



Intern Job Description: Cumberland County Food Security Council

The **Cumberland County Food Security Council** (re: CCFSC or Council), is a collaboration of organizations committed to food security in our county. Our mission commits CCFSC to initiating and facilitating collaborative action toward a just, resilient, and sustainable food system that ensures equitable access for all people to enough healthy food.

CCFSC began convening a [Policy Committee](#) in the spring of 2019. Currently, its focus is supporting the implementation of LD 1159: Resolve, to End Hunger in Maine by 2030.

CCFSC's [Closing the Hunger Gap with Local Food](#) Initiative is designed to map and assess the ways local food is being used to create greater food access for vulnerable people. A strong local food economy creates opportunity to build food security and addresses many food system challenges simultaneously.

CCFSC's [Food Fuels Learning](#) Initiative mapped & assessed food programs serving PPS students and their families with a goal to increase community food security. Currently in Phase 2 of the initiative, we are implementing the recommendations from the assessment report.

Position description: CCFSC is seeking an intern in the Fall of 2019 to:

- 1) support convening and work of the Council's Food Policy Committee with an emphasis on implementing LD 1159: Resolve, To End Hunger in Maine by 2030
- 2) support the Council's Closing the Hunger Gap with Local Food initiative
- 3) support the Portland Public Schools Food Fuels Learning Initiative
- 4) support continuing development and implementation of the Council's communication and web-based information infrastructure

1.) The goals of the Council's Food Policy Committee include:

- Members grow in understanding of legislative process, policy proposals and advocacy opportunities
- Members develop skills to advocate and influence policy
- Convene and organize a group of stakeholders to develop a positive vision to inform long term policy goals for Cumberland County and Maine's food system
- Support implementation of LD 1159: Resolve, To End Hunger in Maine by 2030

Elements of this Food Policy Committee to expand, develop and implement:

- Committee membership, including maintaining list of current and potential partners.



- List of food, economic and racial justice legislation pending considered in the current Maine legislature.
- Less comprehensive list of food, economic and racial justice legislation pending being considered in the current US Congress.
- Supporting convening of policy committee meetings.
- Develop policy-related informational resources for web site and public consumption.

2.) Support for Closing the Hunger Gap with Local Food initiative includes:

- Communicate with CCFSC members to gather program info
- Collect data on local food access initiatives
- Research policy initiatives and model programs

3.) Support for Portland Public Schools Food Security Task Force includes:

- Communicate with PPS FS TF as directed
- Assist in convening PPS FS TF meetings
- Collect data on food related programs in Portland Schools
- Research policy initiatives and model programs
- Assist in documenting process so it can be replicated
- Assist with community organizing, event planning, and resource development
- Other examples include working on school gardens, developing a menu planning challenge for students and surveying/interviewing students about food preferences.

4.) The goals of the Council's web-based information infrastructure include:

- Aggregation point for data to assist the Council in making strategic decisions and focus community efforts
- Inform ourselves, decision-makers and the public about food security
- Provide opportunities for people and organizations to participate in solutions

Elements of the web-based communication strategy to expand, develop and implement:

- Calendar of Council member and partner events
- Listservs for Council members and people interested in Cumberland County's food security to



inform each other about opportunities, challenges and events.

- Google Docs page for holding organizational documents.
- Council Facebook page for informing/engaging the community.
- Other current CCFSC social media platforms include Instagram.

Benefits:

- The intern will get hands-on experience developing elements of communication infrastructure.
- The intern will be exposed to how the local, regional and national food systems operate.
- The intern will learn the public policy process.
- The intern will gain experience in food justice advocacy and non-profit operations.
- The intern will get to work with a tremendously committed and informed group of people.

Qualifications:

- Working toward Bachelor's or higher degree.
- Demonstrated interest in food security and food systems.
- Proficiency in research and writing including competence with Google docs.
- Good organizational skills.
- Succinct and professional communication skills.

Time Commitment: Approximately 10-15 hours a week, starting September 2019.

Supervisor: Executive Director, Cumberland County Food Security Council

Office Location: 494 ROUTE 1, Suite #2, Yarmouth ME 04096-6735 (Project work and supervision will also happen on USM Campus and at partner sites.)

How To Apply: Send a cover letter and resume to jhanna@ccfoodsecurity.org