



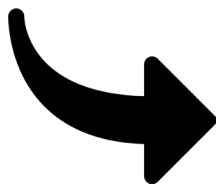
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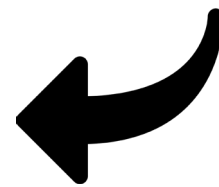
## THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CORPS GIVES CITY COUNCIL AN UPDATE

The Community Health Corps (CHC) was created in response to COVID-19 and the large number of Detroiters who had exhausted their resources needed to provide for their family. The program sent social workers and other professionals into the homes of Detroit residents to assess family's immediate needs and connect them with the proper services to get them back on track. CHC has only spent \$1.4 of the \$1.6 million of the contract City Council approved on Tuesday, September 29, 2020. Additionally, the Community Health Corps has received **\$3.5 million** in City Council approved a **\$1.6 million** contract and the CHC has only spent **\$1.4 million** in federal CARES Act funds to support the program. The Community Health Corps gave an update on the program during formal session on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

### Currently, the program will be focusing on these four areas:



1. Immediate Food Security
2. Utility Assistance
3. Home Repair and Relocation
4. Physical and Behavioral Health



The CHC is partnering with a network of community partners to address needs and expedite resources to City of Detroit residents in the program. Here are some of their community partners:

**United Community Housing Coalition, Detroit Land Bank Authority, General Services Department, Housing and Revitalization Department, Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, Gleaners, Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network, DTE Energy, Health Department, Matrix Human Services, Wayne Metropolitan: Community Action Agency, the Heat and Warmth Fund, United Way, and the Human Utility.**

The program has raised approximately **\$700,000.00** and is still fundraising to ensure that all 794 residents currently in the program are matched up with services. The CHC closed intake on the program on December 23, 2020.



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Although Council President Brenda Jones did not vote in support of the Community Health Corps she still listened to her constituents and their concerns regarding their inability to gain access to the program. President Jones submitted questions in writing and her team met with the Administration to work on solutions. While Council President is still awaiting her responses to her questions and concerns, the Administration has guaranteed the following:

- 1. All residents on the waiting list will be provided services.*
- 2. All residents will be contacted and the staff is working diligently to respond to all residents.*
- 3. Additional fundraising is occurring to provide support to residents after December 31, 2020.*

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT JONES CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON DETROIT CITY CONTRACTS AND EMPLOYMENT

**Council President Jones** will continue to focus on Detroit City contracts bid equity, target compliance, target outreach, business development, and increasing equity. All of these items are outlined in her Responsible Contracting and Detroit Equity Procurement report that she referred to the Law Department. The amendments focus on restructuring the City of Detroit procurement and compliance process through effective legislative solutions to guarantee Detroit Business and Detroit Resident equity on City of Detroit contracts funded with your tax, grant and/or community benefit dollars.

<https://detroitmi.gov/document/responsible-contracting-and-detroit-contract-equity-procurement-amendments>

Council President Jones also has submitted a series of memos to the Budget, Finance and Audit Standing Committee to evaluate current procurement and compliance processes, systems and operations. The goal is to examine their impact on how City funds are spent on City services and workforce development, as well as on Detroit residents' business opportunities relative to the \$250M Bond Proposal N Blight Elimination Strategy.

### Please Visit:

**[www.detroitmi.gov/brendajones](http://www.detroitmi.gov/brendajones)** for information on this contract and other policy, and legislative initiatives sponsored by Council President Jones.



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## COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHAIRS THE MILITARY VETERANS AFFAIRS TASKFORCE AND THE SKILLED TRADES TASK FORCE

Council President Brenda Jones also sponsored two (2) resolutions that were unanimously approved by City Council. The first resolution authorized the Continuation of the Detroit City Council Task Force of Military and Veterans Affairs (MVATF) chaired by President Jones. This taskforce will continue to connect veterans and military personnel in the community to the benefits and resources they have earned while serving their country. The taskforce also sets out to educate businesses in the area on the benefits of hiring veterans and increase access for veterans and military personnel in the area to quality employment.

**The MVATF meets the *second Tuesday* of every month via Zoom at *3pm*. Please contact [wesleyl@detroitmi.gov](mailto:wesleyl@detroitmi.gov) for more information or call 313.224.1245.**

The second resolution Council President Jones sponsored was a resolution authorizing the Continuation of the Detroit City Council Skilled Trades Task Force (STTF), also chaired by President Jones. This task force is comprised of residents, representatives from the community and business sector, union representatives, Michigan Works and Civil Rights Inclusion and Opportunity Department, and any and all residents interested in participating. This task force provides a forum for the many facets of the skilled trades' community to meet and share information and ideas.

**The STTF meets the *fourth Wednesday* at *4pm* via Zoom. Please contact [wesleyl@detroitmi.gov](mailto:wesleyl@detroitmi.gov) for more information or call 313.224.1245.**

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Few Hot Points from This Week's Formal Session**

Just click on the link and watch:

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gWQVQFr3xhg>**



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