



Winter 2018-Spring 2019 Community Food Advocate - San Luis Valley

LiveWell Colorado is actively working to transform access to nutritious food in the entire state. One of its major programs, Double Up Food Bucks (DUFBS), allows SNAP (formerly known as food stamps) recipients to receive \$1 for every \$1 spent on SNAP-eligible food, up to \$20. These “double up food bucks” can be used to purchase locally grown fruits and vegetables. DUFBS was started in 2016 and has helped people bring home more healthy fruits and vegetables while supporting local farmers. LiveWell Colorado is taking DUFBS to the next level and is looking to develop and increase community engagement.

In order to do this, LiveWell will be working with partners across the state to expand the Community Food Advocates program. This program works with local Advocates to share the DUFBS program with community members and organizations in order to increase participation.

We are actively seeking current or past recipients of SNAP and DUFBS participants as Community Food Advocates. We have worked with Advocates in Southwest Colorado, Denver, Garfield County, Boulder County, Jefferson County, Adams County, and Montrose County. *We are currently seeking an Advocate in the San Luis Valley to support sites in Saguache and Alamosa.*

Community Food Advocates will partner with community members and local organizations to support the DUFBS program. Advocates will promote and increase community participation in the program. Stipends are provided.

For more information, please review the attached page.

About LiveWell Colorado

LiveWell Colorado (LWC) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit that increases access to healthy eating and active living by removing barriers that inequitably and disproportionately affect low-income communities and people of color. LiveWell Colorado envisions that all Coloradans live in environments with equitable access to the nourishing food and physical activity they need to be healthy.

LiveWell Colorado is committed to recruiting and supporting diverse perspectives. We aim to promote a culture of inclusiveness, respect, communication and understanding.

Website - www.livewellcolorado.org

Double Up Food Bucks (DUFB) doubles the value of federal nutrition (SNAP or food stamps) benefits spent at participating markets and food retail stores, helping people bring home more healthy fruits and vegetables while supporting local farmers. The wins are three-fold: more families have access to fruits and vegetables, local farmers gain new customers, and more food dollars stay in the local economy. Double Up was available at close to 100 locations in 29 counties in 2018. *Website and list of locations* - www.doubleupcolorado.org

Community Food Advocate Information

Advocates play a vital role in informing and guiding Double Up Food Bucks outreach strategies in Colorado. The Advocate will share ideas and advise on decisions being made regarding DUFB. The Advocate will also make recommendations for best practices to support welcoming, accessible, and inclusive Farmers Markets and other participating DUFB retailers. We are eager to partner with individuals who can help shape our thinking about food access in Colorado.

Priority will be given to working with community members enrolled or previously enrolled in SNAP (food stamps) and current and past participants in the DUFB program, though this is not a requirement. Advocates will ensure that low-income communities and people of color have access to DUFB and to participating retailers in their local community.

Critical Advocate Characteristics:

- Lives in the local community
- Positive, collaborative relationships within diverse communities
- Encourages community trust and respect
- Experience with community outreach
- Appreciation, skills and sensitivity for diverse populations, cultures, and socioeconomic backgrounds
- High energy and enthusiasm

- Knowledge or experience with the SNAP program
- Bilingual English/Spanish preferred

Monthly Project Tasks:

- Submit a W-9 to LWC (one time)
- Attend initial, half-day Advocate training (one time, with stipend)
- Research and identify local partners and organizations to promote DUFB
- Work closely with Regional Partner to develop an outreach plan
- Educate and inform community members about the DUFB program
- Assist in developing new relationships with local organizations, Farmers Markets and other participating DUFB retailers
- Track progress and recommend improvements to increase outreach to SNAP recipients from diverse communities
- Make recommendations for more inclusive and welcoming Farmers Markets and other participating DUFB retailers
- Keep Regional Partner and LiveWell informed about progress on outreach activities and newly formed relationships through a monthly log
- Participate in monthly statewide calls with other advocates, regional partners, and LiveWell (additional stipend provided)
- If applicable, use social media to promote the program on a regular basis
- Participate in program evaluation
- Complete approximately 15 hours of Advocate activities per month

Optional (but strongly encouraged!) Activities:

- Attend an all-state gathering one time (mileage and additional stipends provided)
- Be trained by Cooking Matters-Colorado to lead tours of local farmers markets for households receiving SNAP on how to shop at the market on a budget and take home information on nutrition and cooking
- Administer surveys to DUFB participants about their experience with the program, at markets while they are shopping

Project Time Frame: November 15th 2018 - April 30th 2019 (with options to continue through August 2019!)

Project Stipend: Advocates will receive a monthly stipend of \$300 for completion of monthly project tasks plus stipends for monthly calls and other additional meetings. LiveWell will also reimburse mileage for required Advocate travel.

To Apply:

Send cover letter expressing interest and outlining relevant experience by November 15th to wendymoschetti@livewellcolorado.org with “Advocate Opportunity”.