



Liaison Officer I (Baltimarket Community Health Organizer)

The Baltimore City Health Department seeks a Liaison Officer I (Community Health Organizer) to lead the *Baltimarket* Neighborhood Food Advocates initiative. The Community Health Organizer will act as a liaison between the Baltimore City Health Department's *Baltimarket* programs and the community and will promote and coordinate *Baltimarket* programs.

About *Baltimarket* and the Baltimore City Health Department

Baltimarket is a suite of community-based Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) programs that promote health equity through healthy food access. Our goal is to improve the health and wellness of Baltimore City residents by using food access as a platform for community transformation. Current *Baltimarket* programs include the Virtual Supermarket Program and the Neighborhood Food Advocates initiative.

About Neighborhood Food Advocates

The *Baltimarket* Neighborhood Food Advocates initiative aims to engage and organize Baltimore City residents in food desert communities in order to develop self-identified plans of addressing food insecurity. Neighborhood Food Advocates works in tandem with the *Baltimarket* Virtual Supermarket Program. The Virtual Supermarket is a first-nationally, award winning program that uses online grocery ordering and delivery to bring food to community sites in food desert neighborhoods. Neighborhood Food Advocates not only run Virtual Supermarket sites day-to-day, but they also are active members of the community interested in improving their local food environments. Neighborhood Food Advocates build leadership capacity and educate fellow community members, impacting personal behavior while creating social and environmental change in Baltimore City.

Key Responsibilities

- Grow and sustain Neighborhood Food Advocates initiative, acting as a liaison between the BCHD's *Baltimarket* programs and stakeholders in food desert neighborhoods
- Prepare reports and tools for the BCHD's *Baltimarket* programs, developing a power-building curriculum and spring convening to support successful organizing and engagement efforts by Neighborhood Food Advocates
- Facilitate Neighborhood Food Advocate community-specific strategizing to address food equity, serving as a liaison between the BCHD's *Baltimarket* programs and stakeholders in food desert neighborhoods to resolve food access problems and to solicit proposals and opinions on food equity programs and projects
- Provide technical assistance to Neighborhood Food Advocates to implement and sustain the Virtual Supermarket Project and other community-identified projects, explaining current *Baltimarket* programs to interested or concerned citizens and groups and advising community and neighbor groups on resolving food access problems through collective action and the BCHD's *Baltimarket* programs
- Work in collaboration with *Baltimarket* staff to ensure programs are developed and implemented using a community-based, sustainable model, making recommendations that note potential problems or strengths with a program's work among communities and the general public

Candidate Desirables

- Possession of a valid driver's license
- Strong interpersonal skills and comfort working with diverse groups of people; ability to deal effectively with individual citizens, community and neighborhood groups and City, State and Federal agencies and officials and ability to speak effectively before groups to promote and explain agency programs, policies and projects
- A long-standing and passionate commitment to the community and the promotion of health equity
- Demonstrated knowledge of food access policies and programs
- Ability to prepare reports and to make proposals and recommendations
- Previous organizing experience preferred

Profile and Requirements

- A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and three years of experience in community service work or administrative coordination or an equivalent combination of education and experience required

To Apply

Apply for "Liaison Officer I" via the City of Baltimore Department of Human Resources

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