CED Corps Member Position Description

Position Title: Community & Economic Development Fellow	**Host Site:** City of Morenci
Position Type: Full time, 1700 hours	**Site Supervisor:** Heather Sarnac, Community & Economic Development Director
Slot Type: Full term (11 months)	**Hours:** Full-time placement - 40 hours/wk
Dates of Service: Fall 2026-Fall 2027	**Stipend:** $40,000

CED Corps:

CEDAM is seeking ten CED Corps members for the 2026-27 program year to be placed within host organizations in Michigan to effect positive change for residents, gain community development and economic development experience, and lead impactful local projects.

CED Corps members will serve full time in their host organizations during their 11 month term starting October 2026. CED Corps members will work directly with their host organization to implement planning and zoning best practices, increase community engagement, and support cross-collaboration at the local level.

As a CED Corps member, the added capacity you'll provide your host organization will allow them to achieve the community development goals they've set. This work supports the goals outlined by host organizations to improve the lives of the residents they serve for the better!

About the Host Organization:

The City of Morenci is looking for a CED Corps member who wants hands-on experience helping a small rural community turn plans and ideas into practical tools for development. The member will work on projects that make development easier to navigate, connect businesses and property owners with resources, and help Morenci inventory and market its downtown buildings and opportunities. Along the way, the member will have the chance to work with local leaders, businesses, and regional and state partners and see many sides of community and economic development.

CED Corps Member Role and Responsibilities:

- Support the advancement of Morenci's Redevelopment Ready Communities work by helping review and improve development procedures, internal processes, and public-facing development information.
- Help create an internal development review manual, process flowcharts, website content, and a clear Guide to Development for residents, businesses, property owners, and developers.
- Research and organize local, regional, state, and federal business and development incentives, technical assistance, and other resources into an accessible guide for current and prospective business owners.
- Develop and maintain a downtown building and business inventory that tracks businesses, vacancies, underutilized spaces, available properties, and potential upper-story housing opportunities.

Participate in CED Corps member development through shared learning and collaboration activities,

including an in-person orientation and final gathering. The CED Corps will also meet for monthly virtual trainings, and are expected to participate in one National Day of Service during their term.

Evaluation and Reporting:

- Members will complete midpoint and final evaluations over the course of their service term.
- Members will also submit bi-weekly timesheets, monthly reports, and quarterly narrative reports.

Preferred Qualifications:

The appropriate candidate will have a desire for service, strong interest and/or background in community economic development, planning, coalition building and/or community organizing, and communications or a combination of such interests. The appropriate candidate must possess strong verbal and written communication skills, excellent attention to detail, the ability to work within a team or as an individual and be familiar with the Microsoft Office suite and Google Applications. CED Corps members are required to work the standard office hours of their host organizations.

The following skills are required of all members:

No specific background or degree is required of CED Corps members! But a minimum of 2 years of experience in these types of situations in conjunction with some post secondary education is essential for success:

- Experience facilitating a meeting with people who have more experience than them
- Complete their work without someone reminding them to do it
- Experience overcoming obstacles in work situations in the past
- Experience managing multiple professional relationships
- Comfortable working outside of the typical 9 am - 5 pm to attend community events
- Ability to use or teach oneself new software in a fast-paced role with little oversight

Minimum Qualifications:

- Be 17 years or older at the start of service (no upper age limit)
- Pass a national service criminal history check
- Hold one of the following citizenship statuses: US citizen, US national, or Lawful Permanent Resident

Compensation:

CED Corps members must have their own means of travel within their community. Members will receive a living allowance of $40,000 distributed in even increments, bi-weekly. Members will receive student loan forbearance for qualified loans, health care benefits, child care assistance upon eligibility, and continual professional development. Upon successful completion of service, an education award in the amount of $7,395 will be issued. Members will serve approximately 40 hours per week (a total of 1,700 hours during the service term). This position requires some statewide travel for CEDAM-required events & training; mileage to and from CEDAM required events will be reimbursed by CEDAM.

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