



Detroit Food Policy Council

Urban Farmer Policy Organizer

Job description:

This position will be a contractor of the Detroit Food Policy Council (DFPC) and is tasked with communicating with farmers to get feedback on the Farmer Policy Priorities generated by the Detroit Farmer Policy Group (FPG). The position is short-term and should be completed by December 31, 2026. The organizer will collect data to inform the Farmer Policy Priorities and maximize the number of Detroit farmers participating in policy initiatives with the DFPC.

Compensation:

- \$7,600 for 2026
- or \$25-30 per hour for 10 to 15 hours a week (May-December)
- Bi-weekly paycheck

Responsibilities:

- Review the Farmer Policy Priorities that were drafted in 2025.
- Lead coordination and promotion of gatherings with farmers and farm organizations to rank and modify priorities to represent the views of growers across Detroit.
- Attend DFPG meetings to inform the council of progress on the Farmer Policy Priorities
- Attend listening sessions and meetings with city council members to increase their awareness of the priorities
- Work with DFPC staff to organize an event and media for sharing updates
- Use policy priorities as a guiding document and other links included in that document to guide conversations with farmers.

Qualifications:

- Proficiency, competency, awareness of urban agriculture, local food systems, food equity issues
- Strong relationships or connections with farmers and stakeholders in urban agriculture
- Strong communication and listening skills
- Ability to work remotely or with others in office
- Strong writing, reporting, data collection
- Reliable transportation

Deliverables:

- Create and present a report of data collected in 2026 for DFPC to advocate for with city government
- Publish findings for the Detroit farming community and urban ag stakeholders (MDARD, USDA, MSU, Farm Bureau, other institutions)
- Hold three (3) gatherings with farmers or other stakeholders to gather at different locations in Detroit.

To apply, submit a cover letter and resume to Cheryl Simon, Interim Executive Director, Detroit Food Policy Council at cheryl@detroitfoodpc.org with subject line: **Community Organizer Position.**