

# Fund for Public Health in New York

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**Job Title:** Nutrition and Food Standards Registered Dietitian

**Organization:** Fund for Public Health in New York - NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Division of Prevention and Primary Care

**Position Reports to:** Nutrition Technical Advisor, Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Tobacco Control

The Fund for Public Health in New York, Inc. (FPHNY) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to the advancement of the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. To this end, in partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), FPHNY implements programs to address pressing public health needs, fosters private sector support to enhance health and health care, and helps educate the public regarding the protection of individual, family and community health.

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Join the BEAT PROGRAM (**B**e active, **E**at healthy, **A**ct on health risks and **T**ake prescribed medication) is a four (4)-year grant that will target four communities located in East/Central Brooklyn, South Bronx, Harlem, and East Queens. Combined, they have over 1.3 million residents and substantially higher than city average rates of obesity, pre-diabetes, hypertension and related mortality. They also have high poverty levels, limited education attainment and English proficiency, less access to healthy foods and few outdoor areas for physical activity. Culturally acceptable and location-based environmental strategies, lifestyle change programs and health system collaborations are needed to make a positive impact on health outcomes in these communities.

This position will be housed within the Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention and Tobacco Control, which is in the DOHMH's Division of Prevention and Primary Care. The bureau spearheads programs and initiatives to reduce the burden of chronic diseases and to address the underlying risk factors that lead to them, such as poor nutrition, physical inactivity and tobacco use. The bureau promotes a healthy environment and system changes in the food and physical environment and develops programs that promote physical activity, healthy eating and smoking cessation. The bureau also develops innovative strategies to convey critical health messages to the public. **This is a 4 year grant opportunity through September 29, 2018; the position is contingent upon the availability of federal funding and successful annual reapplication for continued funding.**

## **POSITION OVERVIEW:**

Reporting to the Nutrition Technical Advisor, the Nutrition and Food Standards Registered Dietitian will be a key team member in executing an innovative approach to changing the food environment. The chosen candidate will be responsible for supporting the implementation of nutrition and beverage standards throughout New York City at multiple community sites within the target neighborhoods.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Identify, recruit, and work with sites, including City agencies, hospitals, and community organizations to adopt the NYC Food Standards for foods and beverages purchased or served in vending machines, in cafeterias, and/or at meetings and events
- Convene meetings in targeted neighborhoods to share best practices and identify opportunities for improvement
- Serve as the representative of DOHMH to local stakeholders and work closely with external partners to provide training, education, and technical assistance, including site visits to observe site practices and conducting nutrition analysis using nutrition software
- Write other materials as needed, including policy briefs, research papers, website content and reviews of scientific articles
- Work collaboratively in cross-sector teams to set joint goals and measure progress
- Keep abreast and reporting on current academic research on nutrition and diet related diseases (e.g. cardiovascular disease and diabetes)
- Perform other duties as assigned

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Registered Dietitian or RDE
- Master's Degree in Public Health Nutrition or equivalent
- Knowledge of and proficiency in the Microsoft Suite, including PowerPoint and Excel, and Nutribase
- Detail-oriented, organized, creative and excellent communication and writing skills
- Strong presentation skills- should be comfortable presenting in front of large and small audiences

**PREFERRED SKILLS:**

- Experience with community-based initiatives, relationship-building, cultural competency, and working with low-income populations
- Experience in the area of food access, specifically in low-income urban populations

**SALARY AND BENEFITS:**

FPHNY offers a comprehensive benefits package. The salary range for this position is commensurate with experience and is dependent upon experience and salary history.

**TO APPLY:**

To apply, send Resume, with Cover Letter including current salary or most recent salary to: [publichealthjobs@fphny.org](mailto:publichealthjobs@fphny.org) indicating "BEAT Nutrition and Food Standards Registered Dietitian \_your name" in subject line.

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