

Job Announcement
Community Organizer – two positions
Friendly Streets Initiative

Application Deadline: 11:59pm Friday, March 20

Interviews: Friday, March 27

Start Date: April 1

The Friendly Streets Initiative

The mission of the Friendly Streets Initiative is *to create more vibrant, livable neighborhoods and healthier communities along the Green Line LRT by transforming streets into **places** that are more **friendly** - i.e. safe and inviting for residents and all users – and **connected**, especially to the Green Line.* The Friendly Streets Initiative hosts fun and engaging events that invite residents to re-imagine the nature and purpose of streets and learn about the possibilities for street transformation. Friendly Streets uses a variety of visual, tactile, and experiential tools to facilitate the creation of visions and plans for streets and neighborhoods.

www.friendlystreetsinitiative.org

Over the past four years, the Friendly Streets Initiative has worked on several projects, including Charles Avenue, Fairview Avenue, Hague Avenue, Pelham Boulevard, Raymond Avenue, Selby at Snelling, and Victoria Street.

In 2015, the Friendly Streets Initiative team will engage communities to envision ways to improve walk and bike connections to several LRT Green Line stations. The centerpiece of our work in 2015 are the automobile and bike/pedestrian bridges over I-94.

<http://friendlystreetsinitiative.org/projects/better-bridges/>

The FSI Team

The Community Organizer will work as a member of the Friendly Streets Team:

Lars Christiansen, Director of the Friendly Streets Initiative

Kim Club, Community Organizer and Data Analyst

Darius Gray, Community Organizer and Data Analyst

Robyn Hendrix, Artist Organizer

Michael Jon Olson, Director of the Hamline Midway Coalition

Lilli Post-Johnson, Intern

The Friendly Streets Team works closely with local neighborhood groups and other partner organizations to develop and carry out each Friendly Streets Initiative project.

The Positions

The two positions run from April 1 – December 31, 2015, with the Hamline Midway Coalition, the parent organization of the Friendly Streets Initiative. The positions will be on contract at \$20/hour for 500 hours for each position. Your schedule will vary from week to week and includes weekends and some evenings. The Community Organizers will report to Lars Christiansen, Director of the Friendly Streets Initiative, and will have access to the office and resources of the Hamline Midway Coalition, located in the Hamline Midway Library at 1558 West Minnehaha Avenue.

Key Responsibilities

The Community Organizers will employ their talents to help the Friendly Streets Team:

- Organize and mobilize community involvement in Friendly Streets Initiative projects
- Build relationships with community members and organizations associated with Friendly Streets Initiative projects
- Assist in relationship building with representatives from public agencies and others involved in Friendly Streets Initiative projects
- Assist in designing and executing block parties and other community events
- Assist in data collection
- Other duties as assigned

Qualifications

Ideal candidates are community organizers with at least 1 year of relevant experience. A bachelor's degree is preferred, but not required.

Preferred skills include

- * Strong interpersonal communication skills, both direct and online
- * Language proficiency in Hmong, Vietnamese, Oromo or Somali
- * Organization and time management
- * Sense of humor and flexibility
- * Demonstrated comfort working with diverse ages, ethnicities, and income levels
- * Enthusiasm for community engagement work
- * Established connections to one or more of the following communities: Disability communities; Lexington-Hamline; Saint Anthony Park; Summit-University; and Union Park.
- * Experience working with volunteers

To Apply

Please send the application (see next page) and an employment resume (2 pages max) to:

Lars Christiansen, Director
Friendly Streets Initiative
Hamline Midway Coalition
1558 West Minnehaha Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Postmark no later than March 20, 2015.

Or, you may email your application electronically to lars@fsimn.org by 11:59pm on March 20.

You will receive confirmation of receipt within 1 week. *Please, no phone or email inquiries.*

Community Organizer Application

Contact Information

NAME:

E-mail address:

Home address:

Work address:

Preferred phone:

Other phone:

Are you available during the afternoon or evening of Friday, March 27 for an interview?

Narrative (*typed; maximum 2 pages*)

1. Describe your community organizing experience.
2. What other perspectives and experience do you bring to this work?
3. What experience and skills do you have in working collaboratively and in coordinating?
4. What is your experience working in culturally diverse communities?