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LOCAL GOVERNMENTS INVITED TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT TO HOST INTERNS UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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The Local Government Management Association, in partnership with the Municipal Finance Authority and the Ministry of Community and Rural Development invites local governments to make applications for a grant to host an intern for a 2010/11 internship. Applications to host an intern for 2010/11 must be submitted to the LGMA by Thursday, October 15, 2009.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Local governments are finding it increasingly difficult to train or attract competent individuals who are interested in a career in local government. Over the next several years the trend of senior local government staff retirements is going to put even more pressure on the local government system to find ways to recruit competent individuals from outside the local government field. Individually, many local governments lack the resources or capacity to tackle this issue on their own. In response to this, the LGMA, the Municipal Finance Authority and the Ministry of Community and Rural Development have jointly developed the Local Government Management Internship Program that provides a system-wide approach to the challenges of recruitment and training.

The Local Government Management Internship Program is entering its third and final year of a pilot project. Five local governments will be selected to host one year internships for individuals who have recently completed a post-secondary degree or diploma and who are not currently employed in local government. Program partners will work closely with universities and colleges to provide a pool of qualified interns for consideration. A grant of \$36,000 is provided to each host local government. Host local governments are required to provide a contribution toward the cost of intern salaries and training. Interns will receive broad training opportunities and be exposed to all aspects of local government operations through a custom-designed intern workplan, and in this way will contribute to capacity-building of host local governments. Internships for the 2010/11 program will start in May or June, 2010, with host local governments selected by November, 2009.

If you think your local government might benefit from hosting an intern or has something to offer a person considering a career in local government, consider submitting a host grant application package to the LGMA. For more information about the program, including detailed program guidelines and grant application package, see the LGMA website or contact:

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