



Join our team.

Epicenter Housing Specialist

We have a unique opportunity for an exceptional designer with a wide and varied skill-set: a chance to live and work in a small town in Utah. To help citizens of this rural community lead better lives. To demonstrate the value of design in community problem solving. To gain a one-of-a-kind experience in an alternative model of professional practice. To learn new skills. To improve our non-profit. To improve yourself.



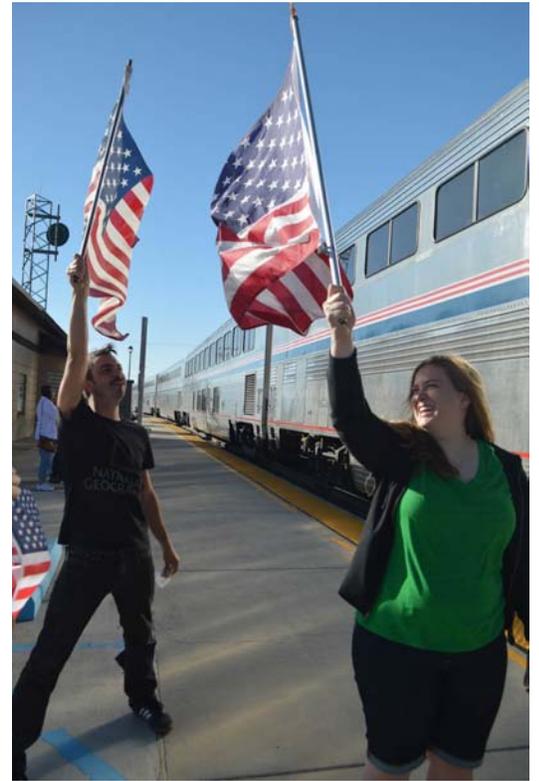
We believe this desert town can bloom, but there is work to be done. We'd like to work with you to do it. We're hiring for the full-time position of Housing Specialist. This unique individual will lead the award-winning Fix It First home repair program, assist in the design and construction of Frontier Houses, and more.



Who We Are

Epicenter is a design-driven community development organization that serves the rural desert town of Green River, Utah. Epicenter provides local solutions to community problems through a holistic approach with projects in three sectors: affordable housing advocacy and repair, business development, and arts and culture. An agile team of designers, creatives, and doers, we have a community-centered and multidisciplinary approach to problem solving and innovation. Here, we nurture businesses, artists, entrepreneurs, and ideas.

We're dedicated to this town and our practice, but we're constantly building on what we do and redefining how we do it. We are looking for more ways to engage our community and to help citizens envision their future. That's where you come in.





Who You Are

- You have a degree or background in architecture, construction, affordable housing, or a related field.
- You're excited to dive into a rural community and strategize how its strengths can overcome its weaknesses.
- You have an eye for detail, a mind for numbers, and a willingness to get your boots dirty.
- You have exquisite verbal, visual, and written communication skills.
- You dream of open spaces, big skies, bold colors, and promising futures.
- You have an interest in working on a multidisciplinary team.
- You are skilled at interacting with people of all socioeconomic backgrounds.

What You Will Do

- Lead outreach, design, and on-site construction of Fix It First projects.
- Assist with on-site construction for the Frontier House v1.
- Co-develop future iterations of the Frontier House.
- Create a "how-to" document of the Frontier House to market to other rural communities.
- Act as a production assistant for the Frontier Fellowship, our artist-in-residence program.
- Assist in the development of twelve new units of multi-family housing.
- Document best practices and program achievements for regular reports.
- Sustain program funding through grant writing (training available).

Workload and Compensation

This is a full-time position beginning August 15, 2016. Compensation and benefits include:

\$19,200 gross annual salary

\$125 per month additional income to assist in covering medical expenses and insurance

\$2,000 to cover costs of professional development training opportunities out of town

A one-time signing bonus / relocation allowance of \$750

Paid time off of 20 days annually, with additional federal holidays and extended winter holidays

IDP credit for work that meets requirements and mentorship by a Utah architect

"Family meals" with Epicenter staff (around 50 meals per year)

Mileage reimbursement for work-related travel

Assistance in securing housing (typical monthly costs \$325/ month including utilities)



How to Apply

Applications are due July 22nd, noon MST, emailed to work@ruralandproud.org. Submit a cover letter, resume/ CV with 2 professional references, and portfolio of relevant work not to exceed 8 pages and 5 MB, all as PDFs.

A person in a red shirt and blue jeans is riding a bicycle on a paved road that curves through a vast, golden field. In the background, a range of flat-topped mountains stretches across the horizon under a sky filled with soft, white clouds. The sun is positioned low in the sky, creating a warm, golden glow over the entire scene.

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