Building Inspections Floodplain Management Internship

Charleston County Building Inspection Services Department has 3 student intern positions available this summer. These positions will be part time between the hours of 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday, but we are open to a flexible work schedule. Interns will be compensated with payment by an hourly rate. (Approx. 20-30 hours/week April-July).

This summer, interns will be working on several large comprehensive projects including but not limited to:

- **Grant Implementation** – The County is actively pursuing new grants for home elevation, flood mitigation, and outreach events. Interns will assist with data collection, site visits, mapping, grant applications, and other work concerning future and active grants.

- **Project Impact** – Assisting with Community Outreach projects, in person and virtual as applicable. Work on updating brochures, table at events, assist with virtual outreach, expand community awareness on natural hazards and participate in creating digital awareness (i.e. TV segments, Web Apps, digital content).

- **Charleston Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) update** - which examines the county’s vulnerability to certain hazards and documents efforts to improve resiliency. Intern(s) will be working with 31 governments and non-governmental jurisdictions on the update.

- **The Community Rating System (CRS)** – This program provides discounts on flood insurance premiums for communities that exceed minimum federal floodplain management standards. There are specific project needs including documenting and mapping open space in the County, analyzing structures and neighborhoods repeatedly damaged by flooding and identifying and mapping flood zones. GIS skills would be valuable.

The Department is looking to attract students from the Public Administration, Urban and Regional Planning, Environmental Studies, Business Administration, Journalism or related programs. Our department is flexible with scheduling to accommodate summer courses and other commitments.

Students interested in applying should email a **letter of intent and their resume** to DCooper@charlestoncounty.org with the subject ‘Summer Internship’. I’m happy to answer any of the student’s questions directly before they apply, via email or by phone at 843-202-6940.

If you have any recommendations regarding possible candidates or other schools or programs that might have interest, please let us know so that we may reach out to them. Thank you in advance for your help. We look forward to working with you and your students.

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