

THE FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF MONTANA



POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

ASSISTANT FEDERAL DEFENDER

The Federal Defenders of Montana, Inc., the community defender organization serving the State and District of Montana, is soliciting applications for the position of **Assistant Federal Defender** at the **Billings Branch Office**. The Federal Defenders of Montana, Inc., is a nonprofit corporation, funded by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, which provides legal representation and criminal defense services to individuals charged with federal crimes who are financially unable to retain counsel. The Federal Defenders of Montana, Inc., is not an agency of the federal government; staff members are not federal employees.

Duties will include trial, appellate, and ancillary matters under the direction of the Federal Defender or designee. Considerable travel throughout the district in connection with the responsibilities of the position should be anticipated. Federal defender attorneys may not engage in the private practice of law. This position is full-time with salary commensurate with years of experience and on a scale equivalent to that of Assistant United States Attorneys in the District of Montana. The successful applicant must be prepared to begin on or about January 1, 2022.

Applicants should have a demonstrated dedication to criminal defense trial work, strong research abilities, and effective written and verbal communication skills. Qualified applicants must be admitted to and in good standing with the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States. Admission to the bar of Montana and the bar of the United States District Court for the District of Montana, or a commitment to admission within a year of acceptance of the position, is mandatory. The ability to read, write, and speak fluently in Spanish is highly desirable, but not required.

Application Process: To apply, email your cover letter, resume, brief writing sample, and references to mtx_employment@fd.org in a single Adobe PDF file using the subject line "MTX-BLGS-AFD". Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time on Friday, October 29, 2021. The position will remain open until filled and is subject to the availability of funding. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply. No telephone inquiries please. Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Employment is contingent on a satisfactory background investigation. The Federal Defenders of Montana, Inc., is an equal opportunity employer and maintains a drug-free workplace.