Desert Recreation District (DRD) was created in 1950 and is the largest recreation and park district in the state of California. Covering more than 1,800 square miles, DRD is responsible for over 30 recreational facilities throughout the Coachella Valley that include a golf course and driving range, swimming pools, community and fitness centers, sports fields, various parks and open spaces.

OUR TEAM
The District (DRD) is governed by a five-member Board of Directors that determines policy. Board members are elected by residents and serve a term of four years. DRD’s General Manager reports to the Board of Directors and oversees 40 full-time and over 300 part-time, seasonal and temporary team members.

COACHELLA VALLEY YOUTH GOLF FOUNDATION
The Coachella Valley Youth Golf Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization responsible for raising funds on behalf of DRD and The First Tee of the Coachella Valley. The CVYG Foundation board works with DRD’s General Manager and the Director of Golf Operations to set strategies and fundraising priorities.

THE FIRST TEE OF THE COACHELLA VALLEY
The First Tee of the Coachella Valley, established in 2008 by Desert Recreation District, is one chapter of a national/international non-profit youth initiative called The First Tee. The First Tee was created in 1997 by the World Golf Foundation to provide young people of all ethnic and economic backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life-enhancing values such as honesty, integrity, and sportsmanship. The First Tee Life Skills & Golf Experience is the unique component that sets The First Tee apart from many other junior golf programs. Since inception, The First Tee of the Coachella Valley has hosted more than 12,500 young people.

THE GOLF CENTER AT PALM DESERT
The Golf Center at Palm Desert hosts a 9-Hole, Par 3 Golf Course, Driving Range, Chipping and Putting Greens, Lessons, and Clinics. Centrally located in the Coachella Valley, The Golf Center is an affordable choice for both avid and recreational golfers. It is open seven days each week from 7 a.m. to dusk, offering stunning views, energetic exercise, and an enjoyable golf experience.

THE POSITION (Part-Time)
Under the direction of the Director of Golf Operations, the Fund Development Coordinator assists in identifying and increasing funding sources necessary to grow The First Tee of the Coachella Valley. The Fund Development Coordinator is responsible for researching, identifying and writing grant proposals; soliciting corporate sponsorships and bolstering individual giving.

In addition, the Fund Development Coordinator assists the Director of Golf Operations in developing and maintaining relationships with individuals, businesses, community partners and stakeholders through personal meetings, verbal and written correspondence, and events.

The Fund Development Coordinator is critical in:

- Increasing, strengthening and diversifying the organization's funding sources.
- Enhancing the relationship between The First Tee and its families, funders, and stakeholders.
- Assisting the Director of Golf Operations in planning, organizing, and directing fundraising activities.
- Preparing accurate records, reports, and maintaining a fundraising database.
- Working with the Public Information Department in developing marketing collateral to increase community awareness of The First Tee program and assist with social media updates.
- Updating and maintaining all fundraising-related information on The First Tee chapter website.
- Participating in public speaking engagements on behalf of The First Tee/Desert Recreation District and represent the agency at events, meetings, and conferences.
- Attending meetings and seminars to represent The First Tee and the Golf Center and interacting with various organizations committed to supporting the programs.

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As a major representative of The First Tee of the Coachella Valley, the Fund Development Coordinator serves as the organization’s advocate and contact in developing and maintaining relationships with community leaders, donors, media, and others as needed to create a positive image and develop new opportunities for financial development.

**THE IDEAL CANDIDATE**

Desert Recreation District seeks candidates with outstanding communication, interpersonal and organizational skills; an optimistic ‘can do’ attitude, and who are progressive, proactive and flexible. The ideal candidate will have at least two years of fund development/fundraising and marketing experience. Associate’s Degree in Business Administration with emphasis or concentration in marketing, public relations or related field. Bachelor’s Degree preferred.

To be successful, the ideal candidate must be service-oriented and possess the ability to interact with all stakeholders, as well as serve as the community liaison for fund development within DRD.

**COMPETENCIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

Impressive candidates will also exhibit the following competencies, characteristics, and style:

- Event Management and Communications
- Representation at local, state, regional, and national meetings and training sessions
- An understanding of the non-profit, volunteer and public agency sector

**COMPENSATION**

Compensation starts at $21.19 hourly depending upon the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate. The Fund Development Coordinator is a part-time position.

**APPLICATION PROCESS AND RECRUITMENT SCHEDULE**

**RECRUITMENT**

The final filing date is September 20, 2019. To be considered for this challenging and rewarding career opportunity, candidates are required to complete a DRD application and supplemental questionnaire, and submit a cover letter and resume. Applicants will apply directly online from the DRD website at [http://myrecreationdistrict.com/about-us/careers](http://myrecreationdistrict.com/about-us/careers).

**EVALUATION**

Application materials will be reviewed and evaluated. Candidates who demonstrate the experience, skills, education and abilities required will continue through the recruitment process.

**ASSESSMENT**

Candidates identified to move through the selection process may be asked to take a series of Assessment tests.

**INTERVIEW**

Qualified candidates deemed to possess the skills to succeed in the position will be invited for interviews.

*Disclaimer: The District has the right to accelerate or extend the closing date of this position at any time depending upon the number of applications received. The District is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and will make all reasonable accommodations for the disabled to participate in employment programs and facilities. Women, minorities, and disabled individuals are encouraged to apply. The final candidate must pass pre-employment background, physical and drug screen.*