



**Title:** Markets and Gardens VISTA

**Reports to:** Programs & Services Coordinator

**Program Start/End Dates:** August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

### **General Description**

Foodlink, the regional food bank serving 10 counties in Central and Western New York State, works with 500 emergency food providers, such as pantries and soup kitchens. At Foodlink, nutrition education and food access programs are an integral part of the mission to impact the root causes of hunger. This position will primarily support the [Curbside Market](#), a farmers market on wheels that visits 80+ locations every week.

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### **Job Responsibilities**

- Provide operational and capacity-building support to Markets & Gardens programs
- Manage and expand the volunteer program for the Curbside Market
- Coordinate Markets & Gardens data management and evaluation
- Develop & implement outreach programming to increase engagement with the Curbside Market and Nutrition Education programs, focusing primarily on families
- Develop and sustain relationships with community partners across our service area.

### **Requirements**

- Must have a clear driving record and valid NYS license
- Flexible schedule needed (some evening and weekend work required)
- Strong communication, organization, and data evaluation skills
- Associate or Bachelor's degree strongly preferred
- Experience working with diverse, low-income communities strongly preferred

### **Additional Qualifications**

A strong work ethic, an eagerness to learn and enthusiasm for the work of food justice are key baseline criteria. Demonstrated experience in or commitment to food systems work – student sustainability organizations, community organizing, farmers markets/CSAs, agricultural/gardening and/or food service/nutrition experience, for example – is preferred. Strong written and verbal communication skills, attention to detail and ability to prioritize and multitask under deadlines are essential. Proficiency in Word, Excel, and PowerPoint is important, GIS experience is a plus. Spanish-language skills are a plus. This project involves outdoor work in all seasons and weather. Candidates should be able to lift 30-50 pounds.

*Note: The above description is illustrative of tasks and responsibilities. It is not meant to be all-inclusive. Employees will follow other instructions and perform other related duties as required. Foodlink, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer EEO/M/F/V*

### **Application**

Submit resume and cover letter to

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Only serious candidates should apply. **Only successful candidates will be contacted.**