



Senior Government Relations Advocate, Climate Justice

Start Date: 2024

Permanent, Full-Time, In-Person, Based in D.C. | \$72,000-\$89,000 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, interfaith and secular partners to confront the existential threat of our time. The Senior Government Relations Advocate will work with the Senior Director of Public Policy & Government Relations and the Executive Director to 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 organize and develop effective lobby strategies and build relationships on Capitol Hill and with the Administration to advocate for just, inclusive and effective federal environmental legislation and executive action. The person in this position will also be pivotal in building relationships and capacity for Catholic organizations to advocate effectively and collaboratively for just, inclusive and effective federal environmental legislation and executive action.

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

- 5-7 years relevant experience in legislative and executive advocacy, environmental policy, and/or Climate Justice
- Graduate degree preferred; extensive knowledge of the policy, science and law related to 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' and Apostolic Exhortation Laudate Deum; knowledge of 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

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 with decision makers holding a variety of backgrounds and perspectives to meet strategic policy goals

- Building relationships in faith and secular 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:

- Collaborate with NETWORK's Government Relations Team on 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, writing policy position papers, blogs and more.
- Organizing 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
- Implementing best practices of all NETWORK government relations advocates
- Collaborating in the development of NETWORK's overall policy agenda, and participating in other organizational activities: formation, planning, evaluation, development, racial justice implementation, community building

What it's like working at NETWORK:

Rooted in the Catholic social justice tradition, NETWORK is an inclusive, participatory organization open to all who share our values and commitment to mission. 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 Spirit of our foundresses 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.

Resume: Attach a resume.

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

Timing: This position will stay open 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.