



Nursery AmeriCorps Volunteer

Service Dates: September 22nd, 2026 to August 15th, 2027 (half term, 950 hours, 20 hours a week)

Location: Sabin CDC, 4937 NE 20th Ave, Portland, OR 97211

Direct Supervisor: Larson Dana, Maintenance Energy Technician

Organization

Sabin CDC is a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1992. Sabin is dedicated to promoting social equity by enhancing the livability of culturally diverse neighborhoods in Portland. We strive to ensure long-term affordable rental and homeownership housing options. Our efforts primarily focus on supporting African American and Afro-Indigenous households adversely affected by gentrification, systemic oppression, and inequalities.

Position Overview:

As a key member of the *Environmental Team*, you will enhance and maintain residential green spaces across Sabin properties and nearby areas. This hands-on role combines environmental stewardship with community engagement, focusing on native plant promotion, sustainable landscaping practices, food security all with involvement of residents, volunteers, and community partners.

Key Responsibilities

- **Propagation and Plant Health (30%):**
 - Propagate Native and other wanted plants across Sabins' 17 Properties
 - Ensure nursery plant health by monitoring root conditions, soil health, sufficient watering, and temperature regulation
 - Work with community partners and the wider community to obtain donations
- **Track inventory, plant details, and Supplies (20%):**
 - Keep track of incoming and outgoing nursery plants.
 - Track details of plants such as plant types, seasonal plant needs, and best planting times.
 - Keep track of supplies used for nursery plants and create budgets for needed supplies as necessary.
 - Manage seed libraries Sabin and partners maintain that are both exterior (public facing) and interior in a Sabin community center.
- **Coordinate Plant Distribution (20%)**
 - Collaborate with Resident Services team to engage residents' interests in plants, as well as delivering plants to residents
 - Plants are also grown to be used for engagement activities at Sabin public events to benefit the wider community.
 - Support facilitating additional supplies to benefit residents in their gardening journey, such as seeds, soil, garden boxes, and tools.
- **Residential Green Space Maintenance (10%)**
 - Perform routine care and outdoor landscape tasks across all Sabin properties'.
 - Assist Environmental Livability volunteers with residential greenspace projects.
- **Support Community Initiatives (5%):**

- Participate in programs such as *Pass-It-On Days* and *Furnish-A-Change* to enhance community sustainability.
- **Environmental Education (10%):**
 - Facilitate the creation of learning materials and opportunities to educate residents about eco-friendly practices and native plant life on Sabin properties’.
- **Track and Report Outcomes (5%):**
 - Document project progress, collect data, and submit regular reports to leadership.

Requirements

- Passion for working with people from diverse backgrounds
- Comfortable working outdoors in all weather
- Able to lift up to 30 lbs.
- Reliable, professional, and a team player
- Open to learning about equity and social justice
- Must be 18+, a U.S. citizen or legal resident, have a high school diploma/GED (or working toward one), and pass a background check

Preferred Skills

- Experience working with culturally diverse groups
- Good communication and organization skills
- Comfortable with Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Driver’s license a plus

Member Benefits

- \$10,200 living allowance (before taxes)
- \$3,698 education award (for student loans or future education)
- Housing Potentially Provided
- Loan forbearance, health care, child care reimbursement
- Eligible for SNAP (food assistance)
- Training, mentorship, and networking opportunities with partners like SymbiOp Landscaping and Energy Trust of Oregon
- Participation in community events, Lunch & Learns, and skill-building workshops

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