



Chicago Food Policy Action Council | Illinois Public Health Institute

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

### Good Food in Healthcare Consultant, Chicagoland

Part-time, accepting applications from individuals or consulting groups  
6-month contract, April-September 2021, with the possibility of extension based on funding

The Chicago Food Policy Action Council (CFPAC) and Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI) seek a consultant or consulting group to initiate implementation of the Good Food in Healthcare project within the Alliance of Health Equity at IPHI. The consultant will support IPHI, CFPAC, and Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) to: build a cohort of local hospitals focused on good food purchasing, develop and disseminate educational materials, liaise with healthcare and local food supply chain partners, routinely collaborate with project staff and partners, and support hospital cohort members with long-term planning to adopt good food purchasing standards.

The position will be managed jointly by staff from IPHI and CFPAC.

#### **About Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI)**

*The Illinois Public Health Institute (IPHI) mobilizes stakeholders, catalyzes partnerships, and leads action to improve public health systems to maximize health, health equity, and quality of life for people and communities. More information is available on IPHI's website at [www.iphionline.org](http://www.iphionline.org).*

#### **About the Chicago Food Policy Action Council (CFPAC)**

*CFPAC co-develops, facilitates, advocates for, and helps implement policies that advance food justice & sovereignty for Chicago and across the region. We envision a food system where residents of all race, gender, and social identities have the right to produce and access food through community-driven, ecologically regenerative, and economically resilient processes. To that end, we specifically focus on dismantling structural racism in the food system and lifting up food policies that support Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. More information is available on CFPAC's website at [www.chicagofoodpolicy.com](http://www.chicagofoodpolicy.com)*

#### **About the Good Food Purchasing Initiative (GFPI) of Metro Chicago**

Coordinated by the Chicago and Cook County Departments of Public Health (CDPH and CCDPH) and the Chicago Food Policy Action Council (CFPAC), the Good Food Purchasing Initiative of Metro Chicago aims to ensure that institutional food purchasing advances an equitable, healthy, and resilient food system that creates good food access for all.

## **Consultant Scope of Work**

IPHI and CFPAC are open to applications from individuals or consulting groups. The Good Food in Healthcare Consultant will support startup activities for a cohort of local hospitals focused on good food purchasing, develop and disseminate educational materials, liaise with healthcare and local food supply chain partners, routinely collaborate with project support staff & partners, and support hospital cohort members with long-term planning to support local healthy food purchasing standards.

Over 30 hospitals in Cook County participate in the Alliance for Health Equity and are interested in building a more resilient food system, envisioning a system that reduces hunger, advances community economic development, and improves nutrition. As institutional purchasers, hospitals can leverage their buying power to strengthen the resiliency of the food system. Laying the groundwork for such transformation requires developing a cadre of internal leaders, cultivating an understanding of current procurement practices, and facilitating relationships with local BIPOC and women suppliers. This project will catalyze change through piloting local food procurement initiatives and peer-to-peer learning. The consultant will work with a cohort of hospitals and health systems that are interested in piloting good food purchasing and connect them with both resources and local food system stakeholders to build community wealth and health.

### **Activities**

- Catalyze partnerships and facilitate regular discussions between hospital cohort and BIPOC/women-run farms & food businesses
- Help identify and cultivate relationships with hospital and healthcare champions to participate in the cohort
- Support hospital cohort members in organizing internal teams of administrators and food service personnel for the development of healthy local food procurement plans
- Strategize and coordinate the planning of procurement pilots between hospitals and BIPOC/women-run farms & food businesses
- Collaborate with CFPAC and Basil's Harvest to identify and recruit BIPOC and women-run farms & food businesses interested in partnering with hospitals
- Adapt existing good food purchasing educational tools to the healthcare context, in partnership with Health Care Without Harm, the Alliance for Health Equity, and CFPAC
- In collaboration with Basil's Harvest and the hospital cohort members, assist the project team in developing a roadmap for good food purchasing in hospital settings including institutional policy analysis, supply chain analysis, and design of pilot initiatives
- Regularly meet and collaborate with the IPHI, CFPAC, and Health Care Without Harm project teams
- Offer ongoing technical assistance to the hospital cohort in collaboration with Basil's Harvest

### **Required Skills and Experience**

- At least 5 years of experience in project management roles on similar complex projects that involve more than one organization
- Familiarity with hospital systems, hospital-community relationships, and/or complex food procurement systems
- Familiarity with Chicago's history and current landscape of racial & social inequities in respect to wealth and public health outcomes
- Demonstrated commitment to principles of food justice and food sovereignty

- Experience working closely with BIPOC communities and BIPOC-owned businesses, with experience working specifically with farmers and food businesses a plus
- Strong attention to detail, writing skills, and organizational project management skills
- Ability to delegate out and supervise pieces of project management work to multiple partners in a collaborative approach
- Familiarity with the food systems field and emerging research on institutional good food procurement, values-based procurement, equitable food-oriented development, regional food systems development, and “farm-to-institution” or “farm-to-hospital” a plus

**Timeline:** 6 months: April 2021 - September 2021 (with the possibility of extension based on funding)

**Hours and Compensation Available:**

We are seeking a consultant or consulting group to work approximately 20 hours per week over the course of six months. Available budget will allow for an hourly rate of \$40-\$70, commensurate with experience and proposed staffing to accomplish the scope.

**Location:** IPHI and CFPAC staff are currently working remotely. Leadership continues to assess COVID rates and telecommuting policies to prepare for a return to work when deemed safe. Competitive applicants will have work, experience, and networks in Chicago and Cook County.

**TO APPLY:** Please send a cover letter and resume with the **subject line “Good Food in Healthcare Consultant Application”** to Rebekah Williams, [Rebekah.Williams@iphionline.org](mailto:Rebekah.Williams@iphionline.org), by **March 14th, 2021**. The cover letter should compare your qualifications and experiences to the activities and experience in this posting.

*The Illinois Public Health Institute is dedicated to the principles of equal opportunity. All qualified applicants will be considered without regard to race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, genetic information or any other personal characteristic not relevant to the posted position. IPHI is committed to diversity and strongly encourages women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQ individuals, and veterans to apply.*