



Budget Policy Internship

Hours: 20hrs/ week for 22 weeks, but flexible

Start Date: March 1st, 2022

Compensation: \$26-27.20

The Coalition on Homelessness, San Francisco was organized in 1987 to garner the active participation of poor people and front-line staff on the design, critique and implementation of public policy and services that result in permanent solutions to poverty. It is a unique organization in that the driving force is low income and homeless people, working in every aspect of the organization, from the volunteers to the staff and leadership body.

During the 2021 budget season, With a combination of Proposition C funds and city budget dollars, the Coalition on Homelessness:

- Garnered rental assistance for over 1,075 adults, families and youth so they can afford their own place to live.
- Bought 1,187 units of supportive housing purchased with funding for operating costs for adults, families and youth
- Three new permanent drinking fountains in the Tenderloin
- Successfully won \$3 million in funding for CART - the Compassionate Alternative Response Team- which will respond to 65,000 calls relating to homelessness that police are currently answering and to instead have an effective, safe, solutions based response to homelessness
- Funded over 1,000 new shelter beds in a variety of settings including organized tent villages, trailers, RV parks, hotel rooms and permanent dignified private room emergency shelter for families.

Through the Human Rights and Housing Justice Workgroups, the Coalition on Homelessness is currently beginning the process of developing our budget recommendations for the 2022/20223 fiscal year. These recommendations will be shaped by the direct input of people with lived experience of homelessness.

What you will do:

- **Conduct Outreach**

During outreach, you will pair with another organizer to talk to people with lived experience and frontline service workers to learn about their concerns, priorities, and budget goals for the upcoming budget cycle. You will also connect people to ongoing campaigns based on their interests. Outreach is a key part of our organizing, and it guides the Coalition's priorities as an organization.

- **Attend Workgroup, Staff, and Supervision Meetings**

Work at the Coalition is coordinated through a weekly staff meeting, and two weekly workgroup meetings. You will attend Coalition on Homelessness meetings to report back on outreach, apply input to policy, and learn more about the different parts of our organizing.

- **Schedule, Prepare, and Facilitate Meetings with Policy Makers**

You will schedule meetings with key policy makers, develop agendas, identify speakers with lived experience of homelessness, prepare speakers for meetings, and facilitate meetings. You will be working closely with staff to develop the skills to undertake these tasks.

- **Develop Budget Recommendations**

You will work with the Policy Director and the Executive Director to develop the budget recommendations for the 2022/2023 fiscal year, which will be presented to public officials.

Why Be a Budget Policy Intern?

- Participate in a community-based effort to address the root causes of poverty and homelessness in San Francisco.
- Learn the fundamentals of community organizing through hands-on work and one-on-one mentorship.
- Develop an in-depth understanding of San Francisco's budget and how affordable housing is funded in the city.
- Build relationships with other folks in the community working to end poverty and homelessness.
- We are able to provide the means and implements for this internship (notebooks, pens, computer use, etc) - if you need anything just ask!

Who We Are Looking For

- A person with lived experience of homelessness in San Francisco or who is currently experiencing homelessness.
- Folks who are excited to contribute to a project dedicated to ending homelessness and are comfortable working independently on assignments.

To apply please send a cover letter and resume to organizing@cohsf.org

Applications are due by February 9th.