The W.K. Kellogg Foundation, a leading philanthropic force helping communities create the conditions children need to thrive and the nation's fifth largest foundation, is seeking nominations and applications for Program Officer for the Food & Community portfolio. In recent years the foundation has sharpened its focus on improving conditions for vulnerable children, concentrating on three key factors of success and their intersections: education and learning; food, health and well-being; and family economic security. Across these three areas, they have committed to seek opportunities to promote racial equity and healing, build a critical mass of engaged, diverse community leaders, and expand the reach and influence of the philanthropic community.

The Program Officer will identify and nurture opportunities to meet the good food needs of children and families throughout the life course, including mother's milk or First Food, Early Food, School Food and Community Food. S/he will lead and oversee on-the-ground execution of program efforts to support improved food systems, to increase access to healthy, fresh, locally sourced food and physical activity environments, and to fuel a national healthy living movement. The Program Officer will develop and steward partnerships with other foundations, policymakers and stakeholders in agriculture, public health, economic development, education and community organizations across the country that are mobilizing to create new opportunity structures that benefit vulnerable children and families. Specifically, s/he will screen and recommend grants for funding; prepare funding documents; conduct site visits; manage and monitor a grant portfolio; and provide high-level technical assistance to grantees, including consultation on model development, partnership negotiations, leadership capacity building, and coaching.

The ideal candidate will be a holistic and interdisciplinary thinker firmly committed to the foundation's mission and will have a current understanding of the broad social and economic forces surrounding food systems and access, sustainable agriculture and public health. S/he will demonstrate the ability to develop and implement impactful programs, and successfully facilitate authentic, productive dialogue within diverse communities and settings. S/he will be able to translate concept into action, stimulating direction for the program that capitalizes upon emerging opportunities. S/he will be distinguished in a relevant field of practice and will possess a strong team orientation, a high tolerance for ambiguity, the ability to adapt quickly to change, and success working effectively with persons from diverse cultural, social, and ethnic backgrounds.

Applications and Nominations are requested as soon as possible, but no later than April 30, 2012.

A full position description and application instructions may be found at: http://www.nonprofitprofessionals.com/searches/kf-pofc.htm.

Any assistance you can provide in identifying or nominating applicants would be very appreciated.

Sincerely,

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