

City of Des Moines, Washington JOB DESCRIPTION



PROGRAM SPECIALIST - Events and Facilities

Regular, Full Time

Salary Grade: 13 Bargaining Unit: Non-represented FLSA Status: Non-exempt EEO Category: Paraprofessionals

Nature of Work

Under the general supervision of the Facilities and Events Manager, this position will assist with facility rentals, event planning and event execution. This position interacts with a broad and diverse constituency of residents, non-residents, corporations, and non-profit organizations. This position has supervisory responsibilities and assists in the hiring, training, supervision, scheduling and evaluation of part-time extra-hire employees. Work hours vary based on rental schedule and includes evenings, weekends and holidays. This position performs duties independently with minimal supervision from established and well-known procedures.

Essential Functions

- Plans, coordinates, organizes, leads and supervises facility rentals.
- Ensures the general safety and well-being of all rental attendees, to include clients, guests, staff and park patrons.
- Prepares and administers events and facilities budgets and monitors expenditures and revenue for rentals in accordance with established procedures.
- Plans, schedules, and supervises the work of part-time extra-hire staff for assigned areas; develops and coordinates staff schedules.
- Trains and evaluates the performance of assigned staff; may be responsible for supervising volunteers and/or client vendors.
- Trains assigned staff in safety procedures and ensures all safety rules, regulations and procedures are followed.
- Coordinates day of events to ensure staff is in assigned locations as needed at the time they are needed.
- Maintains monthly records and prepares written reports relating to facility rentals.
- Prepares facility marketing, social media, and advertising as assigned.
- Effectively communicates with clients of facility renters, and their vendors.
- Assists in the recruitment and selection of temporary/variable-hour part-time employees.
- Answers department telephone, conduct facility site tours, answer phones and give requested information, write and send proposals/contracts to clients.
- Follow up on rentals to ensure all required document are in on time and rentals are paid in full
- Assists with community events, rental records, invoicing and refunds, post event evaluations.
- Oversees renter's use of Des Moines Marina and Park and Recreation Department facilities and equipment.

- Attends to injury and incident victims, provides assistance and first aid when needed.
- Accurately completes all City/Department forms for supervisory review and action when needed.
- Assists the Des Moines Marina and Park and Recreation Department professional staff with special projects as needed.
- Performs office filing and other duties as prescribed by the Events and Facilities Manager.
- Processes bank deposits and prepare daily sales reports.
- Establishes and maintains cooperative, effective working relationships with coworkers, other City employees, and the general public using principles of good customer service.
- Reports for scheduled work with regular, reliable and punctual attendance.
- Performs other duties as assigned, including but not limited to being assigned to work in other functional areas to cover absences or relief, equalize peak work periods, or balance the workload.

Necessary Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Knowledge of current principles and practices related to event management and execution.
- Knowledge of scheduling techniques and procedures for events, facilities and office coverage.
- Interpersonal skills using tact, patience and courtesy.
- Principles and practices of administration, supervision and training.
- Standard First Aid, CPR and Bloodborne Pathogens procedures.
- Ability to maintain effective working relationships with individuals and groups encountered in fulfilling job requirements.
- Ability to be detail oriented, highly productive and complete tasks on time.
- Ability to demonstrate effective problem solving skills and sound judgment.
- Ability to exercise initiative, take independent action, and work with minimal supervision.
- Ability to effectively plan, schedule, oversee and evaluate rentals and personnel.
- Ability to make oral presentations.
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing, with correct English usage, grammar, spelling, punctuation and vocabulary.
- Ability to use computer technology, e.g., recreation registration systems, facility scheduling, and report preparation.
- Ability to execute customer relationship management procedures
- Ability to work flexible schedules that may include weekends, evenings, split shifts and holidays and maintain regular and prompt attendance as required.
- Ability to perform the essential functions and meet the physical demands of the position.
- Self-motivated, punctual and dependable.
- Ability to deal with difficult/angry customers in a positive and constructive manner with no additional support.
- Ability to handle multiple tasks and conflicting priorities with confidence and poise.
- Work independently with minimum instruction.
- Physical ability sufficient to perform the essential functions of the position. Must be able to lift 50 pounds with ease.

Education and Experience Requirements

- Two years college-level course work in recreation, events management, or closely related field.
 Bachelor's degree in Recreation, Hospitality, or other related program preferred; or an
 equivalent combination of education and experience from which comparable knowledge, skills
 and abilities.
- Two (2) years' experience in events, facility management, hospitality or recreation related service.

Special Requirements

- Valid Washington State Driver's License with a good driving record, and maintain throughout employment.
- Possess a valid First Aid/CPR card, or obtain within three months of hire date, and maintain throughout employment.
- Because of the known effects of tobacco use, the City of Des Moines does not hire applicants who use tobacco products.
- Successful completion of a pre-employment background and criminal history check.

Working Conditions and Physical Abilities

Indoor and outdoor work environments. Outdoor environment can include uneven and
unstable walking surfaces, tripping hazards, and inclement weather conditions. Occasional
travel to off-site locations is required. Hand-eye coordination and fine-manipulation skills
are necessary to operate computers and a variety of office machinery. The position also
requires the ability to speak and hear to exchange information, sit for extended periods of
time, bend and stretch to retrieve and maintain files and program supplies, and lift up to 50
pounds.

General Information

- The statements contained herein reflect general details as necessary to describe the principal
 functions for this job classification, the level of knowledge and skill typically required and the
 scope of responsibility, but should not be considered an all-inclusive listing of work
 requirements. Individuals may perform other duties as assigned including work in other
 functional areas to cover absences or relief, to equalize peak work periods, or to balance the
 workload.
- The physical abilities described above are representative of those that must be met by an
 employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. Reasonable
 accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential
 functions.
- The provisions of this job description do not constitute an expressed or implied contract. Any provision contained herein may be modified and/or revoked without notice.
- Updated 2021.