



KEEP GROWING DETROIT

SEASONAL GARDEN ASSISTANT

Location: 1445 Adelaide, Detroit, MI 48207

Salary: \$13-\$16 per hour, based on experience

Schedule: Hourly employee, 20 hours per week, including some evenings and weekends.

Dates: April 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019

Area of Focus: Food Systems, Urban Agriculture, Community Organizing, and Education

About Us

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 1,600 urban gardens and farms and Grown in Detroit (GID), which provides more than 60 urban gardeners with opportunities to sell the fruits and vegetables they grow at local market outlets. Our staff also operates the KGD Farm, an urban farm and teaching facility located in the heart of downtown the Eastern Market District.

Position Description:

Keep Growing Detroit is seeking a Seasonal Garden Assistant. The seasonal employee will work with KGD's Garden Development Team, which provides resources, technical assistance and support for residents and community groups that participate in the Garden Resource Program. The Seasonal Garden Assistant works closely with and reports to the Co-Director responsible for Garden Development.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assist Garden Development staff with activities and logistics related to spring resources offered to participants in the Garden Resource Program, such as raised beds, tomato stakes and soil tests. This including helping with planning and implementation of Spring Resource days, which will be held in community gardens.
- Assist with garden development activities at early childhood sites, including building gardens, training staff and/or engaging parents at these sites.
- Assist with Dig in Detroit volunteer events at community gardens, including outreach activities, preparation for events, and supervising volunteers.
- Assist with at least one educational hoophouse build at a community garden site.
- Assist with support for key KGD events and activities related to the Garden Resource Program, including seed and transplant distributions, outreach activities and citywide events.

Qualifications:

- Qualified candidates **MUST** have reliable transportation. Work-related mileage will be reimbursed.
- The ideal candidate will have 2-5 years of experience in community organizing, agriculture, and/or community-based education work.
- Experience with growing vegetable gardens, ideally in a community or school garden setting.
- Interest and familiarity with issues relating to the City of Detroit, local food, food access, and sustainable agriculture.
- Strong organizational and written/verbal communication skills.
- Experience supervising volunteers and working with diverse communities.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to lift 40 pounds.

How to Apply:

Please send email of your resume and cover letter to Lindsay Pielack at lindsay@keepgrowingdetroit.org or mail to 1445 Adelaide, Detroit, MI 48207. Use the job title as the subject line. Only potential interviewees will be contacted. For more information, please visit our website at detroitagriculture.net or call 313-656-4769.

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