause, by the hiring authority.