Career Opportunity

Disaster Recovery

Public Assistance Division (State of California – Mather location)

Disaster Assistance Programs Specialist I $3,634 - $5,000
Disaster Assistance Programs Specialist II $4,724 - $5,872

Who Are We?

Cal OES Public Assistance (PA) Division provides assistance to state agencies, local governments, special districts and eligible private non-profit organizations impacted by a disaster in order to achieve a safer future for all California communities. PA ensures state and federal support is provided to local jurisdictions in an efficient and timely manner in order to assist in recovery from a major disaster or emergency.

In support of these responsibilities, PA performs extensive liaison activities with all our stakeholders.

This Is Your Opportunity…

If you are looking for a career that is meaningful, noble, and with opportunities for upward mobility, then look no further than PA. For many, PA has been the gateway to an exciting career in emergency management. Ongoing training opportunities are encouraged and provided to aid in one’s professional development, and expand their skillset to better serve those communities affected by disasters.

This is your chance to make a difference. We pride ourselves on our diversity, integrity, and commitment to public service, while valuing the importance of your work/life balance.

What You Will Do…

As a Disaster Assistance Programs Specialist (DAPS) I or II, you’ll be integral in the transition from disaster response to disaster recovery. You’ll be required to travel to disaster affected areas, working in a team environment to quantify event-related damages and capture the affected jurisdiction’s proposed scope of work in a reimbursement grant for state and/or federal disaster public assistance programs.
Who We Are Looking For…

We are looking for dedicated, talented individuals who possess the following skills and abilities:

- Valid driver license.
- Flexibility, with a willingness to work effectively under adverse conditions; tact and professional demeanor; travel for extensive periods at any time emergencies arise, including weekends and holidays; and work odd hours and long shifts.
- Knowledge and understanding of basic construction estimating techniques.
- Proficiency in basic computer skills.
- Ability to Interpret applicable codes, laws, rules, regulations, and policies; analyze situations accurately, and take effective action; reason logically; analyze data and effectively present ideas; communicate effectively; and establish and maintain cooperative working relationships with various agencies, jurisdictions and our federal partners.

Among the pool of candidates who’ve enjoyed success on this career path are men and women from the construction trades, insurance industry, accounting, engineering, military, and project management.

How to Apply…

Interested individuals must first take an examination: The California Department of Human Resources provides step-by-step guidance in applying for an exciting and rewarding career in state service. The link below will navigate you through the hiring process, which includes the creation of your CalCareer account, DAPS I & II examination information, and other resources available to you through the state. http://www.calhr.ca.gov/Pages/home.aspx

Successful candidates are placed on an employment list and will be eligible for job opportunities.

Contact Information

California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services
Recovery Section, Public Assistance Division
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For assistance with questions regarding job vacancies, resumes, applications, etc., please contact Lillian Fomi at (916) 845-8326.