

NOW HIRING

Epicenter will welcome an Enterprise Rose Architectural Fellow, an emerging architect in community design, for a two-year fellowship beginning in January, 2019.

Epicenter is a place-based design non-profit located in Green River, Utah, a community of just under one thousand located in the high desert and surrounded by breathtaking cliffs and canyons. We work with our community to steward local creative initiatives that build a future that we envision together. We are dedicated to this town and our work, but are constantly building on what we do and redefining how we do it. We are looking for more ways to celebrate this place and to build on our town's assets. That's where you come in.

Learn more below.



THE ENTERPRISE ROSE ARCHITECTURAL FELLOWSHIP

The Enterprise Rose Architectural Fellowship, an initiative of Enterprise Community Partners Inc., partners early-career architectural designers with local community development organizations, where they facilitate an inclusive approach to development to create green, sustainable, and affordable communities. As an integral staff member of the organization, the fellow will focus on advancing the organization's practices in community engagement, sustainability and design excellence. Rose Fellows also gain a national network of colleagues who share their passion for public interest architecture and community development.



ABOUT ENTERPRISE

Enterprise works with partners nationwide to build opportunity to create and advocate for affordable homes in thriving communities linked to jobs, good schools, health care and transportation to reach its goal of ending housing insecurity in the United States.

ABOUT EPICENTER

Epicenter stewards local creative initiatives in the town of Green River, Utah (pop. 962). For the past nine years, we've maintained a holistic approach to our work which we believe to be critical to our success. Art, design, and unconventional thinking are at the core of our processes which have allowed us to achieve things that many thought impossible with such limited resources. Beyond Green River, we advocate for rural communities and contribute to the international dialogue on contemporary place-based work.



EPICENTER ROSE FELLOW JOB DESCRIPTION

As we approach the 10 year anniversary of Epicenter in 2019, we reflect on our successes and learnings as an organization, and recommit ourselves to the work we do in Green River. We are focused on ensuring our organizational sustainability and increasing our effectiveness in the community through scaling up our work and focusing our efforts. This is where a Rose Fellow comes in.

The Rose Fellow will develop innovative partnerships in order to create more options for our residents. With experimental thinking at the core of our practice, we pair artists/designers with homeowners, explore alternative means of financing, and more, to truly see what works best in our community.

They will empower local leaders to shape the town and lead the change they want to see. This has always been at the heart of our work, but we have to expand on this practice if we want our successes to be shared and sustainable. We'll know we've been successful when we've put ourselves out of a job. Until then, we'll work with our community to achieve our goals.

The Fellow will create housing opportunities in order to achieve stability for our residents. 46% of houses in Green River need significant repairs, 49% of the local population lives in mobile-homes, 57% of mobile-home occupants identify as Hispanic, and only 12 apartment units are available for rent in the entire town; we recognize these needs as opportunities to provide better options for all residents.

HELP US ANSWER:

- › Can we embrace tourism without losing our small town assets?
- › How can we best provide more housing options for all residents?
- › How do we empower residents to begin leading the change they envision?
- › How do we attract new and returning residents to build a life in Green River?

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

In addition to learning from our model of alternative practice, a Rose Fellow will work directly with Epicenter's staff and Frontier Fellows, professional artists/designers from around the world. Additionally, a Fellow will work with and learn from our expert neighbors and partners such as Community Rebuilds (Moab, UT), the Utah Division of Arts & Museums, the Rural Community Assistance Corporation, and Epicenter Board Member/Rose Fellow alumnus Jason Wheeler (ASSIST Executive Director, Salt Lake City, UT). The Rose Fellow will be directly connected to Epicenter's vast network of rural creative professionals, as locally as Helper (UT) and as far away as rural East Iceland.



EPICENTER ROSE FELLOW WORK PLAN



PROJECT GOALS	PROJECTS	YEAR 1 OUTCOMES	PARTNERS
Nurture local participation in improving the town	<p>Downtown property inventory.</p> <p>Built project with University of Utah architecture students in downtown Green River.</p>	<p>Complete 75% of short-term recommendation actions from the DTP. Creation of a local steering plan team. \$50,000 in funding secured towards downtown revitalization efforts.</p>	<p>City of Green River, Green River Improvement Team, HUD, Rural Community Assistance Corporation, Sorenson Legacy Foundation.</p>
Expand options for rental housing that currently do not exist.	<p>Pre-development for 8-12 units of multi-family housing rentals.</p> <p>Renovate existing rental units.</p>	<p>Land identified and appraised, market study and feasibility study completed, and the creation of the final cost analysis/budget.</p> <p>Feasibility study completed for renovating existing rental units in town.</p> <p>LIHTC application submitted.</p>	<p>Enterprise Community Partners, Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund, RCAC, GS & DD Eccles Foundation, Sorenson Legacy Foundation, McCarthy Family Foundation, and Ally Bank.</p>
Provide pathways of maintaining/ improving safety, efficiency, durability of homes of homeowners.	<p>Assessment and redesign of Fix It First home repair program. Frontier House v1 assessment. Vernacular housing assessment and research. Frontier House v2 design and financing package.</p>	<p>10 new FIF projects completed. Creation of housing resources guide for current and potential homeowners.</p> <p>FH v1 evaluation completed; FH v2 construction documents created (if FH model is viable for Green River).</p>	<p>American Express Foundation, Ally Bank, Sorenson Legacy Foundation, Well Fargo Housing Foundation, and RCAC.</p>
Create a rural network within the region to share community development best practices, resources, and lessons learned.	<p>Assessment of current network(s). Creation of rural cohort. Rural communities housing plans assessment/plan.</p>	<p>Map of rural organizations working in the region.</p> <p>A plan for lobbying for policy changes and shared funding for rural Utah.</p> <p>1-3 neighboring communities identified for Rose Fellow to facilitate Housing Plans.</p>	<p>RCAC, Utah Division of Arts & Museums (Community Arts program), Utah Housing Coalition, and Assist, Inc.</p>

**APPLICATIONS TO BE AN ENTERPRISE ROSE
FELLOW WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH JULY 15**



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