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CIRCULAR CLEVELAND AMBASSADOR



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WHAT IS CIRCULAR CLEVELAND?

Circular Cleveland is a collaborative initiative between Cleveland Neighborhood Progress and the City of Cleveland. Launched in partnership with Neighborhood Connections, Circular Cleveland will help transition Cleveland from a linear economy to a circular economy to improve the health and wellbeing of the residents of Cleveland, while creating more local and green jobs.

To learn more about the circular economy and Circular Cleveland, visit the Sustainable Cleveland website:

-  [sustainablecleveland.org/
circular_economy_cleveland](https://sustainablecleveland.org/circular_economy_cleveland)
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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A “LINEAR ECONOMY” AND A “CIRCULAR ECONOMY?”

Our current, linear economy is a take-make-waste model. In this linear model, raw materials are collected (take), transformed into products (make), and ultimately discarded (waste) – often ending up in a landfill once they have been used by the consumer. A circular economy diverts waste from the landfill and reduces pollution, while keeping products and materials in use as long as possible, and restoring and renewing natural systems.



WHO IS A CIRCULAR CLEVELAND AMBASSADOR?

A Circular Cleveland Ambassador is a City of Cleveland resident engaged in a leadership role to represent and engage Cleveland residents and their community* in our transition to a more circular economy. Circular Cleveland Ambassadors will participate in the Circular Cleveland initiative for the duration of the grant program funded through the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (approximately 22 months).

**Community may refer to a geographic location and/or an association with a particular group, e.g. youth, faith-based, group or club, etc.*

WHY ARE CIRCULAR CLEVELAND AMBASSADORS IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE CIRCULAR CLEVELAND INITIATIVE?

Transitioning from a linear economy to a circular economy is a big task and requires participation at all levels of the community. Circular Cleveland Ambassadors will play a critical role in representing their neighborhood/community and provide valuable input as we develop the Circular Cleveland Roadmap—the plan to help guide Cleveland’s transition to a more circular economy. Ambassadors will also serve as a liaison between the Circular Cleveland leadership team and their community, and connect community members with resources to help support this work.



THE ROLE OF A CIRCULAR CLEVELAND AMBASSADOR:



- Represent their community at Circular Cleveland meetings and provide input during the development of the Circular Cleveland Roadmap
- Serve as a liaison between Circular Cleveland leadership and their neighborhood/community
- Serve as a circular economy resource to community members, help to identify gaps and assets in their community, and identify creative solutions
- Serve as a circular economy resource within Cleveland to stakeholders/partners as needed
- Attend the community engagement workshop(s) in your neighborhood and serve as a facilitator for community engagement workshops, as needed, and
- Participate in the Circular Cleveland Community Grants program as an applicant/advisor/evaluator

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

No prior experience in circular economy work is required to become a Circular Cleveland Ambassador, however the ambassador selection team will be looking for candidates who are familiar with and/or are currently using waste reduction and reuse practices at home, at work, or in their community. Training and other resources will be provided to help Circular Cleveland Ambassadors be successful in their role. These trainings will include:

- Circular economy training to help Ambassadors better understand what a circular economy is and how it applies in their community
- Racial equity and inclusion training to ensure all voices are represented and respected throughout the Circular Cleveland initiative
- Additional leadership and topic-specific trainings as needed/available

In addition to a stipend and trainings, a Circular Cleveland Ambassador receives the following support:

- The opportunity to build community engagement skills by participating in NeighborUP events and taking a leadership role in Circular Cleveland community engagement events
- The potential to pair with a graduate from the Neighborhood Leadership Institute to provide guidance and coaching in a specific area of interest
- Ability to interact with experts in a particular field of interest in order to advance community needs

TIME COMMITMENT

80 hours over 22 months
(approximately 12 hours/Quarter)

TERM LENGTH

July 2021 – May 2023

COMPENSATION

\$1,400 total stipend paid quarterly
(approximately \$190/Quarter)

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

The Circular Cleveland leadership team is looking for candidates who are:

- City of Cleveland residents
- Passionate about improving the neighborhood/community
- Creative problem solvers & curious
- Aware of and/or passionate about local climate and sustainability initiatives
- Currently using waste reduction/reuse/circular economy practices at home, at work, or in their community, (e.g. recycling, creative reuse, zero waste, repair skills, etc.)
- Have access to a smartphone or computer with Wi-Fi access

**Please indicate in application if you are interested, but have limited Wi-Fi access*

SELECTION PROCESS

1. Submit written application to become a Circular Cleveland Ambassador
2. Selection team will schedule interviews with select candidates (due to COVID-19 restrictions, interviews will be held virtually)
3. Circular Cleveland Ambassadors selection and agreements signed
4. Trainings scheduled
5. Circular Cleveland meetings and Ambassador engagements scheduled

Questions? Contact Divya Sridhar at DSridhar@clevelandnp.org or (614) 284-4680 *text preferred

DEADLINE : JUNE 6TH AT 11:59 PM EDT

Email Applications To:
DSridhar@clevelandnp.org

Application Drop-off Location:
Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, Lobby
11327 Shaker Blvd. Cleveland OH 44104

Application Drop-off Time:
Friday, June 4th
1:00pm-3:00 pm EDT

CIRCULAR CLEVELAND AMBASSADOR APPLICATION



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Last	First	MI	Email Address:	
Street Address	City	State	Zip	Preferred Phone No.:
Neighborhood and Ward:				
Preferred Day and Time to Schedule Regular Meetings:				

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please respond in approximately 100 words for each question. If you prefer to submit a typed response, attach a printed copy to this application.

1. Describe your motivation to become a participant in the Circular Cleveland Ambassadors program. What are you hoping to gain from the program?
(Note: If you are NeighborUP member, please share that too)

2. Describe the community you most associate with, if any (youth, faith-based, clubs, groups, etc.).

3. Please describe any past experience you have related to improving the environment in your community (urban farming, composting, tree planting, installing rain barrels, recycling, upcycling, repairing, skillshare, etc.).

4. What impacts from waste and pollution do you see and/or experience in your community? What are those impacts and how might you help address them, in your neighborhood/community?

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