

## Building Healthy Communities: Long Beach

### Building Healthy Communities: Long Beach A project of Community Partners

<b>Position:</b>	CSULB Intern
<b>Site Supervisor:</b>	James Suazo, Communications Manager
<b>Hours:</b>	Minimum 80 hours throughout the current academic semester (positions available during Fall, Spring, and Summer)
<b>Compensation:</b>	Unpaid; Course credit through California State University, Long Beach
<b>Eligible Programs:</b>	Community Health Education, College of Health & Human Services All Majors, College of Liberal Arts

#### BACKGROUND & DESCRIPTION

Building Healthy Communities: Long Beach (BHCLB) is a public-health initiative of [The California Endowment](#) (TCE). The initiative is intended to improve the health of people living in fourteen communities facing historical racial and economic discrimination by working on policy and systems change. This position is located within the initiative's "hub" organization, which helps increase the effectiveness of the collaborative (made up of residents, systems leaders, community organizations, and other stakeholders) through community organizing, collaboration and resource sharing, and strategic communications.

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#### ROLE

A core function of the Building Healthy Communities: Long Beach hub organization is increasing youth and adult community engagement in the policy decisions that impact their lives. Our interns will work collaboratively on projects and campaigns related to the social and cultural contexts of public health, including the social determinants of health.

#### LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

##### Community Organizing

- Collaborate with the BHCLB community organizers to coordinate and conduct direct outreach efforts with partner organizations in Central, West, and North Long Beach neighborhoods.
- Provide logistical and facilitation support for direct outreach volunteers in coordination with the [Long Beach Time Exchange](#).
- Conduct community outreach and education in tandem with hub staff and volunteers at various community events and resource fairs.

##### Collaboration & Resource Sharing

- Support collaboration, resource sharing, and facilitation amongst community residents, organizations, and policymakers in BHCLB supported campaigns and workgroups.
- Conduct community-based research related to the social determinants of health and potential policy solutions.

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- Assist the hub staff in office and collaboration support for the various BHC and partner campaigns, events, and opportunities.
- Collaborate with hub staff to plan, organize, and implement community learning events such as (but not limited to) Book Clubs, film screenings, and other technical learning opportunities.

### **Communications**

- Develop and implement communications materials and tactics related to improving health equity in Long Beach.
- Support strategic communications efforts (social media, messaging development, graphic design) in tandem with partner organizations and individuals in the targeted community.
- Participate in bi-weekly check-in meetings with the Communications Manager to prioritize and reflect on internship-related assignments.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

- Ability to build new relationships and work with diverse groups, especially in communities represented in the BHCLB focus area.
- Interest in community organizing, public health, and social-justice issues.
- Ability to communicate effectively with diverse audiences, both in writing and verbally, relaying complicated information in a straightforward, culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.
- Success in prioritizing and meeting multiple demands and deadlines.
- Strong organizational skills, including the ability to work independently, manage own work and time and be accountable for performance.
- Technologically proficient, especially with email, Internet, Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- Ability to work some evenings and weekends.

### **APPLICATION**

To apply, email your resume to [ariel@bhclongbeach.org](mailto:ariel@bhclongbeach.org). Interns will be accepted based on available opportunities. Preferred application times are as follows: August (for Fall semester); December-January (for Spring semester); May (for Summer semester).