

# PROFESSIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

## VILLAGE MANAGER

### OAK PARK, ILLINOIS

The **Village of Oak Park, Illinois** (pop. 54,583) seeks experienced local government professionals for the position of Village Manager. The Village desires candidates who are strategic, systems thinkers with demonstrated financial management expertise and the ability to independently manage all aspects of the Village's operations. Additionally, candidates should demonstrate a commitment to and vision for equity and sustainability, an approachable and collaborative style, and the ability to cultivate a positive work climate reflective of the Village's Core Values. Ideal candidates will be politically savvy and adept at building consensus and working cooperatively with the Board of Trustees, intergovernmental partners, and Village residents.

Known for its historical and architectural heritage, ethnic diversity, and its socially progressive values, the Village of Oak Park borders the City of Chicago to the east and is connected to Chicago via two rapid transit lines and one heavy rail line. Oak Park residents are active and involved in the Village, and the next Manager will be one who effectively engages, listens to, and builds trust throughout the community.

- The City has a FY2022 budget of \$150.7M (\$61.1M General Fund) and 375 full-time equivalent positions and is in the process of implementing a priority-based budgeting system. The Village has significant capital needs on the horizon, including facility, equipment, and technology investments to modernize operations and improve safety, productivity and processes.
- The next Village Manager will have several challenges and opportunities to address, including managing affordability for both residents and business with regards to the Village's portion of the tax levy; facilitating courageous conversations related to racial justice and public safety; delivering on the Village Board's commitment to environmental sustainability; and developing systematic communication and engagement practices that facilitate consistent transparency and inclusion of all aspects of the Oak Park community. Other priorities include COVID recovery, internal succession planning, pension funding and small business engagement.
- The successful candidate will demonstrate tech savvy, servant leadership, and an understanding of economic development and intergovernmental affairs. It is crucial that the Village Manager possess well-developed communication skills and demonstrate a genuine regard for employees, community members, and Village partners and stakeholders.

A Master's degree in Public Administration or related field and at least ten (10) years of progressively responsible experience in local government, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Strong organizational and communication skills. Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite. The salary range for this position is \$190,000-\$240,000, and well-qualified candidates can expect to be hired at or above the mid-range of \$215,000. **Apply by November 18, 2021**, at [www.GovHRjobs.com](http://www.GovHRjobs.com) to the attention of Dele Lowman Smith, Senior Vice President, and Kathleen Rush, Vice President, 630 Dundee Road, #130, Northbrook, IL 60062. Tel: 847-902-4110.