



**Power of We Consortium AmeriCorps State Program  
Summer Position Description**

<b>Position Title:</b>	Garden Support Specialist	<b>Category:</b>	AmeriCorps Service Member
<b>Host Site:</b>	Greater Lansing Food Bank- Garden Project	<b>Site Supervisor:</b>	Julie Lehman
<b>Stipend:</b>	\$3,200	<b>Position Type:</b>	Quarter time, 450 hours
<b>HR Contact:</b>	AmeriCorps Program Manager	<b>Dates of Service:</b>	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> – August 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2018

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**Organization Information:**

The Garden Project, a 30+ year program of the Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB), provides access to land, how-to education, free seeds and plants, tool lending, a networking hub and more, so that all community members can have access to fresh, healthy food through gardening opportunities. For more information, visit [www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org](http://www.greaterlansingfoodbank.org)

**Role and Responsibilities:**

The Garden Support Specialist will provide hands-on garden support to a network of Garden Project (GP) community gardens across Ingham County. Member responsibilities will include tilling, mowing, infrastructure repairs and providing basic community garden site maintenance, all in efforts to support the GP's yearlong push for garden sustainability. Members will also lead volunteer groups and foster on-site community leadership to create more inclusive growing spaces. Members will model direct service as they serve alongside Garden Project staff across many types of gardens across the county.

**Minimum Qualification:**

- Be at least 17 years of age. Minors must have guardian permission. Applicants must have HS diploma, GED or working toward the completion of one.
- U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident of the U.S.
- Pass the following checks: State of Michigan, DHS Central Registry Clearance, FBI Fingerprinting, and State & National Sex Offender Registry
- Valid Michigan driver's license.
- The ability to lift up to 40+ pounds.
- The ability and willingness to work outdoors in all weather conditions. Some evenings and weekends required.
- Excellent communication skills, flexibility, well organized, with the ability to finish projects started.
- Completely trustworthy with the ability to serve independently with adequate guidance.
- Some experience in gardening, farming and/or landscaping and an enjoyment of physical labor.

**Preferred Skills:**

- Good general or technical knowledge of gardening or urban agriculture.
- Computer proficiency, specifically with Microsoft Office Suite.
- Flexible nature and well organized/efficient with time and schedule.
- Willingness and interest in working with all types of people while modeling patience, kindness, flexibility, respect and maintain privacy to those we are assisting in the community.

**Compensation:**

Members will receive a living allowance of \$3,200 distributed bi-weekly from April 3<sup>rd</sup>-August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 and receive student loan forbearance for qualified loans. Upon successful completion of service an education award in the amount of \$1,538.36 will be issued. Members will serve 20-25 hours/week. All interested candidates must submit a cover letter and resume to Power of We Consortium AmeriCorps Program Director, Andrea Villanueva at [avillanueva@ingham.org](mailto:avillanueva@ingham.org) no later than **February 23<sup>rd</sup> by 5pm.**