

# Chantel M. Welch

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## PROFILE

Community development professional with a focus on food security and public health. Food-focused community development experience: Peace Corps, Winrock Int'l/USAID and nonprofits in the Pacific Northwest. 7+ years of experience writing and managing federal, state, and foundation grants. Committed to local food system growth and preservation.

## SKILLS

**Communication:** Skilled at sharing information through verbal or written forms

**Grant Writing & Editing:** secure, manage, report (federal, state, foundation)

**Microsoft Office, Google, Adobe Cloud-based** program proficiency

**Monitoring & Evaluation:** Proven ability to design, track, evaluate projects

**Project Management:** Creation, execution, analysis of new programs

**Remote work:** Multiple years experience working remotely with program partners

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### PACIFIC NORTHWEST PROJECT MANAGER

FEB 2022 - PRESENT

#### AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST

- Hired to oversee projects in Oregon and Washington; current projects are focused on farmland succession and acquisition, solar leasing education, women ranchers leading climate resilience strategies, and supporting women veterans in agriculture.

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR

AUGUST 2019 – FEB 2022

#### HIGH DESERT FOOD & FARM ALLIANCE

- Oversight of 5 staff, plan goals for staff achievement and support professional development
- Facilitate program development for growth, create program materials (Adobe, Canva)
- Manage and report on grants, write foundation, state, federal grants
- Create evaluation plans for proposed programs, facilitate monitoring and evaluation
- Collaborate with ED on strategic planning and long-term growth of organization

### M&E CONSULTANT (REMOTE)

AUG 2018 – APRIL 2021

### DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

FEB 2016 – AUG 2018

#### NEIGHBORWORKS ALASKA

- Managed seven staff and over two million USD annually in departmental funds. Coached staff to set and reach annual goals, mentored staff through challenges, enabling professional growth
- Conducted comprehensive community assessments and facilitated resident driven projects
- Created curriculum, started school-based garden program at a Title 1 school in partnership with state and city institutions
- Strengthened housing and homelessness partnerships, maximizing collaboration
- Designed program evaluations and analyzed results for public dissemination

**MONITORING & EVALUATION (M&E) SPECIALIST**

**MAY - AUG 2014**

***WINROCK INTERNATIONAL, MYANMAR***

- Led three person M&E team, collected and analyzed data on challenges, successes, additional trainings needed; compiled and shared with local and international offices
- Wrote success stories and blog posts highlighting positive changes and best practices learned for farmers in Myanmar; utilized by both Winrock and USAID
- Created & facilitated one-week Training of Trainers for Food Security Working Group members on creation of Information, Education & Communication (IEC) materials

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR**

**2009-2012**

***PEACE CORPS, MADAGASCAR***

- Conducted qualitative community surveys on local food security, agriculture, and market access, disseminated findings via informal town meetings
- Taught improved farming techniques to local farmers in small-group sessions
- Led weekly English conversations and culture classes at the American Corner (youth center); collaborated with US Embassy to design and expand the center

**MERCHANDISING MANAGER**

**2005-2009**

***MACY'S, NEVADA***

- Promoted from sales to merchandising management, supervised eight employees, oversaw hiring and managing of additional 4-6 holiday staff, annually
- Compiled sales reports, monitored regional trends, circulated information to regional office, motivated sales team and merchandisers to work collaboratively

**EDUCATION** UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, MASTER OF DEVELOPMENT PRACTICE

MDP in a multi-disciplinary international development program, specialization in Natural Resource Management

**PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY, BACHELOR OF ARTS, HISTORY**

Focus on land conflicts, minor in religion