

**Term Contract:** BC Advocacy Coalition Coordinator

**Duration:** 4-month position starting October 15th, 2024 (covering medical leave)

**Type:** Contract (12 hours/week)

**Salary:** \$35.00/hour

### **Overview**

This temporary position at Gordon Neighbourhood House, under the guidance of the Director of Community Development, is responsible for coordinating a coalition of organizations across British Columbia dedicated to promoting income-based solutions to poverty and food insecurity at the federal level.

Gordon Neighbourhood House has a commitment to inclusion, anti-racism, decolonization and social justice. We work alongside a broad range of community members, including LGBTQ+ community, households that speak many different languages, Indigenous community, racialized community, seniors, people with disabilities, newcomers, people who use substances and lower income households. We are an equal opportunity employer and welcome applications from everyone.

### **Project Description**

Community Food Centres Canada (CFCC) has partnered with Gordon Neighbourhood House and five other food justice organizations across Canada to create regional networks of CFCC partners dedicated to advocating for solutions to poverty among individuals aged 18-64. These networks convene regularly to discuss the challenges facing their communities and identify potential policy strategies for addressing systemic issues. Together, we develop coordinated, nationwide advocacy campaigns, engage with government officials, and push for enhanced federal poverty reduction policies.

This project spans two years, with preliminary work beginning in September 2023. The first year has been devoted to building a strong coalition and fostering relationships with Members of Parliament (MPs) and other key decision-makers. In the second year, the focus will shift to establishing unified policy priorities and developing national campaigns to elevate our advocacy goals in anticipation of the next federal election, set for fall 2025.

During the four-month tenure of this position, the successful candidate will collaborate with CFCC, the BC Advocacy Coalition, and other regional coordinators on the following initiatives:

- Analyzing and debriefing the Fall Economic Statement;
- Preparing for media action campaigns, such as drafting letters to the editor; and
- Coordinating the rollout of the Winter MP Campaign and managing microgrant distribution.

Learn more about the project [here](#).

### **Key Responsibilities**



- **Relationship Building and Maintenance:** Establish and nurture strong relationships with organizations involved in food security and poverty reduction across British Columbia. Act as a liaison to align goals and foster a collaborative environment among coalition members.
- **National Collaboration and Campaign Development:** Work closely with other coalition coordinators across Canada to develop and spearhead national advocacy campaigns. These campaigns will focus on influencing policies at the federal government level to address food insecurity and poverty.
- **Advocacy Support and Skill-Building:** Assist partner organizations in building relationships with their Members of Parliament (MPs). Provide guidance and resources to enhance their advocacy skills, empowering them to effectively communicate their needs and influence policy decisions.

### Qualifications

- Proven experience in advocacy, community engagement, or a related field.
- Strong understanding of the root causes of food insecurity and poverty.
- Excellent communication, facilitation, and relationship-building skills.
- Experience using Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Facebook, Instagram, and other communication platforms.
- Understanding of federal public policy processes is an asset.
- Experience in coordinating campaigns or initiatives across multiple stakeholders is an asset.
- Lived experience is an asset.

### Working Conditions

- **Flexible Work Environment:** This role offers flexibility in work location, with some on-site expectations at Gordon Neighbourhood House.
- **Adaptable Schedule:** We are committed to developing a mutually agreeable schedule that works for both you and Gordon Neighbourhood House.
- **Cross-Time Zone Collaboration:** Frequent communication and coordination with partners on the East Coast of Canada is required. Availability for meetings during their work hours (9 am – 2 pm PST) is essential.

### Application Process

Submit a Cover Letter and Resume to [jordan@gordonhouse.org](mailto:jordan@gordonhouse.org) and [jim@gordonhouse.org](mailto:jim@gordonhouse.org) by September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Incomplete applications will not be considered.