Urban Garden Development Coordinator
Keep Growing Detroit

Location: 76 E. Forest, Detroit, Michigan
Salary: $13-$17 per hour, based on experience
Schedule: Hourly employee, 35 hours per week on average, including some evenings and weekends
Start Date: March 1, 2015
Area of Focus: Food Systems, Urban Agriculture, Community Organizing, and Education

Organizational Description:
Keep Growing Detroit (KGD) exists to promote a food sovereign city where the majority of fruits and vegetables consumed by Detroiters are grown by residents within the city’s limits. Our strategic approach to achieving our mission includes work that fosters relationships to food, grows the knowledge of food and farming, builds leadership skills and capacity within Detroit’s urban agriculture community, and changes the value of food while developing community assets. To these ends, our organization operates a number of nationally recognized programs including the Garden Resource Program (GRP), which supports a network of 1,400 urban gardens and farms and Grown in Detroit (GID), which provides more than 70 urban gardeners with opportunities to sell the fruits and vegetables they grow at local market outlets. Our staff also operates the Plum Street Market Garden, a 1.75-acre urban farm and teaching facility located in the heart of downtown Detroit.

Position Description:
Keep Growing Detroit is seeking an Urban Garden Development Coordinator. The Urban Garden Development Coordinator is responsible for engaging and supporting families, community groups, and organizations that are interested in growing vegetable gardens in the city. The Coordinator will assist groups with garden planning, development, programming, and maintenance as well as provide instruction on basic gardening concepts. The Urban Garden Development Coordinator works closely with and reports to the Co-Director of Basic Programs.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist community groups with new garden development, providing support with planning, organizing, site visits, soil tests and garden builds
- Assist new gardens with programming and maintenance support, including occasional teaching of basic garden topics, development of lesson plans/activities (in particular for youth gardens) and supervision of volunteer groups during workdays
- Assist with Keep Growing Detroit outreach and engagement activities, assisting with material distribution to community partners and attending community fairs and meetings
- Attend KGD staff meetings, trainings, and other key citywide events including Garden Resource Program plant distributions
Qualifications:

- Qualified candidates MUST have reliable transportation. Work-related mileage will be reimbursed
- The ideal candidate will have at least 2 years of community organizing, agriculture or environmental work
- Experience with growing vegetable gardens, ideally in a community garden setting
- Interest and familiarity with issues relating to the City of Detroit, local food, food access, and sustainable agriculture, and a genuine appreciation of the urban environment
- Strong organizational and written/verbal communication skills
- Ability to speak Spanish highly desirable, but not required
- Experience supervising staff, volunteers and working with diverse communities
- Experience teaching youth and/or adults, preferably in a farm or garden setting
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to lift 40 pounds
- Proficiency in MS Word and Excel required

How to Apply:
Please send email of your resume and cover letter to Lindsay Pielack at keepgrowingdetroit@gmail.com or mail to 76 E. Forest, Detroit, MI 48201. Use the job title as the subject line. Only potential interviewees will be contacted. For more information, please visit our website at www.detroitagriculture.net or call 313-757-2635.

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