

NYC Green Carts Initiative
Food Access and Community Health Programs
New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene

Project Description

The NYC Department of Health's Green Carts Initiative aims to increase availability of fresh produce in New York City neighborhoods so that more New Yorkers can buy fresh fruit and vegetables close to home. Green Carts operate in all five boroughs and vend specifically in neighborhoods with limited access to healthy foods. The Green Carts Initiative facilitates partnerships between vendors and schools, hospitals, and community-based organizations to stimulate demand for Green Cart produce, aid in increasing community awareness of Green Carts as a healthy food outlet and to help the Green Cart vendors build a regular clientele.

Position

The Green Carts Initiative seeks a part time intern (10-15 hours per week) to assist with outreach activities in the Bronx. Responsibilities will include: Assisting potential Bronx-based vendors to acquire a Green Cart permit; providing existing Bronx Green Cart vendors with information on how to obtain a free EBT terminal so that they can accept food stamps; linking organizations to nearby Green Carts to build awareness of the program and stimulate demand for produce, and assisting vendors in building their clientele.

Preferred Skills

- Spanish or Bengali fluency **required**
- Knowledgeable about community food security issues in New York City
- Excellent interpersonal and communications skills
- Strong history of working independently
- Working knowledge of spreadsheets, Microsoft Office suite

Education

College or graduate student of public health, community nutrition, or medicine preferred.

Time Commitment/Compensation

This position requires 1-2 days/week, will begin the first week of October and will last through December 21st, 2012. Compensation is \$15/hour.

Contact

If you are interested in this opportunity, please send cover letter and resume by **Friday, September 14, 2012** to: Peggy Leggat, Green Carts Coordinator at: mleggat@health.nyc.gov. Write "Green Carts Internship Application" in the subject line.