



**Ingham County Health Department AmeriCorps State**

**Spring/Summer Member Position Description**

<b>Position Title</b>	Community Garden Support Specialist	<b>Host Site</b>	Greater Lansing Food Bank-Garden Project
<b>Position Slot Type</b>	Quarter-time	<b>Host Site Supervisor</b>	Julie Lehman
<b>Member Stipend</b>	\$3,994/Total Service Period	<b>Dates of Service</b>	3/28/22- 8/24/22

**Position Description:**

**Host Organization Information:**

The Garden Project, a 30+ year program of the Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB), provides access to land, how-to education, free seeds and plants, tool lending, a networking hub and more, so that all community members can have access to fresh, healthy food through gardening opportunities. For more information, visit [www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org](http://www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org).

**Roles and Responsibilities:**

The Community Garden Support Specialist (CGSS) will provide hands-on garden support to a network of Garden Project (GP) community gardens across Ingham County. Member responsibilities will include infrastructure repairs, tilling, mowing, resource and tool delivery and providing basic community garden site maintenance, all in efforts to increase garden sustainability. The CGSS will also lead volunteer groups and foster on-site community leadership to create more inclusive growing spaces. Members will model direct service as they serve alongside Garden Project staff and volunteers across many types of gardens in the county. The CGSS should be willing and interested in working with all types of people while modeling patience, kindness, flexibility, equity and respect while maintaining privacy for those we are assisting in the community.

**Preferred Skills:**

- Ability and willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions,
- Able to lift 50+ pounds and an enjoyment of physical labor,
- Excellent communication skills, adaptable nature,
- Well-organized, efficient with time, with a willingness to finish projects started,
- Completely trustworthy and honest with the desire to serve independently with adequate guidance and in a team setting,

- Some experience in gardening, farming, landscaping, irrigation &/or construction, (Technical knowledge of horticulture or urban agriculture a plus.)
- Computer proficiency, specifically Microsoft Office Suite,
- Some evenings and weekends required. Flexible schedule appreciated.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

- Be at least 17 years of age. Minors must have guardian permission. Applicants must have HS diploma, GED, or working toward the completion of one.
- U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident of the U.S.
- Agree to and pass the following checks: State of Michigan background check, FBI Fingerprinting check, and State & National Sex Offender Registry check.

**Compensation:**

Members will receive a total living allowance of \$3,994 that is distributed bi-weekly (~\$355/period) from March 28, 2022 -August 24, 2022 and receive student loan forbearance for qualified loans. Professional development training given per program. Upon successful completion of service an education award in the amount of \$1,718.25 will be issued. Members will serve 20-25 hours/week of service for a total of 450 hours. ICHD AmeriCorps State is an equal opportunity employer. Reasonable accommodations will be made for interview/service as needed. All interested candidates must be available to spend 24 hours in training the week of March 28<sup>th</sup>, submit a cover letter and resume via email to ICHD AmeriCorps Organizational Leader, Paige Bartkowiak at [pbartkowiak@ingham.org](mailto:pbartkowiak@ingham.org) no later than February 6<sup>th</sup> by 8pm.