

Finance Director – Rock Island County, IL

County of Rock Island County, IL

Rock Island County, Illinois is seeking qualified candidates for its Finance Director (FD) position. Rock Island County is a part of the Quad Cities region bordering Iowa on the Mississippi River. This multi-county region is home over 380,000 residents. Rock Island County has over 145,000 residents.

The area is also characterized as one with small town friendliness and charm. Multiple communities are nestled along the Mississippi River, which flows along the entire border of the County. The landscape lends itself to a plethora of outdoor activities. Abundant golf courses, substantial trail systems, fishing and hunting opportunities, a lively running scene, and mountain biking can all be found in the County.

Rock Island County is governed by a 25-member Board elected by districts to staggered two and four year terms. In 2022 the County Board will be reduced to 19 members elected by districts. The Board conducts the bulk of its business through four (4) standing committees. The Board hires a professional administrator to manage the day-to-day operations of the organization including supervision of many County departments. The current Administrator is in his 4th year of service with the County and 25 years in local government administration. The County has 376 full-time employees and an annual operating budget of \$85 million.

The Finance Director is appointed and reports to the County Administrator. However, the FD has considerable interaction with members of the governing body. The FD is responsible for managing the County's financial affairs under the direction of the County Administrator. More specifically, the FD will be responsible for oversight and management of the following functions:

- Central accounting
- Payroll administration
- Purchasing and procurement
- Debt management
- Budget preparation and administration
- Capital expenditure programming
- Revenue and financial forecasting
- Multi-year financial planning
- Financial reporting
- Work with the County's outside auditor and internal Auditor's Office in preparing the annual financial statements

In addition to managing the County's financial affairs, the FD serves as an important member of the County's Administration team and is involved in assisting the County Administrator in developing a variety of policy recommendations for presentation to the

County Board. The FD is expected to attend all Country Board Meetings and other official meetings as directed by the County Administrator.

The County is seeking candidates for the FD position with the following minimum qualifications:

- A Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university in Finance, Accounting, Business Administration, Public Administration, or some other related field.
- A minimum of eight (8) years of relevant and progressively responsible professional experience in the field of financial management, accounting, and/or public administration.
- A thorough understanding of various technology and software applications commonly used in financial management and accounting functions.
- Outstanding written and verbal communication skills.
- The ability to establish and maintain effective and productive working relationships with elected and appointed officials, other senior managers, subordinates, and members of the public.

The preferred candidates will possess one or more of the following qualifications:

- A Master's Degree in Finance, Accounting, Business Administration, Public Administration, or some other related field of study.
- Designation as a Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO), a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), or a Certified Management Accountant (CMA).
- Considerable experience with public sector financial management and accounting services.
- An understanding of the County's financial management and accounting systems.

The starting salary range for this position is \$90,000 to \$130,000 DOQ/E. The County also provides an excellent package of fringe benefits. Residency within the corporate limits of Rock Island County is not required. The position will remain open until filled. Please submit your cover letter, resume, and 5 work-related references to Erin Hughes at ehughes@co.rock-island.il.us by November 12, 2021. An offer of employment is contingent upon the successful completion of a background screening, drug testing.

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