



Senior Government Relations Manager, Climate Justice

Start Date: September, 2023

Permanent, Full-Time, In-Person, Based in D.C. | \$76,000-\$94,000 plus generous benefits

About NETWORK: A national network of social justice advocates. NETWORK educates, organizes, and lobbies for economic and social transformation. Founded by Catholic Sisters in 1972 in the spirit of the Second Vatican Council, NETWORK is an inclusive, national, Catholic advocacy organization open to all who share our values, working to achieve equity and justice for everyone. We are committed to centering racial justice and equity at the heart of our political ministry and to holding ourselves accountable to communities of color inside and outside of our organization, in order to dismantle systemic racism in our society. We value women's leadership, we appreciate people from religious and secular backgrounds, we affirm members of the LGBTQ+ community, and we engage in the ongoing work to become a multicultural, anti-racist organization.

Why this position matters: As an advocacy organization which embodies the Catholic social justice tradition at the intersections of racial and economic justice, NETWORK is expanding its political ministry to include Climate Justice, collaborating with other Catholic organizations and sharing their commitment to confront the existential threat of our time. The Senior Government Relations Manager will establish NETWORK's Climate Justice advocacy and lobbying portfolio in collaboration with trusted faith-based partners, filling the gaps and strengthening and expanding existing efforts. The person in this position will be instrumental in building relationships and capacity to advocate effectively and collaboratively for just, inclusive and effective environmental policies and legislation.

You could be our next Senior Government Relations Manager if you have:

- 5-10 years relevant experience in lobbying, legislative advocacy, environmental policy, and/or Climate Justice
- Graduate degree preferred; extensive knowledge of the law, policy, and science of Climate Justice
- Knowledge of and relationships with Climate Justice advocacy organizations; knowledge of and relationships with faith-based Climate Justice organizations a plus
- Familiarity with the Catholic social justice tradition and with Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' as well as its implementation in the U.S. through the 'Laudato Si' Action Platform a plus
- Commitment to creating a multicultural, anti-racist organization
- Experience with impacted communities, anti-oppression work, and women's leadership development, a plus

What you are great at:

- Synthesizing a large body of information leading to policy positions, identifying goals, and implementing strategies to achieve the goals
- Building relationships and coalitions, as well as facilitating groups to reach common goals
- Working under pressure, independently and on a team, meeting deadlines, and managing multiple projects
- Being an excellent communicator, an analytical strategist, and an organized collaborator
- Fluency in Spanish a plus

What you'll be doing:

- Leading NETWORK's policy and legislative work for Climate Justice at the federal level including building relationships with members of Congress and the administration, tracking relevant legislation and regulations, drafting bill text, etc.
- Leading and guiding NETWORK's involvement in various Climate Justice coalitions' existing and new campaigns
- Participating in and helping create coalitions between secular and interfaith groups on Climate Justice policy
- Working with the Senior Director of Public Policy and Government Relations and Executive Director, in developing a Climate Justice federal legislative agenda and setting Congressional priorities
- Enacting best practices of all NETWORK government relations advocates
- Collaborating in the development of NETWORK's overall policy agenda, and participating in organizational activities: planning, evaluation, development
- Training and mentoring staff, members, student volunteers

What it's like working at NETWORK:

Rooted in the Catholic social justice tradition, NETWORK is open to all. Staff and members are people from a variety of religious and nonreligious backgrounds. NETWORK values work-life balance and strives to be a supportive workplace environment where staff embrace the "Sister-Spirit" of our founders by rooting our understanding in encounter, not ideology; prioritizing the well-being of others; and seeing everyone as people first, not just roles.

Benefits details:

- Generous time off: 2 weeks paid vacation in each of first two years, in addition to Thanksgiving Week off, Christmas Week off, plus 10 additional holidays
- Platinum level health plan – as well as dental and vision – at no cost to you
- Generous retirement plan and parental leave after one year
- Staff Community Days; an organizational commitment to professional development and wellness

How to apply:

Cover letter: 2-3 paragraphs in an email (not attached, but written in the body of the email) telling us why you're interested in this position, why you are qualified, why you want to be a part of the NETWORK team, and where you found us. Give us a sense of the level of responsibility, complexity, and creativity of the work in which you have engaged.

Resume: Attach a resume.

Email: Send materials to Chief of Staff, Sister Erin Zubal, OSU at employment@networklobby.org. Please include "Senior Government Relations Manager, Climate Justice" in the subject line.

Timing: This position will stay open as long as needed — until we find the right candidate. We will be screening candidates on a rolling basis so please apply promptly.

It is the policy of NETWORK to conduct all personnel activities in a manner that will ensure equal opportunity for all persons without regard to religion, race, creed, gender, color, age, national origin, marital status, veteran status, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression. Every employee has the right to work in dignity in an environment free from all forms of discrimination or harassment.