Environmental Livability AmeriCorps Member

Service Dates: June 15th 2026 to August 15th 2027 (Minimum time, 300 hours)
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: Proactive Regenerative Landscaping AmeriCorps Volunteer

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

- **Lead Volunteer Projects/Activities (20%)**:
    - Plan and organize landscaping focused volunteer activities by determining activities and coordinating the gathering of tools and materials.
    - Lead volunteer activities onsite providing detailed activity instructions, be a point of reference for volunteer questions, and make sure all tasks run smoothly and in an organised fashion.
    - Engage with individual community volunteers and community partners to deepen and expand Sabin CDC volunteer relations.
- **Residential Green Space Maintenance (40%)**:
    - Remove invasive species from sabin properties such as Clematis, English Ivy, Trees of Heaven, American Pokeweed etc..
    - Perform routine care and outdoor landscape tasks across all Sabin properties'.
    - Plan and implement landscape improvements such as native plantings and other beautification projects across Sabin properties'
- **Support Community Initiatives (5%)**:
    - Participate in programs such as *Pass-It-On Days* and *Furnish-A-Change* to enhance community sustainability.
- **Environmental Education (20%)**:
    - Facilitate the creation of learning materials and opportunities to educate residents about eco-friendly practices and native plant life on Sabin properties'.

    - Participate in public facing events facilitated by Sabin, or partners, to engage the wider community.
- **Collaborate with the Maintenance Team (10%)**:
    - Provide occasional support to the property maintenance team as needed.
- **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 17+, 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

- $3,601.00 living allowance (before taxes)
- $1,305.22 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

Interested in this position? Complete your application with this google form or go to www. sabincdc.us and apply there!