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**Healthy Communities of the Capital Area Seeks Food Systems Professional  
to Assist with Reducing Food Waste and Increasing Access to  
Healthy, Local Foods in Southern Kennebec County**

**February - October 2017**

**Healthy Communities of the Capital Area (HCCA)**, a local public health organization, works with a wide range of partners to improve community health throughout the Local Service Area (LSA)\* through support from public and private grants and other resources. HCCA works on a variety of public health issues, including but not limited to, substance and tobacco use prevention, lead poisoning prevention, and obesity prevention through SNAP-Ed, FoodCorps, Let's Go!, and Farm to School.

***Reducing Wasted Food and Increasing Access to Local Foods***

HCCA, with support from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation, provides coordination and oversight for a multi-pronged approach to reduce wasted food and improve nutrition among adults, with a focus on vulnerable populations, across southern Kennebec County. The approach will 1) identify gleaning sites 2) coordinate with the Kennebec Sheriff's Office (KSO) to organize inmate gleaning opportunities and transport the food 3) incorporate appropriate training for identified inmates (food safety, food processing, nutrition and food preparation education) 4) identify food distribution sites 5) deliver nutrition education to adults and families 6) build a replicable model to reduce food waste and distribute fresh, Maine grown products to those in need.

HCCA is seeking an individual to:

1. Recruit area farms, orchards, etc. as gleaning sites.
2. Recruit appropriate sites for adult nutrition education in collaboration with HCCA nutrition education staff.
3. Develop and deliver nutrition education curriculum that focuses on increasing consumption of fresh, local produce and/or utilize existing curriculum such as Cooking Matters, SNAP-Ed 10 Tips, etc.
4. Collaborate with community partners such as Kennebec Sheriff's Office, Central Maine Gleaning Group, and Augusta Food Bank to carry out project activities.
5. Assist with gleaned produce dissemination (in conjunction with nutrition education when possible).
6. Attend project planning meetings.
7. Promote project, increasing HPHCF and HCCA visibility, and report activities to HCCA.
8. Collaborate with HCCA staff to update progress and identify barriers and opportunities.
9. Report project outcomes and reach.

Compensation and Timeframe: The above listed deliverables will be completed by October 31, 2017. The contractor will be compensated \$3,500 for time and expenses incurred (travel, etc.).

Please send letter of interest including qualifications to carry out this work (past history of independent/subcontract work, local food systems/nutrition education experience, etc.) to Renee Page [r.page@hccame.org](mailto:r.page@hccame.org).