Who We Are
CDFI Friendly Bloomington exists to strengthen the communities of Bloomington, Monroe County and neighboring south central Indiana by increasing access to flexible, affordable capital for community development projects in the region. In 2018, Bloomington became the nation’s first “CDFI Friendly” city, an innovative new approach to help draw community development financial institution (CDFI) financing to small, underserved markets. We support a variety of community development projects, including affordable and cooperative housing, nonprofit capacity building, public facilities, small business, and sustainability projects.

We support mission-based development in a few ways. First, we identify, evaluate, and aggregate CDFI investment opportunities throughout our region – providing local insight and delivering opportunities to external investors. We also provide technical assistance and local coordination to help projects garner community support, navigate local government, and have the resources to succeed. Finally, we supplement CDFI loans with our own enhancement funding – essentially a revolving loan fund – that we invest alongside CDFIs to reduce costs for the borrower, mitigate risk, and bridge gaps.

POSITION SUMMARY

The Indiana Climate Fellow will work directly with the executive director and will be responsible for taking the lead on all sustainability and climate projects. The Fellow’s top priority will be assisting the director in establishing an energy efficiency lending program in Bloomington, in collaboration with multiple CDFIs and the City of Bloomington. Once the program is established, the fellow will be the lead staff in administrating and supporting the energy efficiency lending program.

- Duties related to the energy efficiency lending program will include:
  - Supporting the director in any remaining planning and establishment tasks
  - Promoting the program to the community
  - Providing technical assistance to potential borrowers
• Conducting any necessary energy audits on potential commercial/nonprofit borrowers
• Disseminating information and guidance to interested borrowers

• Other tasks may include:
  • writing and editing communications and social media
  • grant-writing for federal grant applications
  • tracking data on potential investments
  • drafting policies and procedures for the organization
  • assisting in administration of enhancement fund
  • research to support director’s fundraising efforts

• Attend the Boot camp May 17 – 21, 2021

Qualifications
• Effective verbal and written communication skills
• Interest, classwork, and/or experience in finance, accounting, or similar quantitative analysis
• Project management
• Interest, classwork, and/or experience in community development, nonprofit management, or housing

Compensation
Compensation will be in the form of a scholarship through the Indiana Sustainability Development Program. The Fellow will work full time for 10 weeks, beginning May 24, 2021 and ending July 30, 2021. We are flexible within a week either direction on both the start and end dates.

Feedback and evaluation
The Fellow will be given regular feedback from staff on progress and performance. Success in the fellowship will be determined by the completion of specified projects in a professional and timely manner. The Fellow should learn how a community identifies sustainability priorities, effective principles of communication, and how to develop and maintain professional relationships.

Additionally, the fellow should develop an understanding of sustainable financing practices and the administration of a green community lending program. Ideally, they will also improve their financial analysis, public relations, and advocacy skills.

Application instructions
To apply for this position, complete an application on the Sustain IU website. If you have questions about the program or any of the positions available, email Danni Schaut, ISDP Program Manager, at danmcphe@iu.edu. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis (first come, first serve) until Friday, Feb. 19, 2021.