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Top Skills

Grant Writing
Non-profits
Grants

Certifications

Project Management Professional
(PMP)

Kevin Bush

Public sector executive and advisor, working to build stronger, more equitable and resilient communities
Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Summary

Public sector executive and advisor with extensive experience building groundbreaking coalitions to design and execute award-winning solutions to complex problems within political environments, especially around climate and disaster policy. Expansive connections with business, academia, non-profits, government leaders, and subject matter experts in multiple countries. Track record of designing highly effective media strategies. Federal, state, and local experience in both winning and selecting recipients for large-scale federal grants; designer of award-winning programs which were scaled nationally. Developed and managed diverse teams of 180+ and budgets of \$90B+ to execute multiple projects simultaneously and achieve change. Recognized knowledge of international policy landscape and best practices in multiple areas, including climate adaptation, infrastructure and community resilience, emergency management, social infrastructure, affordable housing, community development, public administration, and greenhouse gas mitigation. Frequent public speaker, member of advisory boards and task forces, and contributor to published reports, with significant experience building coalitions and groundbreaking, innovative initiatives and policies. Work has been featured in the New York Times, Washington Post, Politico, Bloomberg, Washingtonian Magazine, CNN.com, CityLab, and more.

Experience

The Cadmus Group

Principal

September 2022 - Present (1 year 1 month)

Lead Cadmus' infrastructure and climate resilience work with federal, state, and local government clients.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Grant Programs

January 2021 - August 2022 (1 year 8 months)

Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Appointed by the President to oversee a team of 180 and manage a \$90B portfolio of affordable housing and community development programs, including the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships program, the Housing Trust Fund, and CDBG Disaster Recovery funds, in addition to Department-wide energy and environmental policy.

DC Government

3 years 6 months

Chief, Resilience and Emergency Preparedness Division

February 2020 - January 2021 (1 year)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Oversaw a 20+ person division with a budget of more than \$15 million. This included managing the District's hazard mitigation, critical infrastructure preparedness, disaster recovery and preparedness, and public and private sector engagement efforts. Oversaw the successful application for \$45M in climate resilience funding through FEMA's new Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program. Part of the Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency's Senior Leadership Team. Led disaster recovery planning and emergency response cost recovery efforts in response to COVID-19.

Chief Resilience Officer

August 2017 - January 2021 (3 years 6 months)

Washington, District Of Columbia

Appointed by the Mayor to lead efforts to build resilience to sudden shocks (e.g. hurricanes, economic decline, and cyber-attacks) and chronic stresses (e.g. housing cost burden, stressed infrastructure, and inequality). Oversaw the development and implementation of a comprehensive resilience strategy to prepare the nation's capital for climate change, technological disruption, and a changing economy. Served as a senior advisor to the Mayor and other members of her cabinet on policy designed to ensure that all residents of the District of Columbia thrive in the face of change.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

6 years 3 months

Team Lead, Community Planning and Infrastructure

October 2015 - August 2017 (1 year 11 months)

Washington, DC

Hired to develop the Department's first-ever dedicated team focused on resilience policy, risk reduction, community engagement, and infrastructure. Directed a team of 7 to develop and coordinate efforts in policy development, external affairs, regulations, strategic planning, partnerships, capacity building, outreach, and education.

Senior Analyst

August 2013 - October 2015 (2 years 3 months)

Washington D.C. Metro Area

Recruited to launch an award-winning climate change initiative: the Better Buildings Challenge. Designed policies on energy efficiency for \$6 billion in utility costs. Co-created the National Disaster Resilience Competition. Served as an advisor to senior government officials.

Presidential Management Fellow

June 2011 - August 2013 (2 years 3 months)

Washington, DC

Selected for a prestigious fellowship for future leaders in public service. Appointed to the President's Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force to lead special projects (including Rebuild by Design - one of CNN's Top Ten Ideas in 2013). Detailed to the White House Council on Environmental Quality to coordinate the Federal Government's efforts to adapt to climate change. Routinely briefed and proposed policy initiatives to cabinet members.

Education

University of Michigan

Master of Urban Planning

Michigan State University

Bachelor of Arts, Business