



Fundraising Consultant

[Uptima Entrepreneur Cooperative](#) provides holistic and culturally relevant education, advising, and community to support diverse entrepreneurs in creating thriving businesses in service to their communities. Our programs support entrepreneurs throughout their journey of starting, planning, growing, funding, leading, and keeping their businesses in their communities. We are very different from other business support organizations – as a cooperative, entrepreneur and worker members are a part of a real community that shares in our profits and contribute to how our programs are run.

Position Description

Uptima is looking for an Fundraising Consultant who shares our vision, values, and commitment to creating a community of resilient, thriving entrepreneurs and businesses that are economically, socially, and environmentally just. At Uptima, you will perform within an innovative culture that's focused on redefining the field of entrepreneurship support by centering the experiences and needs of entrepreneurs of color and shifting how education, advising, and capital flow and support flow to our businesses.

The Fundraising Consultant plays a critical role in securing multi-year, multi-million funding to support the financial accessibility of our entrepreneurship support programs. The Fundraising Consultant has responsibility for implementing our philanthropic fundraising strategy that aligns with our mission, vision, values, and strategy, and centers relationships rather than transactions. The Fundraising Consultant will have a solid understanding of different fundraising strategies for social enterprises, including government contracts, grants, and donors.

This is a part-time independent contractor position. Must be able to work with a remote team across multiple timezones.

Responsibilities

- Implement our fundraising strategy to support the financial accessibility of our entrepreneurship support programs in a way that is sustainable, equitable, and supports the wellbeing of our team and the entrepreneurs we work with
- Research potential funders and provide recommendations to help us build the pipeline of potential funders
- Conduct the full range of activities required to prepare and submit funding and contract proposals and reports
- Write funding and contract proposals and reports, including collaborating with other team members to gather and integrate stories, data, and research to develop a compelling narrative

- Manage, report on, and ensure timely follow up on funder and contract related tasks, deliverables, and timelines
- Work with team members to manage impact data and report on key metrics related to funders and contracts
- Maintain a database of fundraising and contract relationships and opportunities, including maintaining contacts and tracking funds received, pipeline, and deadlines

Qualifications

- Strong desire to contribute to an organization with positive community impact
- Bachelor's degree, preferably in English, Communications, Marketing or Business
- At least five (5) years of experience with fundraising for mission driven initiatives and/or social impact organizations
- Knowledge of a variety of fundraising strategies and methods for social enterprises
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Ability to write and communicate clear, structured, articulate, and persuasive narratives
- Strong editing skills, keen attention to detail, and ability to use data to create strategic and compelling proposals
- Ability to conduct research, gather data, analyze information, and prepare reports and other materials
- Familiarity with financial information, including ability to create and/or evaluate grant and contract budgets
- Ability to work independently and successfully manage multiple projects with competing deadlines
- Strong planning, organizing and time management skills
- Experience working in the growth phase of an organization
- Desire to contribute to a cooperative workplace by participating in the development of processes and systems to support organizational effectiveness
- Proficient in Microsoft Office products, Asana, grant databases, email, and internet
- Experience as an entrepreneur starting and scaling a business is a plus

This position will initially be a part-time independent contractor role with a monthly retainer of \$3,000 per month with a minimum 6-month commitment. Anticipated start date of September 18, 2023.

Due to anticipated volume of responses, we will contact only those candidates who most closely share our vision and match our qualifications.



How to Apply

Please send cover letter, resume, and references to jobs@uptioncoop.com by **August 26, 2023**.

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