

Job Title:	Friends of the Farm Coordinator
Status:	Part-time Temporary Employee
Timeline:	Estimated average of 30 hours per week for approximately 6 months
Pay:	\$35 per hour

The Arizona Food Bank Network (AzFBN), formerly the Association of Arizona Food Banks, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization looking for a committed, community-minded person who values our vision of a hunger-free Arizona to support in establishing our new Friends of the Farm Program.

Friends of the Farm is a new pilot program that will allow Arizona's small farmers and growers to expand their market reach and support food banks to get a reliable quantity of local fresh food for clients in need. The purpose of the program is to purchase fresh, Arizona-grown produce, dairy, and protein and distribute it to Arizonans struggling with hunger through the statewide emergency food relief network. Our focus would be to purchase from small growers, providing a more reliable market, and adding more variety for food bank clients. We define "small growers" according to the USDA farm classification scale of annual gross cash farm income below \$350,000 or 150 acres.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Lead coordination efforts with funding partners and the food bank sourcing and procurement teams to develop a process for a new joint purchasing program.
- Research and identify farms throughout Arizona that could be eligible for the program in partnership with member food banks. Document details on Arizona's food system such as growing seasons and regions, product variety and potential for future growth of the program.
- Participate in conversations with small and medium sized farms to plan and contract for food purchase at food bank request.
- Increase awareness of the program with key partners such as food system coalitions, Arizona Department of Agriculture, and other non-profit organizations.
- Develop scalable tracking and reporting needed to demonstrate successes and opportunities within the program.
- Establish operational processes for food purchase and allocating in a scalable, equitable and consistent method.
- Partner with AzFBN's Member Services team to align distribution processes with other food procurement or sharing programs.

Minimum Qualifications for Education, Training and Experience:

A well-qualified individual will have strong interpersonal and communication skills, ability to gather complex data, and knowledge of food procurement. A working knowledge of Arizona Food Systems, small farm operations, food banking or supply chain and distribution is a plus. A Bachelor of Arts or Science and business or non-profit experience is required.



Other desired attributes:

- Demonstrated ability to work with a diverse group of people in a team approach to achieve successful results.
- Ability to gather information from a variety of sources, plan, organize and effectively present concepts and recommendations to groups.
- Experience in developing new programs.
- Ability to maintain positive working relationships with a variety of stakeholders and constituents.
- Demonstrated strong initiative and problem-solving ability.
- Ability to work with a customer/donor focus.
- Valid Arizona driver's license and willingness to travel within the state as needed.

Interested? Contact April Bradham, VP for Programs, at april@azfoodbanks providing resume and explanation of relevant experience and interest.