Urban Garden Resource Facilitator
Keep Growing Detroit

Location: 76 E. Forest, Detroit, Michigan
Salary: $13-$15 per hour, based on experience
Schedule: Temporary hourly employee, March through July, 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 Resource Facilitator. The Urban Garden Resource Facilitator is responsible for supporting residents that participate in the Garden Resource Program with resources and support to establish and maintain vegetable gardens in the city. They will also assist with the planning and implementation of community events such as workdays, meetings and resource distributions. The Urban Garden Resource Facilitator works closely with and reports to the Co-Director of Basic Programs.

Duties and Responsibilities:

• Assist with new garden development and technical assistance, including seasonal field support such as site visits, soil tests and garden builds
• Assist with seasonal sourcing and distribution of resources for gardeners, including tilling, raised beds, and rain barrels
• Assist with planning and facilitating community workdays and events in partnership with staff and community leaders
• 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 1 year 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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