

Job Opening with Great Plains Action Society

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Position Title:	PT Environmental Justice Organizer
Status:	Part-time (10 - 20 hours/week or 520 hours/year); Exempt **(This position is grant-funded through April 2027)**
Number of Positions:	Two (2) Positions are available
Location:	Sioux City, Iowa
Travel:	10% travel within Iowa may be required – must have reliable transportation
Salary:	\$23/hr.
Application Deadline:	September 10, 2024

Job Description:

The Environmental Justice (**EJ**) Organizer is a part-time grant-funded position with Great Plains Action Society (GPAS) to help engage marginalized/underserved communities and youth in identifying environmental threats to their health and well-being. This position will be responsible for implementing a portion of a grant project addressing environmental justice and health equity (EJHE) in Iowa.

The EJ Organizer will be trained on local environmental hazards and public health issues and serve as the primary liaison with community and state partners. You will assist in helping implement this project to inform and educate the community on environmental hazards and related public health issues based on existing EJ data and reports on local housing stock and indoor air toxins (household EJ issues including lead paint, asbestos, mold, lead service), climate change and natural disaster threats.

The EJ Organizer will work closely with diverse stakeholders, including other community-based organizations, environmental agencies, government agencies, health organizations, etc. to provide education and awareness, facilitate leadership development, community organizing and engagement, and progress reporting.

This position requires an average of 20 hours per week or **520 hours/per year**. Public speaking, including both small and large group events, is a fundamental aspect of this role. Occasional travel will be necessary. The work will involve evening and weekend activities.

Who are we looking for?

We are seeking someone who already has community ties and can engage others. The ideal candidate will have excellent communication skills, experience talking to groups, and a network of community leaders and influencers from diverse populations. **No prior experience** with environmental hazards or health issues is required.

Key Duties and Responsibilities:

- Research, coordinate and communicate information, build relationships and mechanisms to advance environmental justice and health equity in Sioux City and the surrounding area
- Develop relationships among community members, surrounding tribal nations and partner organizations in the area
- Support the development and implementation of climate and environmental policy stances in Iowa
- Advance the efforts to support and advocate for environmental justice and health equity policies in Iowa
- Write social media posts and work with the Land Defense Organizer and the Executive Director to create social media content, posters, zines, articles, blog posts and plans
- Organizing in-person events
- Attend GPAS staff meetings and meetings with program funders/partners

Qualifications:

- Demonstrated understanding of climate, environmental and social justice
- Experience working with marginalized communities
- Well-developed critical thinking, time management, and leadership skills
- Organized, self-starter, highly motivated, ready to take initiative to grow
- Ability to plan, organize, and lead community meetings
- Ability to develop positive working relations with diverse ethnic and cultural communities
- Willing to work flexible hours, and to work nights and weekends when needed
- Must have reliable transportation and flexibility to travel throughout Iowa, and occasionally to Nebraska
- Technological skills, including familiarity and expertise in working with Microsoft Suite, Google Workspace, Zoom, Streamyard, Canva, Social Media, Texting, and other relevant tools

If interested, please send a resume and cover letter to nicole@greatplainsaction.org

Please put ***EJ Navigator Application*** in the subject line

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