



Food Access & Research Coordinator

Who We Are

For nearly 40 years Utahns Against Hunger (UAH) has worked to expand the reach of nutrition programs. We work every day to shape public policy and to increase the accessibility of federal nutrition programs to low-income Utahns. www.uah.org

Primary Roles & Responsibilities:

The primary responsibility of this position will be to carry out a research project in partnership with the Utah Food Bank. This will require designing and carrying out a survey to be conducted with approximately 200 emergency food agencies. The primary goal of the research is to identify capacity, funding and access barriers in the emergency food system throughout the state with the goal of using the results to advocate for increased funding from the Utah State Legislature and explore opportunities for funding in the private sector.

This position will also work closely with UAH staff in updating county level food access profiles, working with the State Community Services Office and Community Action Agencies to track the impact of COVID 19 Discretionary Community Service Block Grant funding.

This position will require travel throughout the state as UAH conducts stakeholder meetings, trainings for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) outreach, and site visits for the emergency food pantry research.

The ideal candidate for this position will be familiar with federal nutrition programs, and other responses to hunger, be passionate about food access and be willing to be engaged in this work through a race equity lens. Experience in working or volunteering with low-income populations is preferred.

Primary responsibilities include:

- Represent UAH on appropriate coalitions.
- Research issues of public policy as needed, primarily related to nutrition and poverty.
- Write fact sheets as needed for elected officials, community groups, and partners.

Other duties include:

- Assist as appropriate in fundraising activities.
- Provide information and referral services to clients.
- Participate as needed in community presentations and information fairs. Attend other meetings as appropriate.

We are looking for applicants who are committed to increasing access to food, promoting racial, social and economic justice in the food system, and addressing structural inequalities and other root causes of hunger and poverty.

Required:

- Must be able to travel
- Must have valid driver's license and access to a vehicle
- Have experience building and conducting surveys, and evaluating results- this does not need to be academic level research.
- Ability to adapt to a sometimes-dynamic environment
- Confident with speaking in front of groups

Preferred Qualifications, Skills, and Experience:

- Fluent in Spanish
- Knowledge and experience working on food access
- Excellent written & verbal communication skills
- Able to work independently and take initiative
- Responsible, independent and open to learning and feedback
- Team-oriented with a good sense of humor
- Bachelor's degree or higher in related field
- Ability to work with diverse audiences, i.e., elected officials, state administrators and low-income communities
- Ability to multi-task
- Familiar with client management databases
- Familiar with Joomla
- Experience with Microsoft Office

Compensation: DOE

How to apply: *Email your **cover letter and resume*** to resume@uah.org this job will stay open until filled, however we anticipate the position starting in September

Additional Information:

This position is funded by a joint grant with the Utah Food Bank and funding from the State Community Services Office. It is our intent to make this position permanent.

Research & Evaluation:

Utahns Against Hunger will work with the Utah Food Bank, other interested stakeholders to conduct a network wide emergency food pantry needs assessment. UAH will lead these efforts to gather information on the following:

- Equipment needs of emergency food pantries
- Staffing needs of emergency food pantries
- Funding, and other capacity needs of emergency food pantries.

UAH has conducted surveys in the past and in every instance, funding emerges as the most important need. We however lack an understanding on detail of those needs. UAH will identify specific budget gaps and how much additional funding emergency food providers need to improve and increase their capacity to meet the emergency food needs of their communities-

Key Tasks/Steps:

- Identify Scope of questions:
- Identify Survey recipients
- Conduct Survey
- Evaluate results/write report