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SENIOR FUNDRAISING AND PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER – NRT COAST REGION

Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT) is one of the most successful and impactful local conservation organization based at UNESCO World Heritage Site Lewa Wildlife Conservancy. NRT is a membership organization owned and led by 45 community conservancies in Northern and Coastal Kenya and, more recently, in Uganda. NRT was established in 2004 as a shared resource to help build and support member community conservancies, and, in doing so, enhance people's lives, build peace, and conserve the natural environment.

Job Title:	Senior Fundraising and Partnerships Officer
Department:	Fundraising and Grants
Location:	NRT Coast, Lamu with frequent travels to NRT HQ – Lewa downs
Reports to:	Deputy Head of Grants

Job Purpose:

The **Senior Fundraising and Partnerships Officer** will participate in the Coastal senior regional team to ensure smooth management of a portfolio of significant public and private grants. This involves identifying and evaluating potential funding opportunities, cultivating relationships with targeted funders (formal and informal reporting), leading and writing proposals and bids that address funding gaps, coordinating internally across NRT's cross-functional departments (finance, programmes, communications, M&E) to develop reports on status of the grants. The Coordinator is also responsible for monitoring and tracking opportunities throughout the funding cycle, helping mitigate any risks or challenges that arise and working as a high performing team member.

Key roles/Responsibilities:

- Manage a portfolio of bilateral, multi-lateral donors and/or foundation donors – ensuring both compliance and engagement plans to build strong, long-term partnerships.
- Lead on the development of grant proposals and bids – getting inputs and content from the regional implementers
- Support relationships with funders and donors to help deepen relationships by explaining the context and promoting mutual accountability.
- Manage ad hoc teams and coordinate grant project planning and reporting – with ability to initiate internal teams of peers around an agreed timeline and set of deliverables.
- Support basic proposal budgeting and reporting, helping review and explain financial reports and monitor burn rates.
- Demonstrate sensitivity in handling confidential information.
- Ensure compliance with NRT policies and procedures and external (donor/legal/IRS) requirements.
- Manage or participate in complex or sensitive negotiations with implementing partners, conservancy members and boards, and funders
- Convey the mission of NRT to diverse groups who are important stakeholders.
- Travel frequently and on short notice, work long and flexible hours as needed.
- Coordinate reporting and providing information needed by partners/donors/stakeholders; ensuring financial, MERL and Program reports align.
- Any other duties that may be assigned, including dedicated special initiatives.

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Academic & Professional Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in commerce, Business Management, Business Administration, Project Management or other relevant field such as ecology, biology, sociology, anthropology.
- Master's degree in relevant area will be an added advantage.
- Possession of any relevant professional course and membership to a Professional Body will be an added advantage

Experience required:

- At least 5-8 years relevant experience in managing large grants for Bilateral and Multilateral agencies.
- Experience in convening proposal development workshops and leading process of developing grant proposals.
- Interest in environment, climate, community based natural resource management, marine and terrestrial conservation, peace-building and development.
- Deep familiarity with Kenyan or Ugandan conservation and development issues.
- Experience in building and maintaining long-term relationships with external stakeholders.
- Experience in managing and tracking multiple prospects of donors in a donor tracking or CRM system.
- Conversant in monitoring, evaluation, adaptation and learning frameworks – comfortable creating and reporting against logframes or result-based management indicators.
- Experience in working with diverse, fast paced cross functional teams.
- Experience, coursework, or other training in fundraising principles and practices.

Technical & Behavioral competences:

- High degree of integrity and commitment to addressing systemic inequalities and contributing to sustainable development for the benefit of all, especially vulnerable communities.
- Knowledge of current trend in bilateral aid, global climate and biodiversity targets and desire to expand that knowledge base and skill sets.
- An effective communicator in writing and spoken form.
- Ability to act independently and in supervisor's stead as needed, exercise independent judgement to identify and solve problems.
- Demonstrated experience using listening, diplomacy, and tact to build strong relationships and motivate and inspire donors and peers.
- Strong organizational abilities and ability to self-manage.
- Strategic, problem-solving mindset.
- Sense of humour and ability to manage stress and deadlines
- Appreciation for working in diverse teams on complex issues – ability to mentor and be mentored.

How to apply:

Interested and qualified candidates are required to submit their application including a cover letter, detailed Curriculum Vitae highlighting relevant experience by close of business on **Monday, 22nd April 2024** to: recruit@nrt-kenya.org.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.