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Grant Services, Project Management, Business Development Professional

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EXPERIENCE

Black Earth Ag Hub, Philadelphia (Hybrid) — Program Manager

May 2025 - Present

Manages The Black Earth Urban Ag Hub, a Philadelphia based initiative serving Black and Indigenous food system stakeholders.

Coordinates the efforts of consultants, partners, and facilitation teams to deliver 7 core community-focused agricultural programs. Conducts outreach that engages producers, potential partners and community members. Tracks timelines, budgets, and funder reporting requirements.

Nriife Roots Collective, Philadelphia (Hybrid) — Co-Founder

July 2024 - Present

Nriife Roots Collective is a cooperative that aims to be a catalyst for the holistic betterment of the African diasporic community.

Leads business development efforts through strategic partnership building, project planning and coordination, program development, grant and opportunity identification, assessment, application, and implementation.

The Paladin Pursuits LTD, Philadelphia (Hybrid) — Business Development Consultant

January 2022 - Present

Provides business strategy, opportunity assessments, project planning, financial modeling, feasibility research, proposal optimization, grant scanning and grant writing services to non-profits, small businesses and real estate entities. Since integrating grant services into offerings in 2025, has served 7 clients, resulting in a 90% project funding rate, totaling \$75,500 in client awards.

U.S. Navy, Norfolk, VA — Aircraft Mechanic: Front Line Supervisor

March 2010 - Present (Retires in July 2026)

Leads interdisciplinary teams of technicians in the upkeep of aircraft. hydraulic/pneumatic/electrical systems, repair of metallic and fiberglass components, as well as flight control troubleshooting and alignment. Performs flight critical Quality Assurance inspections and reporting.

OurSpace World Inc, Maryland (Virtual) — Technical Assistance (TA) Academy Cohort Trainee & Associate Grant Writer

August 2024 - January 2026

As a TA Academy Cohort trainee, performed client intakes, needs assessments, projects planning sessions and developed business plans for 22 BIPOC Farmer/Food Producer clients.

As an Associate Grant Writer, performed 10 foundation, local and federal grant scans and grant proposal submissions, resulting in over \$520,000 being awarded to clients.

SKILLS

Collaborative Team Building

Complex Problem Solving

Microsoft/Google Suite

Project Management

Grant Scanning and Writing

CERTIFICATIONS

Lean Six Sigma Green Belt
International Association for
Six Sigma Certification

Associate Project Manager
Project Management Institute

Airtable Builder & Admin
Airtable Inc.

Notion for Client and Project
Management
Skillshare Inc.

Real Estate Salesperson
California & Virginia RE Board

AFFILIATIONS

The National Association of
Climate Resilience Planners
Member

Transform Gender Collective
Member

NE Farmers Of Color LT
Member

New Economy Coalition
Black & Indigenous Land
Working Group Member

Journal of Ag, Food Systems
and Community Development
Shareholder

EDUCATION

Michigan State University —
Grant Writing For Farmers and Food System Workers
2025

Virginia Wesleyan University —
Certified Associate In Project Management
2023

Villanova University —
Lean Six Sigma Green Belt
2019

Excelsior College —
Associates Of Applied Sciences
2015

Career Objectives

I'm a transitioning Navy Veteran, shifting from years of military service to a life rooted in service to community.

I leverage my passion for learning, distinctive skills and dynamic flexibility to build resilient communities, with their eyes on the future.

I present this resume as an outline of my professional history, while demonstrating my commitment to continued growth, learning, and purpose-driven work.