



## **Job Announcement**

### **PART-TIME ECONOMIST**

Heal the Bay is a regional environmental nonprofit group dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life. Progress toward the mission is achieved by effectively combining the use of science, advocacy, community outreach, and public education to create positive change in our local environment.

#### **Position Summary:**

Heal the Bay is looking for a part-time Economist to support our Living Streets Project. The goal of the Living Streets Project is to change the way the City of Los Angeles uses its streets. Historically, city streets were planned and built to support the automobile. To help the city make the shift, we are facilitating a change in practice and policy by researching, compiling and analyzing regionally applicable cost/benefit data. The Economist will assess the benefits and costs of Complete Streets, Green Infrastructure and Cool Streets. The analysis will focus on climate change impacts, as well as other environmental, health and job benefits. The Living Streets Project is in collaboration with the California Coastal Conservancy, Climate Resolve and Green LA.

Heal the Bay offers a casual work environment and collegial atmosphere. We are searching for an economist with a strong research and analytical background with an interest in environmental issues. This is a part-time position for 10 hours per week for four months, with the possibility of an extension based on project progress.

#### **Functions Include:**

- Helping to further scope Heal the Bay's deliverables for the Living Streets Project;
- Collaborating with Heal the Bay staff and the Part-Time Research Analyst to further project deliverables;
- Overseeing the compilation of the research on the benefits, costs and feasibility of Complete Streets, Green Infrastructure and Cool streets;
- Leading the analysis to quantify and monetize the benefits of these types of street projects, including but not limited to, climate adaptation benefits and water quality/supply benefits;
- Analyzing the data to determine its applicability to Los Angeles and California;
- Identifying research and data gaps;
- Documenting cost efficiencies in coordinating traditional street repair with other improvements;
- Working with the Part-Time Research Analyst to compile findings in a written report.
- Conducting a final review of the written report.

#### **Experience and Skills Required:**

- Passion for Heal the Bay's mission;
- Strong research and analytical skills;
- Empirically oriented;
- Understanding of cost/benefit analysis, preferred;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills;
- Excellent organizational skills;
- Ability to work independently and cooperatively with colleagues;
- Ability to work off-site at libraries and government agencies, as needed.

#### **Application Information**

Hourly rate of \$60-\$80, based on experience.

**Please send a cover letter and resume ASAP to:**

Science and Policy Director, Water Quality, Heal the Bay, 1444 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401; or submit online at [www.healthebay.org/jobs](http://www.healthebay.org/jobs). Heal the Bay is an equal opportunity employer and actively recruits to promote diversity in our workforce.