

The Ford Family Foundation  
Director of Community Economic Development  
Roseburg, Oregon

## About the Organization

A national leader in rural philanthropy, [The Ford Family Foundation](#) is a private foundation benefiting communities in rural Oregon and Siskiyou County, California. In 1957, [Kenneth W. Ford & Hallie E. Ford](#) established a then-modest foundation to give back to the timber communities of southwest Oregon. It grew in size, scope, and geography to become The Ford Family Foundation in 1996, with its main office in Roseburg, Oregon, and its scholarship office in Eugene, Oregon. One of the three largest grantmaking foundations in Oregon, The Ford Family Foundation has assets of \$850M and distributes \$43M annually with a staff of 40 and a seven-member board of directors.

## The Opportunity

The Ford Family Foundation seeks a Director of Community Economic Development who is a champion of rural communities, passionate about the Foundation's mission, and excited by the opportunity to work collaboratively with Foundation colleagues and constituents. She or he is committed to creating a best-in-class community economic development program that leverages the Foundation's diverse resources to strengthen the people and places that comprise the rural communities of Oregon and Siskiyou County.

The person recruited to fill this position is only the second Director of Community Economic Development at the Foundation and will have the rare opportunity to shape and define this nascent department. Reporting to the Foundation's President and serving as a member of the Senior Leadership Team, the Director will build on existing work, develop new strategies, and provide thought leadership on generating rural economic vitality across Oregon and Siskiyou County. The Community Economic Development team works closely with the Ford Institute for Community Building and Postsecondary Success departments on its three key initiatives: strengthening skills and employment in the rural workforce, growing and sustaining rural businesses, and improving systems-level support of rural development.

Learn more about the Foundation, ideal candidate profile, and qualifications in the full position profile [here](#). (<https://waldronhr.com/searches/the-ford-family-foundation-1> )

## To Be Considered

Candidates will be considered from diverse backgrounds that might include foundations, think tanks, or the public sector. A bachelor's degree is required; a

relevant graduate degree is expected. Candidates must have a minimum of 15 years of experience in progressively responsible, hands-on leadership roles working with high performing teams.

The position is based in Roseburg, Oregon and residency in Douglas County is required. Approximately 40% of time will involve travel within Oregon and Siskiyou County, California.

The Ford Family Foundation is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified candidates are encouraged to apply. A carefully crafted cover letter that articulates your interest in the position and fit for the role addressed to Sarah Meyer, along with a current resume, should be submitted for consideration through [Waldron's candidate web portal](#).