



COMMUNITY FOOD BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Organization Name:

Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona

Organization Background:

The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona (CFB) responds to the root causes of hunger and seeks to restore dignity, health, opportunity and hope to people living in poverty. Our mission is to change lives in the communities we serve by feeding the hungry today, and building a healthy, hunger-free tomorrow.

In 1975, the advocacy organization Food Action Coalition of Tucson became the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and the following year, the CFB officially opened its doors in Tucson, distributing 10,533 food boxes and educating people about food stamp benefits (now called SNAP).

Forty years later, we have grown from one facility in Tucson to 7 locations providing services across the 5 counties of southern Arizona. In partnership with over 300 local agencies, we distribute 65,000 meals daily and serve 190,000 people every year. True to our advocacy roots, we have become a national leader in the food security movement. Through nutrition education, civic engagement, food business development and public policy advocacy, we are responding to the root causes of hunger and poverty and leading the way to a healthy, hunger-free community. (www.communityfoodbank.org)

Internship Project Title

Supplemental Purchasing Project Manager – TEFAP*

*TEFAP stands for “The Emergency Food Assistance Program,” which is a national, USDA-run program that channels surplus commodity foods into the charitable hunger relief system

Project Description:

The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona hands out almost half a million food boxes each year. As CFB embraces health as part of its mission, it is seeking to improve the nutritional quality of its food box in meaningful ways. This project would involve analyzing the contents of the box, and generating recommendations for how it can be improved.

The majority of the box is provided through government commodities from USDA, and is therefore less flexible. However, CFB uses a portion of its own funds to supplement the box. This project would focus on these supplemental items.

Our Supplemental Purchasing Project Manager (an intern from the UA) would work closely with CFB staff to develop an array of options to be purchased. These options would be based on a number of factors:

- A. Cost
- B. Nutrition
- C. Degree to which it complements the remaining food box items
- D. Cultural Relevancy

The Project Manager will work with CFB's Director of Sourcing and Health & Nutrition Programs manager to understand the current box as well as potential options, and then use his or her own expertise in nutritional analysis. The project manager may also work with CFB clients to get a better understanding of C. and D. For instance, the project manager may need to convene a focus group to analyze current usage of the box, pilot new box ideas, and generate recipes and other recommendations.

The expected outcomes of this project are:

- An analysis and initial list of recommended items for CFB to purchase to supplement its existing food box, funded through USDA.
- 4-5 complete box recommendations that can be purchased and piloted with clients
- A qualitative analysis of how aforementioned pilot boxes are received with a pilot group.
- A set of resources that can be given to clients on how to use the box—e.g. recommended recipes generated during the pilot phase.

Internship project keywords (check all that apply). These keywords help students search for internships in our database based on their areas of interest:

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| ☐ Health Disparities | ☐ Tobacco Use |
| ☒ Public Health Preparedness | ☐ Injury/Violence Prevention |
| ☒ Collaborations with Community | ☐ Immunization |
| ☒ Collaborations with University | ☐ Infectious Disease |
| ☒ Community health service | ☐ Oral Health |
| ☒ Physical Activity | ☒ Evaluation |
| ☒ Substance Abuse | ☐ Policy Development |
| ☒ Mental Health | ☐ Program Planning |
| ☒ Access to care | ☒ Data Analysis |
| ☒ Nutrition | ☐ Other <i>Click or tap here to enter text.</i> |
| ☒ Reproductive/Sexual Health | |
| ☒ Environmental Health | |
| ☒ Maternal/Infant Health | |

When: *When do you want the work done? Check all that apply.*

- ☐ Fall Semester 2017
- ☒ Spring Semester 2018
- ☐ Summer 2018
- ☐ I want this listing to remain active indefinitely and we will accept applications from students for any upcoming semester.

Where:

Organization Mailing Address: 3003 S. Country Club Road, Tucson, AZ 85713

Address where Student will work (if different from above): *Click or tap here to enter text.*

☐ Check here if the student may have the option to work remotely from a site not listed above for all or part of this project.

Student Characteristics:

We are seeking an individual, or team of individuals with:

A passion to apply their knowledge and expertise to improve the health of our community, particularly vulnerable populations.

Analytical skills to conduct nutritional analysis.

Ability to organize quantitative data into a shareable and digestible format.

People skills, and the ability to lead a focus group or working with families/individuals to track their use of pilot food boxes/ingredients.

Ability to organize qualitative data (e.g. food use habits, recipes, etc.) in a shareable and digestible format.

You are highly organized, a self-started. We want to support you, and we also want you to be forthcoming about what you need from us. You are passionate about food, health, and justice.

Bilingual preferred.

Level of Expertise Needed:

☐ MPH

☒ Undergraduate

☒ Either

Supervision

Rhonda Gonzalez

Health & Nutrition Programs Manager

Compensation/Benefits

The above description is a rough outline of the project. Depending on the scope of the project that ends up being agreed upon and available resources, a stipend may be available.

Application Contact Information

Interested students should send letter of interest and résumé via email (or mail) to:

Rhonda Gonzalez

Health & Nutrition Programs Manager

Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona

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