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Community Ambassador

Overview of CDCLI

Community Development Corporation of Long Island (CDCLI) was founded in 1969 when government, business and civic leaders on Long Island came together to address the growing demand for affordable housing. That strong tri-sector support continues today.

CDCLI is a regional and national leader in affordable housing and community development, with high standards of performance and a desire to identify and implement creative ways to solve problems and empower residents in the community.

CDCLI is committed to making dreams of long-term economic stability come true. As a chartered member of NeighborWorks®, CDCLI is certified to meet a high standard of fiscal integrity and service performance to assist local residents in achieving their dreams.

With our mission to “invest in the housing and economic aspirations of individuals and families by providing solutions that foster and maintain vibrant, equitable, and sustainable communities,” CDCLI maintains steadfast in its commitment to its three pillars of focus: Community Development & Housing for All, Economic Stability, and Advocacy.

The Opportunity

CDCLI is seeking self-motivated, outgoing Community Ambassadors to work closely with our Director of Special Projects and other key team members to conduct outreach, base building, training, education and leadership development among our community members.. The Ambassadors will be responsible for individual and community engagement, to ensure awareness and understanding of critical housing and financial supports and resources.

The ideal candidates will be experienced in community engagement and community organizing with proven innovative techniques to inform and mobilize individuals and households.

Specifically, this position is responsible for identifying rental households, rental properties and landlords to inform and educate about the availability of financial resources and supports.

Responsibilities

- Conduct outreach and hold conversations with community organizations, civic groups, renters, landlords and property owners about available resources and supports related to rental relief and other critical service provision
- Attend local events with community partners to promote targeted programs, resources and supports (including rental relief assistance)
- Document learnings and best practices from efforts to ensure they are applied to efforts moving forward
- Support virtual and in-person community meetings with community members, community groups, landlords and property owner
- Dissemination of prevalent information fostering awareness of community resources.

- Identification of ideal households that have successfully completed programs to share “success stories.”
- Utilization of data collection to identify developing needs and program adjustments in real time
- Inform on policy recommendations for overall Rental Assistance program operations and policy
- Cultivation and utilization with key community stakeholders, such as: municipalities, property owners, property management companies and realtors
- Other responsibilities and duties as assigned

Qualifications

Required:

- Commitment to the mission of CDCLI
- Bachelor’s degree in relevant content field
- 2 years’ experience in some level of community engagement work.
- Strong interpersonal skills with the capability to empower community members.
- Ability to multi-task and delegate when necessary
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Understanding and practice of Person-Centered approach
- Knowledge and understanding of the complex housing needs on Long Island and within the boroughs preferred.
- Understanding of and commitment to respecting cultural diversity
- Ability to discuss complex issues.

Preferred:

- Experience in the community development and/or affordable housing environment (public and/or private)
- Familiarity with Federal, State and County Affirmative Fair Housing laws, tenant rights and eviction procedures
- Strong background in various technology platforms and client management software, is a plus, but not required.
- Familiarity with entitlement programs, policies, and procedures
- Familiarity with Nassau County, Suffolk County; its cities, towns, and villages
- Bi-lingual

How to Apply

Competitive salary and robust benefits package.

For consideration, please submit resume and cover letter. CDCLI is proud to be an equal opportunity organization.

We celebrate it, we support it, and we thrive on it for the benefit of our employees, our consumers, and our community.