



POSITION TITLE: Village Farm Horticulture Intern

REPORTS TO: Village Farm Program Manager

GENERAL PURPOSE:

The Village Exchange Center is a community center and multi-faith worship space that celebrates religious and cultural diversity by creating an inclusive environment where residents from all backgrounds can practice, interact, share, and develop together. We seek to assist the immigrant and refugee population to feel empowered to use their existing strengths and unique perspectives to enrich the city's diverse and inclusive community.

Our Village Farm at Stanley is a 1.5 acre urban farm dedicated to increasing access to fresh and culturally relevant produce while serving as a gathering space for cultural exchange, education, and celebration. We see the farm as a classroom that can support our community to learn important life-skills, build community, and engage with the natural world in a fun and welcoming way. Our Urban Farming Immersion program is a 22-week vocational training program for immigrants and refugees. Participants are paid to learn how to grow food using sustainable practices, develop job readiness skills, and cultivate personal and professional connections through hands-on and classroom-based instruction.

The primary role of the Village Farm Horticulture Intern is to assist with implementing the day-to-day responsibilities of managing an urban farm, including all field tasks from seeding to harvest. This is a great opportunity for an individual who is interested in being more involved in the nexus of sustainable farming, local food production, and local issues impacting communities that VEC serves. We will work with you to develop a meaningful internship that allows you to cultivate valuable skills aligned with your personal and professional interests.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

Farm Production

- Assist in facilitating harvest to ensure high quality and timely production
- Participate in and help coordinate all fieldwork activities from seeding to harvest
- Assist with all cut flower social enterprise activities. Including, harvesting, arranging, and delivering bouquets.
- Assist with produce and flower deliveries to local vendors
- Assist with general construction and maintenance projects
- Help maintain our compost pile
- Basic tool and equipment maintenance

Programming

- Assist with monthly farmers market booth

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- Assist with coordinating and facilitating educational workshops on various farming topics

SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Interest in regenerative agricultural growing practices
- Experience working with diverse/multi-cultural teams
- Ability to physically work within a variety of conditions, including working alone on occasion (i.e. endurance to work long days, in diverse weather conditions, standing or bending for long periods of time, lifting 50 pounds).
- Knowledgeable about the political and cultural context of VEC community

BENEFITS: This is a non-paid opportunity. However, interns will receive a share of vegetables from the farm each week, a flower bouquet share, and access to finished compost.

LOCATION: Village Farm at the Stanley Marketplace and the Village Exchange Center main office in Aurora, Colorado.

JOB TYPE: 10+ hours per week

HOURS: We will work with you to develop a schedule that works for both parties within Monday-Saturday 8am-4pm

START DATE: May 1st, 2025

TO APPLY: Please send a cover letter and a current resume to Sydney Quynn at sydney@villageexchangecenter.org

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