

East County Network Builder Job Overview

IMPACT's mission is to advance racial equity, justice and liberation by working for change in individuals, communities, organizations, and systems.

General Summary of the Position

The primary work of the East County Network Builder is to facilitate the creation of community-based resident networks of support, exchange, and action that lead to improved quality of life and more equitable outcomes. It is expected that these community-based networks will be located in and around the Briggs Chaney and White Oak neighborhoods of Eastern Montgomery County and that the East County Service Consolidation Hub (an initiative of Montgomery County Health and Human Services and nonprofit partners to serve residents in need of food and other resources) will serve as an important base for connecting to residents.

Duties and Responsibilities:

Network Building (80%)

- Support weekly food distributions at the East County Service Consolidation Hub (ECSCH) by helping with set-up, packing, distribution, and intake, as needed.
- Connect residents-in-need to the ECSCH by letting them know about the schedule of weekly food distributions.
- Serve as IMPACT's "ears of the ground," especially at the ECSCH, by listening to and documenting resident demands, concerns, and interests.
- Plan and host regular Network gatherings that speak to residents' demands, concerns, and interests.
- Support residents in carrying out small, collaborative action projects around things they care about.
- Connect residents in the East County Network (residents from the ECSCH, Network gatherings, and action projects) to the activities of the larger IMPACT Network.
- Build relationships with key individuals and organizations whose work and philosophy align with IMPACT's for the purpose of mutual support and partnership.

Administrative & Operational (20%)

- Provide general administrative, communications and project coordination support to resident leadership teams, as needed, and other IMPACT Silver Spring staff.
- Participate in organizational initiatives, as needed, related to planning, development, and communications.
- Submit monthly Network reports, expense reimbursements, receipts, and other operational and financial paperwork in a timely manner.

Essential Skills:

- Strong interpersonal abilities, with a willingness to cross boundaries and work with diverse people
- Solid facilitation and presentation skills
- Exceptional attention to detail, super organized, great time management
- Dynamic problem-solving skills
- Comfortable with technology
- IMPACT is exploring becoming a worker self-directed nonprofit. The ideal candidate will be comfortable with this model which allows for more autonomy and requires the ability to self-manage while also practicing accountability.

Personal Characteristics:

- Personal humility and commitment to the growth of self and others
- Knows how to ask for and receive help and feedback
- Proactive, self-starter, loves to take initiative
- Understands the big picture and larger context of the work, systems thinker
- Ability to see all sides of an issue and listen to multiple perspectives with compassion
- Patient, stays cool under pressure
- Positive, enthusiastic, and resourceful
- Loves co-design and collaboration

Salary and Benefits:

This is a full-time position. Living in East County is highly preferred though we will consider candidates living in proximate surrounding areas who are deeply familiar with the community. We believe that racial and economic inequity disproportionately hurts the most marginalized people in society, including people of color, immigrants, women, and LGBTQ+ people. Because we believe that these communities must be centered in the work we do, we strongly encourage applications from people with these identities or who are members of other marginalized communities.

The salary range is between \$50,000 and \$55,000, depending on experience. IMPACT offers paid holidays, annual leave, sick leave and personal days plus a collegial, supportive working environment.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates should send their cover letter with resume electronically to jobs@impactsilverspring.org. The application process will be open until the position is filled. No phone inquiries please.