

**Location**

Austin, Texas

**Organization**

Texas Affiliation of Affordable Housing Providers

**Position**

Government Relations Director

**Job Description****Job Summary**

Along with the Executive Director, the Government Relations Director will be a primary advocate and representative for the Texas Affiliation of Affordable Housing Providers (TAAHP) to the Texas Legislature, the Office of the Governor, state and federal agencies (such as the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and local government entities. This senior-level position is responsible for developing, leading, and executing TAAHP's government relations and public policy strategy to promote the development and preservation of quality, affordable housing for all Texans. The Director will monitor legislative and regulatory changes, build strategic relationships with key decision-makers and coalition partners, and assist with mobilizing membership to advocate for TAAHP's policy priorities.

**Essential Functions**

The Director's key responsibilities include:

- Developing and executing a government relations strategy aligned with TAAHP's goals. This involves monitoring and analyzing legislative and regulatory changes impacting affordable housing at all levels of government.
- Serving as a primary liaison and advocate for TAAHP with elected officials, agencies, and stakeholders.
- Collaborate on policy communications.
- Building coalitions.
- Educating TAAHP members and the board on legislative matters.
- Collaborating with TAAHP lobby teams and ensuring compliance with lobbying regulations; and
- Tracking legislation and managing legislative inquiries and testimony.

Additional functions include, but are not limited to:

- Administration of the TAAHP PAC and corresponding events.
- Administration of TAAHP committees and subcommittees responsible for developing or interpreting legislation on TAAHP's behalf.
- Assisting with legislator visits to member owned properties.
- Assisting with policy related events which emphasize TAAHP member engagement with the political process, such as Rally Day, Town Hall Meetings, and legislative office education.
- Drafting bill summaries
- Developing draft legislation

## **Qualifications**

This role requires at least seven years of experience in government relations or a related field, with a proven ability to influence state policy and build relationships. Experience in a trade association or the affordable housing sector is beneficial. A strong understanding of Texas legislative processes and federal housing programs is necessary. Essential skills include excellent communication, strategic thinking, and judgment. A Bachelor's degree in a relevant field is preferred, but experience can substitute for education. The position is located in Austin and will require occasional travel within Texas and out of state.

Candidate must reside in the Austin, TX Metro Area

Salary commensurate with experience up to \$145,000 / year.

Benefits:

Generous PTO plan

Remote work environment

Health Insurance

Dental Insurance

Vision Insurance

Long-Term Disability Insurance

Short-Term Disability Insurance

Life Insurance

401(k) with company match

Submit your resume and cover letter to [roger@taahp.org](mailto:roger@taahp.org).