

DETROIT FOR LIFE



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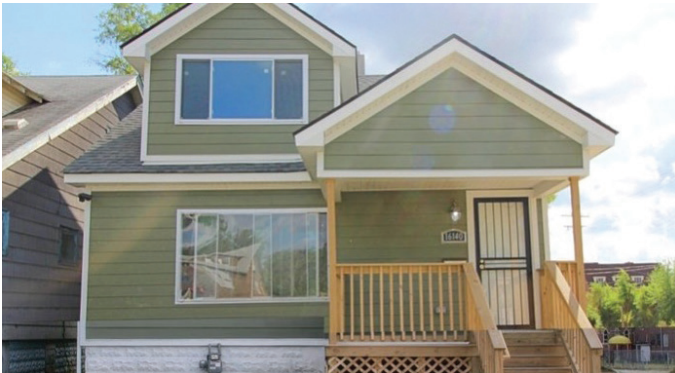
- Opportunities Only for Detroiters
- \$100 Million Scholarship
- Get Help Buying a Home
- and More



This first issue of the **Detroit For Life** newsletter provides information on City programs and initiatives that improve how you live and where you live.

Because you live in Detroit, there are so many opportunities available only to you.

- Get a better job and earn more money (\$100M Scholarship Program)
- Tuition-free college (Detroit Promise)
- Clearing charges from your record (Project Clean Slate)
- Help buying a home (Down Payment Assistance)
- Affordable water (Lifeline Plan)
- Help starting a business (Motor City Match)



A NEIGHBORHOOD TO BE PROUD OF

The City of Detroit is focused on improving our neighborhoods, not just downtown. A total of \$203 million has been invested to provide a clean, safe, and affordable place to live for our residents. Almost 8,000 homes have been saved and renovated.



NEED A JOB? LOOKING FOR A BETTER CAREER?

The Detroit at Work program will help you find a job. We have programs to teach new skills and help with your resume and interviewing. There are even job and training scholarships available. Need your high school diploma? We will pay you while you earn it! With over 7,100 jobs and \$100 million in scholarships available, there is a job for everyone who wants one.

NEW FUNDING MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE!



Work to transform Detroit is underway. Funds will provide many things like home repairs, job training, public safety and enhancing our neighborhoods. These changes will impact Detroit for generations to come.



KISS YOUR LANDLORD GOODBYE!

We have programs to support those needing housing assistance or who want to make Detroit their permanent home. Check out the Down Payment Assistance Program which provides Detroiters who don't already own a home, with up to \$25,000 for a down payment to purchase a home. To learn more, go to detroitdpa.org.

The City also provides support to those facing foreclosure and homelessness to help prevent more people from falling into difficult situations. This also includes housing for our veterans.



GET PAID TO LEARN AND WORK

This program pays you while you work and study for your GED and/or job certification. You can also get training in various careers, including truck driver (CDL), heavy equipment operator, information technology, skilled trades, and healthcare positions. Starting pay ranges from \$17-\$25 per hour. Learn more at detroitatwork.com/skillsforlife.



LET'S GET ARTSY WITH IT

The City is cleaning up and adding art to our neighborhoods. We are transforming those often-overlooked spaces to create unique and inviting neighborhoods. We are building new spaces where families and friends can meet and engage in art. For more information, visit detroitmi.gov/ace.



OUR NEIGHBORHOODS WITH CURB APPEAL

We are making the blocks beautiful again! Is there a vacant lot you want to get rid of? Or a community garden you want to grow? Want to start that block club you've been thinking about? Well, grant awards ranging from \$500 to \$15,000 are available to make it all happen. Applications are closed for 2023. Learn more at bit.ly/41Fzfnx.



PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM WATER DAMAGE

The City is working to reduce basement flooding during storms in several targeted neighborhoods. This program will install backwater valves and/or sump pump, downspout disconnection and sewer lateral inspections to help homes with basement flooding. Learn more at detroitmi.gov/water.

Learn more about the ARPA programs, spending and progress at detroitmi.gov/ARPA



\$100 MILLION

IN DETROIT AT WORK SCHOLARSHIPS TO HELP DETROITERS

Detroit at Work has job, training, and education programs to help you build a future and earn more money

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

Learn to Earn Scholarships can help you build your reading and math skills

High School Diploma or GED Scholarships are available to pay you while you go back to school

Skills for Life Scholarships will pay you to go back to school for your high school diploma or GED or technical certification while you work 3 days a week

The **JumpStart Scholarship** will assist Detroiters who have been unemployed for over 6 months

Need help figuring out which one is right for you?



Call (313) 962-WORK (9675)

The Detroit at Work Career Center team will answer your questions and help get you started



Visit Detroit at Work in person

Schedule an appointment at one of our nine career centers in Detroit



Go online to detroitatwork.com

Set up a job-seeker profile online to learn more about jobs and programs

PROJECT CLEAN SLATE IS GIVING RESIDENTS A SECOND CHANCE

BY CHRIS MOSLEY



Employment rejection letters were piling up. Opportunities slipped away before he was given a fair shake. But Detroiters Michael Bell knew why. His past was holding him back.

“I tried to do the expungement process on my own. I felt like I was being sent on a wild goose chase,” until he heard about Project Clean Slate.

Project Clean Slate (PCS) is a free program that assists people in Detroit in removing their criminal record and making it easier for them to find better jobs, homes, and education.

Once a client’s case is reviewed by PCS and deemed eligible, they are walked through the process to finalize expungement.

Since 2021, more than 10,000 Detroiters have registered with PCS with participants seeing an average wage increase of 23% after one year.

“As a result of Project Clean Slate, I’ve been able to advance my [engineering] career. It was a seamless process,” said Bell.

For more information, visit detroitmi.gov/pcs



MOTOR CITY MATCH SPOTLIGHT

BREADLESS



Breadless offers delicious, healthy options to Detroiters, located on the new Dennis W. Archer Greenway. Instead of bread, sandwiches are wrapped in super greens, such as red Swiss chard, turnip greens, collard greens, and dino kale, to help empower health-conscious lifestyles.



Breadless was launched by Motor City Match awardees Marc Howland, Ryan Eli Salter, and LaTresha Howland, who believes Detroit deserves healthy & good on-the-go food. "It's a great mission to spread health to our community, and I'm just so proud and happy to be doing that," Howland said. "When I think about Detroit, I think about innovation, hustle, and swagger. Opening our place in such a renaissance city was super important to us."

Learn how Motor City Match can help new and expanding businesses at motorcitymatch.com



NEED HELP?

Your Councilmember and District Manager are here to help!

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FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

Animal Care & Control
(313) 922-DOGS (3647)

BSEED Environmental Enforcement
(313) 876-0426

City Council
(313) 224-3443

Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity (CRIO)
(313) 224-ZERO (9376)

DDOT Customer Service
(313) 933-1300

Department of Public Works
(313) 224-3901

Detroit at Work
(313) 962-WORK (9675)

Detroit Police Department Non-Emergency Calls
(313) 267-4600

Detroit Taxpayer Service Center
(313) 224-3560

DWSD Customer Service & Emergency Line
(313) 267-8000

Fire Department
(313) 596-2900

General Services Department
(313) 628-0900

Housing Resource HelpLine
(866) 313-2520

Mayor's Office
(313) 224-3400

Municipal Parking Department
(313) 221-2500

Parks & Recreation
(313) 224-1100

Street Lights Out
(313) 267-8140