



Job Title: Cultural Resource Navigation Coordinator

Organization: Good Food Collective and the Fort Lewis College Grub Hub

Location: Hybrid - La Plata County, Colorado

Duration: 12-month project term

The Good Food Collective (www.goodfoodcollective.org) works with partners and stakeholders across Southwestern Colorado to collectively build a just and thriving food system. We believe that an intact regional food system creates economic opportunities for rural areas, creates jobs, stewards our environment, ensures that everyone in our community has access to nutritious, dignified food, and builds the backbone of a vibrant community.

The Fort Lewis College Grub Hub (www.fortlewis.edu/grubhub) is a basic needs resource center for campus committed to breaking down the stigma behind food and housing insecurity. We believe that every college student should have access to safe and stable housing, nutritious and culturally relevant foods, and a diverse and inclusive selection of hygiene, menstruation, and personal care products. Above all, we hope to foster a basic needs secure campus and create a community of care.

Job Overview:

In partnership, the Good Food Collective (GFC) and the Fort Lewis College (FLC) Grub Hub seeks a dedicated Cultural Resource Navigation Coordinator to spearhead initiatives aimed at enhancing access to culturally relevant food resources for Native and Indigenous communities in La Plata County. This position is pivotal in bridging gaps between Native and Indigenous community members, food assistance providers, and regional cultural foods producers. This position will be administratively housed under the GFC and supervised by the FLC Basic Needs Coordinator, Stella Zhu. Office space will be available at both the GFC and FLC.

Key Responsibilities:

- Enhance Access to Culturally Relevant Food Resources:
 - Provide guidance and support to local resource centers through workshops, trainings, and events focused on culturally significant food production and processing practices.
 - Facilitate direct connections between regional cultural foods producers and food assistance providers to ensure culturally relevant foods are accessible.
 - Collaborate with producers to identify and overcome barriers in production, processing, and distribution of cultural foods within La Plata County.
 - Strategize, promote, and facilitate activities to ensure community engagement and alignment with project goals.
- Improve Resource Navigation and Community Engagement for Native and Indigenous Communities:
 - Develop outreach materials in collaboration with cultural affinity centers and community food assistance providers, specifically around federal benefits like SNAP, DUFEB, Medicaid, etc.
 - Coordinate service schedules with community partners to offer targeted and effective resource navigation for Native and Indigenous communities.
 - Incorporate community feedback mechanisms into project activities to ensure ongoing responsiveness to community needs.
- Evaluate Effectiveness of Outreach and Navigation Strategies Throughout the County:
 - Regularly assess the impact and effectiveness of outreach strategies and service schedules in community resource centers.
 - Collaborate with the Grub Hub Student Advisory Council and the La Plata County Food Assistance Providers to create comprehensive action plans, gather feedback and refine strategies as needed.
 - Utilize regular gatherings and surveys to gather insights, suggestions, and feedback from target populations.
 - Identify and address gaps in relationship building between SNAP/DUFEB providers, community organizations, and regional food producers.
- Monitor and Enhance Workshop Impact:
 - Organize workshops focused on culturally responsive cooking and traditional food practices, ensuring relevance to community nutrition needs.
 - Collect feedback from participants to evaluate workshop effectiveness and adjust content in collaboration with stakeholders.

Required Qualifications:

- Understanding of Native American and Indigenous cultures, traditions, and food systems.
- Experience in community outreach, project coordination, or related fields.
- Experience in data collection and reporting.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to collaborate effectively with diverse stakeholders.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Commitment to equity, inclusion, and cultural sensitivity in all aspects of work.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree in a relevant field (e.g., food systems, social work, public health, anthropology).
- Experience in food justice, community engagement, social work, or a related field.
- Experience working with Native and Indigenous communities.
- Experience with SNAP, DUFEB, Medicaid
- A personal vehicle
- Fluent in a Native American language

Compensation:

- \$52,000/year or \$25/hour if candidate desires to work less than 40 hours/week
- Benefits include a SIMPLE IRA, 3 weeks of PTO, and sick leave
- Compensation available for work-related travel to community partners and regional food producers

Diversity and Equal Opportunity: The Good Food Collective values the diversity of our community. In principle and in practice the diverse nature of our board, staff, and volunteers is recognized as one of our best assets. We respect each individual's unique gifts and prohibit unfair or discriminatory practices against anyone because of age, race, color, religion, national origin, disability, gender, sexual orientation, and any other protected category.

Note: This position is funded for a 12-month project duration with the potential for extension based on funding availability and project outcomes.

Application Process: Please submit a resume and cover letter detailing your qualifications and interest in the Cultural Resource Navigation Coordinator position at Good Food Collective. Applications should be sent to Stella Zhu (mzhu@fortlewis.edu). We are accepting applications on a rolling basis, with priority given to applications received by 7/1/2024. This position will remain open until filled.