



Michigan Foreclosure Task Force

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## **Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Corps Recruits Members for 2015-2016 Service Year**

**Lansing, MI – The Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Corps (MFPC) is pleased to announce recruitment for 2015-2016 member positions.** The MFPC, a program of the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), was created to fill a critical gap in services at housing counseling agencies working with homeowners who are facing foreclosure. Beginning in October, the program will expand to include a potential focus on financial empowerment, allowing members to foreclosure prevention, financial empowerment or combination of both.

Duties include intake and triage for at risk-homeowners, planning and implementing resource fairs and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites and facilitating financial literacy workshops. Every member is responsible for recruiting and managing volunteers, actively participating in building the capacity of the host agency and for ensuring that each client with whom they interact has a better understanding of community available resources. A list of positions available, locations and a position overview of their tasks is available at [foreclosure.cedam.info/mfpc/members](http://foreclosure.cedam.info/mfpc/members).

“MFPC’s work is essential to help keep Michigan residents in their home and prevent foreclosure,” said Jamie Schriener-Hooper, Executive Director of CEDAM. “As the program expands, we’re excited to help even more people with improving their financial security.”

MFPC members have served 3,338 at-risk homeowners with intake and triage services since October 3, 2014. Of these clients, 1,075 applied for assistance through [Step Forward Michigan](#). In addition, the program has impacted 1,139 Michigan residents with financial literacy outreach and provided financial literacy training to 442 individuals. The program was featured as a finalist in the 2015 Governor's Service Awards on June 29 in Grand Rapids.

The [Michigan Community Service Commission \(MCSC\)](#) awarded the MFPC a \$281,031 grant, funding 20 full-time member positions. MCSC is the state’s administrative agent for AmeriCorps funding. AmeriCorps is a national service program designed to

strengthen citizenship and the ethic of service by engaging thousands of Americans on a full-time or part-time basis to help communities to address their toughest challenges. [The Corporation for National and Community Service \(CNCS\)](#) administers AmeriCorps at the federal level and works in partnership with states to develop service programs and create a community-based national service network.

*The Michigan Foreclosure Task Force (MFTF), a program of the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), was created in 2007 to respond to the foreclosure crisis by serving as a statewide clearinghouse for foreclosure-related information and providing a unified voice in promoting public policy to respond to the crisis. The MFTF is focused on reducing the number of foreclosures, keeping families, including homeowners and renters, in their homes and softening the impact of unpreventable foreclosures on families, neighborhoods and communities. CEDAM is a nonprofit membership organization that represents hundreds of individuals and organizations committed to revitalizing and rebuilding Michigan through community economic development. For more information about CEDAM, visit [cedam.info](http://cedam.info). For more information about the MFTF, visit [foreclosure.cedam.info](http://foreclosure.cedam.info).*

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