

Neighbor to Neighbor Cleveland Program Community Engagement Specialist Position Description

Old Brooklyn is Cleveland’s accessible, family-friendly neighborhood where business and people come to grow. It is home to regional assets such as the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, hundreds of small businesses, and over 30,000 people. Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) is dedicated to growing Old Brooklyn through empowered partnerships, leadership, programming, and advocacy.

Program Background: The Neighbor to Neighbor Cleveland Program (N2N) – a Cleveland Community Engagement and Data Collection Project - is designed to build community engagement and organizing capacity across Cleveland neighborhoods, as well as create a platform for collecting granular community-level data on the digital divide and tax foreclosures across the city. The data is expected to guide strategic investments and interventions to achieve digital equity for Cleveland and for the most impacted Cleveland residents.

N2N Community Engagement Specialist: The ideal candidate is passionate about Cleveland neighborhoods and residents and has a service leadership mentality – placing the growth and well-being of people and the communities to which they belong first and foremost. The candidate should be a problem-solver, good listener, and patient. This person should also enjoy developing relationships, working with diverse groups of people, and helping residents work through challenges they are facing.

N2N Community Engagement Specialists will report to the Manager of Organizing and Community Engagement at Cleveland Neighborhood Progress (CNP) and Community Health Coordinator at OBCDC. The specialist will be housed at OBCDC and will be part of a cohort of specialists deployed across the City.

The Community Engagement Specialist will focus on concentrated areas for data collection in their neighborhood that are prioritized by their CDC Executive Director and CNP’s Manager of Organizing and Community Engagement.

Main roles and responsibilities include:

- Working with their CDC and CNP's Manager of Organizing and Community Engagement to identify and determine which areas of the neighborhood to begin outreach and engagement efforts
- Building trust and developing relationships with community residents around digital access, literacy and other quality of life issues
- Connecting residents with resources available through the City of Cleveland, local nonprofits, and organizations
- Recruiting, interviewing, and supervising resident community ambassadors/canvassers
- Collecting, inputting, and tracking field data from resident community ambassador teams
- Routinely convene with the CNP Manager of Organizing and Community Engagement and as part of a cohort for peer-to- peer learning, mentorship, and assistance
- Assist with community engagement and related projects within OBCDC
- Attend OBCDC staff and team meetings, community events, and engagement opportunities
- Familiarity with services located in Old Brooklyn and provided by OBCDC

Minimum Qualifications

- A High School diploma or GED is required; Bachelor's degree in social work, urban planning, public affairs, communications or another related field is preferred
- 3-5 years of experience in community building, engagement, or serving clients in a social service environment
- Comfortable with data collection, management and reporting as well as software and technology (such as personal computers, handheld devices, Microsoft Office Suites)
- Ability to work independently and as part of a cohort/collaborative team
- A valid State of Ohio Driver's License is required
- Reliable transportation to conduct field surveys
- Proficiency in Spanish is preferred
- Some weekend and evening work will be required

Essential Functions

- This position requires movement on streets, sidewalks, and driveways
- This position requires physical motion to ascend and descend stairs of neighborhood houses

Apply

Interested applicants must provide a cover letter and resume to careers@oldbrooklyn.com by June 24, 2022. Please include "N2N Community Engagement Position" in the subject line. Salary is \$40,000 and includes health benefits, paid time off (PTO) and flexible work schedule.