



## AmeriCorps Member serving at Edible Flint Position Description

### **GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES AND COMMITMENT:**

In partnership with the Edible Flint, the United Way of Genesee County and Flint Urban Safety and Health Corps are seeking an AmeriCorps Member. Flint Urban Safety and Health AmeriCorps members will serve in a **full-time capacity (37 hours per week / 1700 hours for one year) beginning on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and ending October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.**

This member will serve at the Edible Flint **primarily supporting food security and nutrition outreach and activities** Duties will include managing the donation of the produce grown at the farm and facilitating educational opportunities for youth and adults to learn about growing healthy foods, and much more.

### **ABOUT AMERICORPS**

AmeriCorps is a national service program often referred to as the "Domestic Peace Corps." Here in Flint and Genesee County, more than 300 individuals serve in community organizations, local schools, and nonprofits. People who join AmeriCorps (called "members") commit to a term of service in exchange for a modest living stipend and an education award to help pay for tuition or student loans. Members are typically passionate, committed individuals who are dedicated to serving the needs of their communities. Members gain valuable professional, educational, and life benefits, and the experience has a lasting impact on the members and the communities they serve.

### **ABOUT FLINT URBAN SAFETY AND HEALTH CORPS**

Flint Urban Safety and Health Corp AmeriCorps members are placed with Flint-area nonprofits and other community organizations under the direction of a host site supervisor. Members provide direct service in the areas of food security and nutrition, behavioral and developmental health, early education, crime prevention, and medical management, especially relating to special populations in Flint, MI.

### **ABOUT EDIBLE FLINT**

The mission of Edible Flint is to support community residents in growing and accessing healthy food in order to reconnect with the land and each other. Today, Edible Flint is a non-profit organization of residents, educators, government representatives, advocates for social change, and other partners working together in the interest of a common mission, to improve access to healthy food through individual and community growth and economic development. Edible Flint offers educational programming on urban food gardening; provides low-cost garden kits to Flint and Genesee County residents each year; and operates a 2-acre urban farm within the city of Flint that models urban farming best practices.

### **MEMBER ACTIVITIES:**

- Connect community members with resources related to water crisis recovery
- Lead workshops, classes, or orientations on topics related to water crisis recovery
- Recruit volunteers for Host Site
- Support Host Site activities related to water crisis recovery
- Adheres to program and host site policies and procedures.

### **ADDITIONAL MEMBER ACTIVITIES**

- Volunteer recruitment for Educational Farm

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- Organize volunteer days at the Educational Farm
- Facilitate delivery of food to local food pantry partners
- Recruit program participants
- Host gardening classes for youth and adults
- Create educational materials for the Educational Farm

The statement of activities above is intended to be illustrative of the many duties that may be assigned during the service term. It should not be interpreted to describe all of the duties a service member may be assigned.

### **IMMEDIATE SUPERVISORS**

Host Site Supervisor: Kelly McClelland, Program Director at Edible Flint, [kelly@edibleflint.org](mailto:kelly@edibleflint.org)

FUSHC Program Director: Katie de Araujo, Civic Engagement Manager at the United Way of Genesee County, [kdearaujo@unitedwaygenesee.org](mailto:kdearaujo@unitedwaygenesee.org)

### **MEMBER BENEFITS:**

- Living Allowance (distributed in biweekly increments throughout the term)
  - 1700-hour members: \$15,100
- Education Award (awarded upon successful completion of AmeriCorps term to be used for college and trade school)
  - 1700-hour members: \$6,345
- Additional Benefits available to full-time members (Health Insurance and Childcare Assistance)
- Student Loan Forbearance and Interest Payments for qualifying members
- Professional Development
- AmeriCorps Alumni Network

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be 17 years or older with a high school diploma or equivalent
- Must agree to and successfully complete a background check
- US Citizen, National, or Lawful Permanent Resident
- Knowledge of food production and gardening

### **DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS**

- Ability to maintain written and electronic records accurately
- Desire and ability to engage with a diverse population
- Connection to community gardens in Flint
- Experience working with youth and adults

### **MEMBER TRAINING**

No more than 20 percent of the aggregate of all AmeriCorps member service hours will be spent on education and training activities.

### **SIGNATURES**

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AmeriCorps Member

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Site Supervisor

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Program Director

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