

Job Posting for Home Repair Resource Guide Data Entry

Poverty Solutions (PS) created the City of Detroit Home Repair Resource [Guide](#) in 2019. It was originally intended to be a resource for residents and practitioners to become more aware of the full suite of home repair resources available in the City of Detroit. Since then, it's been mainly used by practitioners at nonprofits and at the City to direct residents to resources that might fit their needs.

Over time, Poverty Solutions has tried to keep the data up-to-date by soliciting updates from contacts for programs already listed in the guide and relying on public input if there are programs missing. Limited participation in this process from program operators has made updating the guide less successful than anticipated.

We now have the opportunity to partner with the City of Detroit Home Repair Task Force (DHRTF), led by Heather Zygmuntowicz, to collect more comprehensive and more accurate information about the full ecosystem of home repair programs available to Detroit residents.

Our need:

- We are looking for a research assistant to conduct internet research to identify key details about existing home repair programs available to Detroiters and input them into a spreadsheet.
- The RA must be willing to work collaboratively with PS staff, RA's, and Heather Zygmuntowicz from the Task Force to work through the nuances of these programs, as not all programmatic information is published in obvious locations or in standardized ways.
- We expect the RA to research and complete data entry for 8-10 programs each week, spending approximately 5 hours per week.

Ideal Candidate:

- Has an interest in, and basic understanding, of how the home repair ecosystem in Detroit impacts economic mobility and poverty reduction.
- Has at least 5 hours a week to dedicate to this work.

Qualifications:

- Interest in cross-disciplinary approaches to poverty alleviation— applicants from all units across campus are encouraged to apply.
- Punctual and accurate communicator, responsive to email, phone calls or other communications from manager
- Excellent organization with demonstrated attention to detail
- Ability to work both as part of a team and individually while meeting deadlines
- Interest in being a part of a fast-paced initiative, with desire to be flexible and adapt to evolving priorities.

- Excellent interpersonal skills including the ability to work cooperatively and professionally with faculty and staff across the University of Michigan campus, with local and national partners, and to serve as a representative of the initiative.

Hours

5.0 to 10.0 hours per week

Compensation

Undergraduate rate is \$16.00 and Graduate rate is \$18.00

Time Frame

Fall

Apply at <https://airtable.com/app9PQhFs6c3hE6mN/shryU8uASfgsAZ2cW>

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About Poverty Solutions

Launched in October 2016, Poverty Solutions at the University of Michigan is an interdisciplinary initiative that is a leader in informing, identifying, and testing new strategies for the prevention and alleviation of poverty in Michigan, the nation and the world. While rooted in an understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty, the focus of Poverty Solutions is an action-based research agenda. The initiative partners with community and policy makers to inform and test strategies for the prevention and alleviation of poverty.

We pride ourselves on working in partnership with community in everything we do, co-creating our research agenda based on the concerns and needs of both residents and community leaders. We seek to confront and eliminate racism of all kinds through these research priorities and practical engagement. We view poverty as the result of many interlinked systems that fail to operate as they should for those with low incomes. Therefore, we work not in one area, but within and across a variety of systems, enabling us to intervene in a number of domains to make concrete improvements in the lives of people with low incomes.