

Volunteer Opportunity

Position: Grants Team

Location: Remote

Type: Volunteer, Part-time



Hey Change-makers! Are you looking for an opportunity to make a positive impact? Are you passionate about food security and social equity? The RFDA is searching for dedicated individuals to join our Grants Team!

Role Description:

Be part of an inclusive, supportive, and kind-hearted team making a truly tangible difference towards poverty reduction across Northwestern Ontario! Work with our Grants Coordinator to research potential grant opportunities that will support our operations, programs, and initiatives. Support the team in assessing grant objectives, eligibility criteria, funding amounts, and submission deadlines to ensure they align with our organization's needs and capacities. Your contributions will play a critical role in sustaining our operations.

This role is flexible to your availability and interests! Have a knack for organization and want to help maintain the grant database? Are you a talented writer and want to learn the art of writing project proposals? You'll learn valuable skills and gain diverse experiences that can be applied across your personal life and career development!

Applicant Assets:

Preferred applicants may have the following skills, but not all are required.

- Internet-based research and analytic skills
- Strong attention to detail and organization skills
- Familiarity with Excel, Canva, and remote collaboration tools (ie. Microsoft Teams, Zoom)
- An interest in our food security and poverty reduction mission
- Familiarity with Thunder Bay and the Northwestern Ontario region
- Computer and internet access required

Work Hours:

Volunteer hours and meetings are flexible to your schedule and life events. We are looking for 3-5 hours of commitment per week; with opportunities to be more involved if interested.

Ready to turn your passion into action?

Please send an email detailing your interest and any relevant skills and experience to: Lauren Chisholm, Grants Coordinator at Lauren.Chisholm@rfda.ca

We'll schedule a virtual meet and greet to talk over the role in more detail and answer any questions you may have about joining the team!

About the RFDA:

The RFDA is a non-profit organization supporting the wellbeing of communities across Northwestern Ontario. It is our vision to "let no one go hungry" and our mission to end poverty cycles by providing opportunities that help build pathways forward.

Our work to achieve systemic change for poverty reduction involves four main avenues of approach;

Food Supply – Reliably securing and distributing healthy and culturally appropriate foods at equitable costs to those in need. We facilitate food collection, preparation, and distribution to 60+ food banks, shelter houses, social agencies, and remote communities in the North.

Education – Providing nutritional literacy, cooking skills, employment skills and other knowledge opportunities to alleviate cycles of poverty.

Community Inclusion – Supporting opportunities for marginalized groups to have a voice and a space, be connected to resources, share knowledge, feel a sense of belonging, and participate meaningfully in society free of discrimination.

Advocacy – Amplifying the voices of marginalized groups and advocating for policy changes that address poverty and support the wellbeing of our region for future generations.