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Proposed Schedule:
Monday – Friday 9:00 – 4:30 (30-minute lunch)
Preferred Placement Dates between Tuesday, May 26 and Friday, August 7, 2020, but are willing to can accommodate

Organization Description:
Since 1969, the Urban League of Southern Connecticut (ULSC) has provided necessary programming and services to Fairfield and New Haven counties. Based on experience with their housing programs, ULSC identified a clear need for more affordable housing and economic development in the southern Connecticut region.

In 2018 the Urban League created the Urban Equity Development Corporation (UEDC). The UEDC will work to address southern Connecticut's needs through the provision of block-by-block urban redevelopment, particularly in economically distressed areas where workers and their families cannot find decent and affordable housing close to their places of employment. UEDC, working in tandem with its parent entity ULSC, seeks to provide comprehensive and sustainable economic development and services, including workforce housing, affordable housing, and affordable commercial space as well as wraparound economic support.

Summary:
UEDC will serve as the lead sponsor and developer of commercial and housing properties, with the end goal of transforming depressed areas on a block-by-block basis throughout Southern Connecticut. The PPS Fellow will
be responsible for assisting the UEDC in developing all phases of the real estate development and management process—from feasibility analysis through construction, rent-up, and the provision of tenant services.

**Description of Activities:**
The fellow will assist in the day-to-day operations of the UEDC. He/she engages in neighborhood revitalization by assessing potential sustainable development opportunities within the West River, Hill North, and Hill South neighborhoods. The Fellow is responsible for consensus-building and community engagement strategies within the West River and Hill communities. He/she is responsible for researching, assessing, writing, and preparing grants and funding proposals to external funding sources and agencies.

- Survey and assess neighborhood blighted buildings or underutilized lands as well as potential community assets within West River, Hill North, and Hill South.
- Conduct feasibility studies for new potential developments as well as partnerships.
- Work with community stakeholders in sharing as well as getting feedback on Urban Equity Development Corp's vision and redevelopment plan.
- Build and maintain ongoing professional relationships with community and business stakeholders.
- Develop and execute outreach strategies to maximize community and other stakeholders' participation in all UEDC meetings, workshops, forums, discussions as well as development planning.
- Assist with the research, preparations, and writing as well as submission of grants for funding for development projects from such economic development offices of the federal, state and local government as well as with other nonprofit funding sources.

**Project Scope:**
- Assist and collaborate with Urban League of Southern Connecticut and UEDC leadership in identifying a permanent location within the West River Neighborhood.
- Assist in researching and selecting as well meeting with a vendor to create a logo and website as well as social media platforms for UEDC.
Coordinate community focus groups within West River, Hill North, and Hill South regarding vision casting for mix-use development as well as other financial empowerment needs, services, or programs.

Identify blighted or foreclosed building or buildable lots within the West River, Hill North, and Hill South for redevelopment.

Assist in the creating of a UEDC redevelopment strategic plan.

Assist in creating a framework for a UEDCs 3-5-year redevelopment plan within New Haven.

**Skills/Experience:**

- Obtaining a BA or Master’s Degree in Community Development, Urban Planning, Economics, or Architecture or Law School.
- Great communication skills.
- Excellent writing skills.

**Past/ Present work with PPSF:**
The Urban League has not previously worked with PPSF; however, in 2018, the Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization/Yale Law School clinic prepared organizational documents and drafted responses for the UEDC. The clinic not only assisted in the drafting of documents required to establish the UEDC, but it also served as a guide to identifying the areas for further development.