

# REDEVELOPMENT DIVISION MANAGER

Austin, Texas

The City of Austin's Economic Growth and Redevelopment Office seeks a highly experienced professional to fill the newly created position of Redevelopment Division Manager, a mid-level management opening, to lead the City's redevelopment programs

and services. The selected candidate will have an opportunity to acquaint Austin residents of the City's vitally important role in guiding the redevelopment of our community. This division has already completed almost half of the 13.3 million square feet and 9,824 residential units of planned development projects that have spurred new private development and infused more than \$750 million into the Austin economy.

Austin is embarking on planned development projects totaling \$9.7 billion. Currently, the Redevelopment Division Manager will lead a staff of eight professionals. Using a formula of \$500 million in development value assigned per redevelopment professional reporting to this position, eventually 15 positions are forecasted to be needed to lead the development of the new major redevelopment projects, not including other opportunities that arise.

The Redevelopment Division Manager will take the lead in creating strong partnerships with citizens, property owners, and developers, other city departments, government agencies, and regulatory agencies to encourage redevelopment of under developed tracts of land and/or expansions to create sustainable growth that enhances the vitality of Austin. This position will manage a \$1.5 million budget.

# **Experience**

The Ideal Candidate will bring experience in:

- Establishing or managing Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones, Public Improvement Districts, and/or similar investment financing tools.
- Developing and/or implementing long-range land use plans that include mixed-use, multi-model areas utilizing new urbanism techniques.
- Utilizing innovative financing strategies that include diverse funding sources from public, private, and nonprofit entities.
- Developing mechanisms to report on programs, services, and budgets.
- Understanding the value of creating partnerships as a way of accomplishing goals and forging relationships
- Understanding latest trends in economic development and responsible land use to create sustainable thriving communities and
- Managing real estate development, construction design and land use disciplines
- Contracting and evaluating contract agreements

# **Education**

 Bachelor's degree in a related field plus five years of experience in community development, planning, project management and public finance and three years of supervisory/ management experience or a Masters' degree in a related field plus three years of related experience, two of which were in a supervisory capacity



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Our goal is to make Austin the best managed city in the country.

Austin, Texas has a population of 843,000 and is the 13th largest city in the country.

# **Economic Growth and Redevelopment Office**

The Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Offices (EGRSO), works to enhance livability and economic vitality by promoting the arts, music, biotech, business and digital media connecting companies and communities worldwide to Austin.

The Department Director has one Deputy Director, one Assistant Director, 61 employees and four divisions. The Global Business Recruitment and Expansion Division oversee programs to create jobs and attract companies to Austin and an International Programs to strengthen our global community. The Small Business Development Division fosters economic growth and assists small business in becoming self-sustaining and competitive. The Cultural Arts Division and Music Division work to strengthen Austin's dynamic cultural programs which include Art in Public Places, Cultural Arts Funding, Civic Arts and Music. The Redevelopment Division forms public /private partnerships to locate and/or expand in Desired Development Zones. Department budget is \$11.5 million.

# **Austin City Government**

The City of Austin is a progressive, dynamic, full-service municipal organization operating under the Council-Manager form of government. The Council currently has six council members and a mayor that is elected at large. The City is in the process of transitioning to a 10-1 structure. The council will be elected from 10 single member districts, with the mayor at-large. City Council appoints the City Manager, who serves as the Chief Administrator and the Chief Operations Officer for the City organization. The City Manager implements the organization's day-to-day operations with a team of professional department heads and Assistant City Managers. The City of Austin has more than 12,000 employees in 42 departments, including city-owned electric and water utilities, airport, fire, police and Austin-Travis County EMS.

# **About Austin**

This vibrant and dynamic city tops numerous lists for business, entertainment, cost of living and quality of life. One of the country's most popular, high-profile "green" and culturally dynamic cities and was selected as the "Best City for the Next Decade (Kiplinger), the "Top Creative Center" in the US (Entrepreneur.com) and #1 on the "On Numbers Economic Index" as the fastest growing economy. Austin continues to lead the country with its vision of being the "Most livable City in the country," emerging as a player on the international scene with such events as SXSW, Austin City Limits, Formula I and being home to companies such as Apple, Samsung, Dell, and Seton Healthcare. From the home of state government and the University of Texas, to the "Live Music Capital of the World" and its growth as a film center, Austin has gained worldwide attention as a hub for education, business, health, and sustainability. Since 1900, Austin's population has doubled every 20 years.

# How to Apply

We are interested in pre-screening potential candidates during the Urban Land Institute Conference in San Diego, California from Monday, May 13 – Friday, May 17. If you have direct experience related to the position, please email Edna Santos at Edna.santos@austintexas.gov to schedule an appointment for a pre-screen interview. Interested candidates may apply online at www.austincityjobs. org, a resume and cover letter must be attached. Position closes June 9, 2013.

Inquiries relating to this recruitment may be directed to: (512) 974-3221 or Edna.Santos@austintexas.gov