

Brooklyn Food Justice Coordinator

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

As part of the Center for Health Equity, the Neighborhood Health Action Centers (formerly District Public Health Offices) in North/Central Brooklyn, East and Central Harlem, and the South Bronx were created in 2003 to situate additional health resources in high-poverty neighborhoods and communities. In the fall of 2015, the Brooklyn and Harlem Health Action Centers launched the Creating Healthy Schools and Communities (CHSC) initiative funded by the New York State Department of Health. This initiative aims to address gaps in access to healthy food and safe, active living opportunities through community-level capacity building, policy, and systems-level change.

POSITION OVERVIEW

The Brooklyn Neighborhood Health Action Center is seeking a Food Justice Coordinator to facilitate the implementation of the nutrition and physical activity program, specifically to improve healthy food access. Funding through September 2020 is provided by the New York State Creating Healthy Schools and Communities grant. The aim of these initiatives is to use a shared leadership model for communities to participate in and build coalitions to address the food access needs in Brownsville, Bed-Stuy and East New York. This includes food quality and price as well as using a food justice lens to ensure equitable access to food for all. Events and projects include establishing a year-round farmers market, supporting the East New York-Brownsville Food Coalition as well as looking for opportunities to support food hubs and distribution systems in Brooklyn Action Center neighborhoods.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Support the Program Director in working with food leaders in North and Central Brooklyn including working with city agencies and community organizations to develop strategies and policies that promote food justice in Action Center Neighborhoods.
- Support the Program Director in developing relationships with community organizations and leaders; Collaborate and expand partnerships through coalition building with other community members to increase food access in Brooklyn.
- Design, develop and implement program plan and logic models including researching successful food distribution and farmers markets in other parts of New York City and the country.
- In partnership with community organizations, seek opportunities to create a food distribution network to bodegas and supermarkets, and work to establish a year round farmers market in Bed-Stuy, Brownsville, or East New York.
- Support community coalitions in their health data and reporting needs.

- Partner with other programs working in food within the health department and in the community to ensure the resources are maximized and avoid duplication of efforts.
- Draft monthly and quarterly reports to New York State as well as to internal Brooklyn Action Center leadership.
- Perform other related duties and special projects as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Experience working in underserved communities and an understanding and ability to articulate and apply a racial equity framework.
- At least 3 years of satisfactory full-time professional experience working at a non-profit, public sector, or other community-focused organization.
- At least 3 of satisfactory full-time professional experience working in program planning, evaluation, or program administration with some experience working with budgets and writing reports.
- Knowledge of or resident of Brooklyn Action Center communities (Brownsville, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Bushwick, East New York) strongly preferred.
- Demonstrated commitment to food justice and experience or knowledge of designing and developing food systems strongly preferred.
- Experience establishing farmers markets or establishing food systems and food hubs highly desired.
- Demonstrated experience with shared leadership and partnering with community organizations in underserved communities.
- Ability to be work independently, be flexible, and handle changing workload with multiple projects and changing priorities.
- Cultural proficiency-ability to build relationships across lines of difference.
- Strong communication skills (written and verbal) required.
- Fluency in Spanish, Arabic, or Bengali preferred.

SALARY AND BENEFITS

FPHNYC offers a comprehensive benefits package. The salary range for this position is commensurate with experience.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This position ends on September 30, 2020 when the New York State Creating Health Schools and Communities grant comes to an end. There is potential for this position to transition to DOHMH and therefore candidates must meet DOHMH eligibility requirement including NYC residency.

TO APPLY

To apply, send a Resume with Cover Letter describing how your experience relates to this position to publichealthjobs@fphnyc.org indicating "**Position Title_your name**" in subject line.

The Fund for Public Health in New York City is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages a diverse pool of candidates to apply.