Communities for a Better Environment (CBE), is a statewide environmental health and justice organization that combines grassroots organizing, legal advocacy, and science-based research to achieve its goals. CBE’s mission is to build power in low-income communities of color to achieve environmental justice by empowering community, reducing pollution and building healthy and sustainable communities. For more information, please visit: www.cbecal.org

General Position Summary:
The East Oakland intern will be responsible for assisting our organizing and outreach plans to build CBE’s base through strategies of building healthier and greener communities. The position will focus on the East Oakland program to help mitigate industrial pollution and improve long-standing patterns of poor land-use. The East Oakland team’s five key guiding principles to improve the environmental, social, and economic health of East Oakland communities heavily burdened with cumulative impacts are: 1) Community empowerment, 2) Prevention of more pollution, 3) Retention of Oakland residents and Oakland cultural history, 4) Remediation and clean up, and 5) Investment in a green Oakland economy. CBE’s long-term efforts to mitigate cumulative health impacts in East Oakland anchor our current campaign work, which includes:

- Freedom to Breathe – Improving air quality
- Oakland for the Living – No mega-crematorium in East Oakland
- Land use – Reduce industrial pollution through better land-use and community-based planning
- Healthy Development Guidelines – East Oakland Building Healthy Communities project
- Congress of Neighborhoods – Build grassroots power for political mobilization and leading the environment work group

RESPONSIBILITIES
- Conduct outreach and recruitment activities in Oakland, including community door-knocking, petition gathering, surveying, and participatory action research.
- Assist the planning of monthly member meetings and periodic community actions.
- Support online communications using CBE’s social media tools.
- Maintain and build relationships with organizations including, but not limited to, public health agencies, schools, youth, labor and faith-based organizations to further advance CBE’s campaign goals and objectives. Manage administrative systems and files, including time sheets, emails, reimbursements, and campaign databases.
EXPERIENCE AND JOB REQUIREMENTS

- Excellent communication and team-building skills.
- Preference for CO-management of projects with community teams and community leaders.
- Willingness to attend weekend and evening meetings.
- Experience using Microsoft applications (Powerpoint, Word, Excel, etc.) or willingness to learn.
- Preferred knowledge of, or willingness to learn about, Environmental Justice issues in East Oakland.

Compensation

This is a temporary, part-time (10 hours a week) position, with an hourly wage of $16. This position will go from February to December, with opportunity for renewal. Due to the temporary part-time nature of this work, we are unable to offer benefits.

To apply: All qualified applicants should send cover letter, resume, and references via e-mail to: Subject line “East Oakland Intern” at jobs@cbecal.org.

Position available until filled.

CBE is an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, disability, gender, nationality, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or any other prohibited category. We strongly encourage women, people of color, LGBTQ, and all qualified persons to apply for this position.