

Fahe Advocacy Manager

Join our growing team working to build stronger communities in Appalachia! Fahe is on a mission to eliminate persistent poverty. Our unique collaborative model connects a Network of local, regional, and national leaders, all working together to uplift our nation's rural places. Since our inception in 1980, the Fahe network has served more than 535,000 people, made \$784.8 million in direct investments, and achieved a total cumulative financial impact of over a billion dollars in Appalachia. The impact achieved by our Network of local leadership combined with our record of influencing legislation and boots-on-the-ground program design expertise gives us a nationally-recognized perspective on turning back the grinding job losses and community struggles throughout Appalachia and the country. In our vision, our communities and economies work---with jobs, choices, and a good life for each of us, in our region and in this great country. Join us to make it happen.

Our ability to achieve this vision depends upon us being able to hire amazing people. You will work with the Advocacy Department to lead initiatives on prosperity in Appalachia. You will work with smart, dedicated, big-thinking colleagues on making a difference in this country, receiving meaningful feedback and mentorship. You will have a view from a leading national voice located at the foot of the Appalachian Mountains that is effective in the Washington, DC policy environment (for example, our President, who you would also work with, is Board Chair of the Opportunity Finance Network, the leading national organization of community development financial institutions).

Essential Responsibilities

Strategy and Narrative

- Develop and execute strategy to further Fahe's advocacy and policy goals
- Manage development of Fahe's policy narrative, including recommending when to selectively engage on policy important to the region while being thoughtful about when we should speak and when we should listen
- Contribute to reinforcing Fahe's overall narrative of building our region within a great nation where people have good jobs, good choices, and good lives

Policy

- Lead on in-depth policy issues, develop national program design, and follow legislative developments. This may include work on, among other topics:
 - Limited or comprehensive economic development plans
 - Farm Bill's steering of investments in small cities, towns, and rural areas
 - Housing Programs
 - Broadband internet service
- Author policy papers, testimony, comments, and articles that will be released to elected leaders, thought leaders, and the public
- Coordinate our state policy efforts, advising when we should be involved and helping Fahe Members maximize their state advocacy
- Manage Fahe's federal appropriations advocacy by developing and maintaining key relationships with Congressional staff

Collaboration

- Convening occasional thought leadership events and collaborate with partners to make progress on disseminating our ideas
- Review our participation in coalitions and manage coalition relationships
- Build relationships with other organizations and represent Fahe at conferences and events

Media

- In the course of work, identify media opportunities to broaden our reach and help produce advocacy and policy related content for those opportunities

Perform other duties as necessary

Minimum Qualifications

- A belief that people should have a good job, good choices, and a good life, no matter who their momma is --- and whether they're born in New York City, Knoxville, or Hazard, Kentucky
- At least four years of experience or graduate degree and three years of experience in some combination of advocacy, policy, research, communications, media or similar
- Direct experience working with policy-related matters

- Experience and skill at building relationships, working on a team, and cultivating collaboration, with a diverse group of people
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Able to initiate and juggle multiple projects and work independently
- Proficiency with Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint
- Ability and willingness to travel occasionally

Desired Qualifications

- Experience in community development and housing policy and programs
- Experience and interest in interacting with Congressional offices, state legislators, and federal and state regulatory leaders
- Interest in and ability to discuss economic structural transitions happening in our country brought on by automation, concentration of economic activity, and other trends
- Experience leading or willingness to learn to lead members of the team with less experience

For the past two years, our staff nominated Fahe as one of the top 100 Best Places to Work in Kentucky. Fahe is an Equal Opportunity Employer seeking applicants who can bring diverse viewpoints, experience, talents and culture to promote our organizations mission of eliminating persistent poverty in Appalachia. We offer a diverse work environment with competitive salaries and excellent benefits. Visit www.fahe.org to learn more about Fahe.

Qualified candidates may submit a resume and cover letter to hr@fahe.org or mail to Fahe/Attn: Human Resources; 319 Oak Street; Berea, KY 40403.