



Interim Director of Development and Solidarity Philanthropy

Length of contract: 12 to 24 months

Location: Remote, may be located anywhere but East Coast preferred

Compensation: \$70,000 to 90,000 plus generous benefits package

About this position:

Grassroots International seeks an Interim Director of Development and Solidarity Philanthropy to manage, expand and inspire our diverse fundraising and funder organizing program.

This will be an interim position while we prepare to hire a permanent DDSP. The DDSP develops an overall fundraising strategy and coordinates implementation to meet the organization's needs and long term sustainability, and serves on the Senior Management Team. The DDSP reports directly to the Executive Director and supervises a staff of five. Although the organization is based in Boston, MA, this position may be remote (with preference for candidates on the East Coast). Travel may be required once it's safe to do so.

This will be a great position for someone with deep commitment to justice, leadership experience, and an eye for strategy, who wants to put their development and supervision skills to work in service of grassroots movements and a vision of a more just world. We're looking for someone with the skills, experience, and values alignment to hit the ground running.

The Director of Development and Solidarity Philanthropy will play an essential role in realizing our strategic plan by leading our team to secure funds from values-aligned foundations and individual donors and by providing leadership in organizing funders and donors as organizers and activists themselves. We see ourselves not just as an intermediary for institutional and individual funders, but an organizer, bridge-builder, and leader promoting a bolder, more progressive politic in philanthropy to mobilize more resources toward global movements. The DDSP will be an integral part of that strategy.

About Grassroots International:

Grassroots International connects people in the US with global movements that defend land, territory, water, food, seeds and the earth. Together we address the root causes of injustice and oppression, and build alternatives that nurture human rights, ecological justice, and liberation. We do this through grantmaking, social action, and philanthropic leadership. As a public foundation, Grassroots International raises its budget annually. Our organizational culture is collaborative, relational, and deeply mission-driven.

Responsibilities

Leadership & Management

- As a member of the senior management team, collaboratively develop and maintain a healthy and vibrant culture of collaboration, creativity, work ethic, mutual caring and highest standards of work.
- Supervise, mentor and inspire the development team.
- Oversee the creation and management of the revenue, fundraising and communications budgets
- Represent Grassroots International in leadership roles in external networks and alliances, in public speaking, and attending events and meetings as needed
- Lead short- and medium--term planning for the development department, in coordination with overall organizational priorities.

Development

- Work in partnership with staff to create and implement a diversified fundraising plan that meets the annual budgetary needs of the organization as well as strengthens the foundation for long-term sustainability. This includes institutions and foundations, major donors, individual donors, planned gifts and a variety of donor organizing opportunities.
- Develop and oversee a comprehensive and diverse fundraising program, including (but not limited to): planned giving , an institutional portfolio, a major donor program, and a general donor program.
- Oversee systems of data entry, gift acknowledgment, moves management, and volunteer management with respect to fundraising opportunities.
- Together with the Executive Director, support board members to effectively engage in fundraising work.
- Contribute to writing grant proposals and managing funder relationships.
- Perform additional tasks as called upon by the Executive Director.

Required Qualifications:

- Commitment to the mission of Grassroots International; demonstrated commitment to human rights and social movements or community organizing.
- At least five years of experience (may be combination of paid and unpaid) in the field of development, including grantwriting, with success in individual or foundation fundraising.
- At least three years experience supervising paid staff.
- Demonstrated ability to build and work collaboratively with a team in a mission-driven and culturally diverse organization.
- Experience (paid or unpaid) working in and/or supporting social justice movements or community organizing, not necessarily in a development role.

- High level of self-organization with close attention to detail.
- Demonstrated understanding of and ability to communicate about complex or controversial political issues, with accountability and deference to those most impacted by those issues.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills including the capacity to communicate our mission and programs in a nuanced manner, speak publicly on program themes, and utilize marketing tools.
- Experience managing a departmental or organizational budget of any size; proficiency with MS Excel.
- Flexibility and capacity to travel domestically and internationally (when it's safe to do so), including maintenance of a valid passport
- Authorization to work in the United States

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience in building strong long-term relationships with individual donors and/or donor organizing.
- Experience in managing large or complex budgets, financial information, and forecasts.
- Language fluency or competence in at least one of Grassroots International's program languages (Spanish, Portuguese, French, Kreyol, or Arabic).
- Experience with Grassroots International or any of its partners.

Compensation: Full-time position; starting salary \$70,000 - \$90,000 DOE; excellent benefits, including health, dental, disability, paid sick time and vacation, generous parental leave, and retirement.

To Apply: Send resume and a cover letter to: DDSP2020@grassrootsonline.org with DDSP and YOUR NAME in the subject line. In your cover letter, please be sure to explain one aspect of Grassroots International's mission that is particularly compelling to you and why, and why you're interested in this position specifically.

Note: The search for a [permanent DDSP](#) will be ongoing and concurrent. Candidates for the interim position may be considered for the permanent position if they live in or are willing to move to the Boston area. If a permanent DDPS is found after the interim's contract has begun, the contract will still be fully honored.

No phone calls please. Position open until filled.

Grassroots International is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Black people, Indigenous people, people of color, immigrants, LGBTQ and gender nonconforming individuals, and women are strongly encouraged to apply. We actively recruit, and support the retention and advancement of, persons of diverse backgrounds within the organization. We believe that having a board, staff, and membership with diverse identities and backgrounds enhances our ability to meet our mission and creates a vibrant environment where individuals can learn, grow and thrive. To that end, we are committed to fostering a workplace culture where all employees are equally included, valued, and supported.

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