

**Employer:** The Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation

The Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation is a non-profit advocate for historic preservation that strives to protect, revitalize and promote the special historic places in our community in order to enhance the quality of life for future generations.

The Blue Grass Trust was founded in 1955 by a spirited group of Lexington citizens who were determined to save the John Wesley Hunt residence from demolition. This group raised funds to purchase and restore the property, now known as the Hunt-Morgan House, to its original 1814 appearance. Today, the house stands as a testimonial to the beginning of the Blue Grass Trust and the birth of the preservation movement in Central Kentucky.

Over the years, the Trust has helped save many other historic structures, including the Dudley House, Shakertown of Pleasant Hill, the Adam Rankin House, Henry Clay's Law Office, Belle Breezing's Row Houses, the Mary Todd Lincoln House, the Stilfield Log House and Benjamin Latrobe's Pope Villa.

Today, the Trust continues to provide valuable leadership and inspiration to the preservation movement in Central Kentucky and throughout the state. As the region's leading preservation organization, the Trust works diligently to fulfill its mission of education, service and advocacy.

<http://www.bluegrasstrust.org>

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**Position:** Executive Director

**Type:** Professional Opportunity

**Location:** Lexington, KY

**Salary:** \$45K to \$60K plus benefits

**NOTE: Please do not make any telephone inquiries. Please submit a resume and cover letter to the website indicated or mail your response to the Blue Grass Trust for Historic Preservation, 253 Market Street, Lexington, KY 40508**

The Blue Grass Trust (BGT) is seeking an Executive Director to lead a 55-year-old preservation organization based in Lexington, KY with a dues-paying membership of 500 with growth potential. Chartered as a 501(c)3, the BGT is a Local Partner of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The BGT owns the ca. 1814 Hunt-Morgan House, which is operated as an historic house museum and rental facility, and the Pope Villa, designed by Benjamin Henry Latrobe, America's first architect. The BGT also owns a house used as a residential rental property.

**Duties & Responsibilities:**

1. Be the "face forward" for historic preservation in the Bluegrass Region by interacting with and educating multiple constituencies, including government officials and policy makers as well as a diverse community of preservation-minded volunteers, members and residents.
2. Develop and conduct ongoing public awareness and education programs to enhance the BGT and its importance throughout Central Kentucky.
3. Use speaking engagements, media interviews and personal appearances to maximize public awareness of the BGT and its programs.

4. Manage and develop a full and part-time staff of three.
5. Plan and manage an annual operating budget of more than \$500,000.
6. Report to a 20 member Board of Directors and 7 Board committees.
7. Oversee the planning and execution of the annual BGT Antiques and Garden Show, as well as other fundraising events and activities.
8. Write, edit and issue quarterly newsletter, Preservation Matters.
9. Research and write grants which further the success of all aspects of the BGT.

**Qualifications:**

A. Graduate degree in preservation or related advanced degree.

B. Experience with non-profit board governance, fundraising, grant writing, event marketing and management, association management, volunteer and staff management, and membership recruitment and retention.

C. Ability to plan and manage a budget.

D. Excellent written, verbal, and technological skills.

Open Until October 1, 2010

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**How to apply:**

**Please email a letter of interest, resume and three references to Linda Carroll, President of the Board of Directors, at [jobs@bluegrasstrust.org](mailto:jobs@bluegrasstrust.org). (Please, no telephone inquiries.)**

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