



Career Opportunity:

Organization: City Harvest
Title: Community Development Manager – Central Brooklyn, NY
Department: Policy and Government Relations
Report to: Director – Food & Fitness
Location: New York, NY
Position Available: Immediately
Application Deadline: Until Filled

The NYC Food & Fitness Partnership is a citywide collaboration focused on implementing a comprehensive Community Action Plan to carry out the vision of making healthy eating and active living the easy choices. The three co-conveners for this partnership are City Harvest, the Brooklyn Rescue Mission and Transportation Alternatives. The Partnership is one of nine communities in the U.S. working on this initiative, which is sponsored by a Grant from the Kellogg Foundation.

For the past two and half years, organizations, including government, non-profits, philanthropy, and communities, as well as community residents and youth, have organized to support a collective vision and approach to increase opportunities for healthy food and active living both in school and in the greater community.

We are now poised to advance specific policy and system changes following the priorities and objectives we have set. These strategies are focused in Central Brooklyn (Bedford-Stuyvesant, Bushwick, Brownsville, East New York, and Crown Heights). Youth (from 14-24 years of age) engagement is embedded within each strategy, along with an emphasis of community involvement of a wide range of diverse constituents through a participatory process where all voices are heard and youth are actively involved throughout.

As one of three co-conveners for the NYC Food and Fitness Partnership, City Harvest is seeking an energetic, motivated and organized Community Development Manager – Central Brooklyn within the context of New York City. This role requires commitment to and affinity with large scale community-driven initiatives in Central Brooklyn, and proven effectiveness in creating common ground leading to the building of community where everyone – especially the most vulnerable children – have access to good food and opportunities to be physically active and play, safely.

CITY HARVEST

City Harvest is the world's first and New York's only food rescue organization dedicated to feeding the city's hungry men, women and children. Using a fleet of 16 trucks and volunteers on foot, City Harvest collects excess food from all segments of the food industry and delivers it free of charge to community programs in all five boroughs/ At the same time, City Harvest is working to increase the access that low-income New Yorkers have to nutritious food by partnering with other non-profits, businesses, farmers and target communities to establish improvements to local food systems and encourage behaviors that will benefit residents long into the future.

The Community Development Manager - Central Brooklyn will be located in the City Harvest offices, but will spend a significant amount of time in the field. This role reports to the Director of the Food and Fitness Partnership at City Harvest.

Key Responsibilities:

- Represent the Partnership at community meetings, including Community Board, Precinct Council, School meetings focused on engaging and cultivating relationships with leaders and members.
- Recruit and develop relationships with community leaders/members and agencies, organizations/institutions, and business leaders to ensure active and meaningful engagement for all components of the Community Action Plan.
- Manage the youth focus of the Partnership by plugging into existing work, cultivating new opportunities, and connecting to the youth work from other Food and Fitness communities throughout the country.
- Ensuring meaningful engagement of diverse youth partners from agencies, community, government, business, and funders, to best utilize the partnership by making it mutually beneficial for the project and the partners.
- Assist with management of Community Action Plan to ensure goals, objectives, milestones are met according to established timelines.
- Participate in strategy for implementation plan with the project team
- Serve as an articulate and confident spokesperson for the Partnership
- Convene, prepare, and facilitate meetings and group processes.
- Synthesize meeting notes and written reports in a format and language that is easily understood.
- Contribute to grant administration and reporting as needed

Requirements:

- Bachelors Degree, Masters preferred.

CITY HARVEST

- At minimum five to seven years of work experience with at least four years of community development or community organizing.
- Proven success in working with communities and community-based organizations in the neighborhoods of Central Brooklyn: Bedford-Stuyvesant, Bushwick, Brownsville, East New York, and Crown Heights.
- Strong track record of success in community development, community building or community organizing.
- Outstanding active listening skills.
- Knowledgeable about NYC youth (14 -24 years of age) development programs.
- Exceptional project management skills.
- Proven ability to engage diverse groups of people around common issues.
- Knowledge of food or active living policy, economic development policy in the context of New York City neighborhoods and government.
- Outstanding verbal and written communication skills.
- Ability to communicate to engage others.
- Proven ability to influence diverse constituencies.
- Committed to deliver results through engagement of people.
- Excellent in managing multiple tasks and meeting competing deadlines.
- Budget management and reporting.
- Affinity, understanding and respect for multi-cultural communities; comfortable with the cultural diversity and ethnicity of Central Brooklyn.
- Tactful and respectful of diverging opinions and able to facilitate groups towards agreement and implementation.
- Excellent negotiation skills focused on fostering enduring collaboration and partnerships.
- Strong understanding of NYC demographics, politics, systems, and geography.
- Passionate while being able to see the other person's point of view.
- Ability to work flexible hours, including weekends as necessary in line with the requirements of the role.

At City Harvest, we enjoy working in a team-based environment and value the benefits of a diversified workplace. City Harvest is an equal employment opportunity employer and does not discriminate based on age, citizenship, color, creed, physical or mental disability, ethnicity, family responsibilities, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, race, religion, veteran status or other unlawful factors with respect to employment. City Harvest is committed to the maintenance of a drug-free workplace and ensuring compliance with the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988. Qualified candidates reflecting the cultural identity and ethnicity of Central Brooklyn are strongly encouraged to apply.

To apply, please submit cover letter including salary requirements and your resume: hr@cityharvest.org. Please include "Community Development Manager – Central Brooklyn" in the subject line. Qualified candidates will be contacted by phone and/or email.

CITY HARVEST

City Harvest is a Equal Opportunity Employer.