



FOUR DIRECTIONS
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Job Announcement Cooperative Development Fellow

Four Directions Development Corporation (FDDC) in Orono, Maine is seeking to fill a new part time position as Cooperative Development Fellow. FDDC's mission is improving the social and economic conditions of the four Native American tribes in Maine through education and investment in affordable housing, tribal business ventures and native entrepreneurship.

POSITION SUMMARY:

The Co-op Development Fellow will spend approx. 20 hours per week on fellowship-related activities, including:

- Monthly training sessions and peer consultation meetings
- Regular supervision meetings with host site supervisor and mentor
- Staff meetings and other internal gatherings with host site
- Work on co-op development project identified with host site
- 2-4 hours per week of background reading, videos, reflections between training sessions

Background

- Relevant lived experience, local relationships, and roots in the host community
- Professional skills in a field relevant to co-op development (e.g. business management, finance, legal, community organizing, facilitation, conflict transformation...)
- A track record of leadership in communities of color
- Current innovative projects/work that can be translated to and informed by co-op models

Qualifications

- A commitment to the principles of democratic leadership, community wealth, and racial justice
- A personal investment in full participation in the fellowship in order to grow their personal capacity and that of the host site as co-op advocates
- Strong emotional intelligence, self-management, and communication abilities
- An interest in learning from and being of service to their professional peers, supervisors, and community mentors
- The capacity to initiate and follow through on collaborative projects
- A willingness to promote co-op models, develop materials to help their host integrate co-op development into their existing work, and support co-op development projects in their community.

Interested applicants should apply with a resume and cover letter including salary requirements to:

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