

# HOUSE BILL NO. 6066

November 12, 2024, Introduced by Reps. Hood, Dievendorf, Steckloff, Hope, Paiz, Price, Hill, Tsernoglou, Mentzer, Weiss, Brabec, Conlin, McKinney, O'Neal, Neeley, Brixie, Rheingans, Skaggs, Arbit, Edwards and Scott and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation.

A bill to create a climate resiliency program and climate resiliency corps; to provide for workforce development; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; and to create a fund.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 1. This act may be cited as the "climate resiliency corps  
2 act".

3           Sec. 2. As used in this act:

4           (a) "Climate resiliency project" means any of the following:

5           (i) A community project for climate change adaptation or

1 mitigation, such as the following:

2 (A) Creation of bioswales or wetlands, planting trees, or  
3 other efforts to address stormwater runoff with vegetation.

4 (B) Projects that increase energy efficiency.

5 (C) Projects to address high temperatures, flooding, or power  
6 outages caused by climate change.

7 (ii) A project to support sustainable agriculture and access to  
8 healthy foods.

9 (iii) Engaging organizations and communities with recycling and  
10 sustainable product selection.

11 (iv) Supporting communities with development and implementation  
12 of carbon reduction plans.

13 (v) Assisting individuals to access rebates and tax credits  
14 for sustainable materials.

15 (vi) Community education about topics such as rain gardens,  
16 rain barrels, flooding, and greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

17 (b) "Corps member" means an individual selected under section  
18 3(1)(a).

19 (c) "Department" means the department of labor and economic  
20 opportunity.

21 (d) "MCSC" means the Michigan community service commission  
22 established under section 2 of 1994 PA 219, MCL 408.222.

23 (e) "Partnering entity" means an entity with which the climate  
24 resiliency corps program partners under section 3(1)(a).

25 (f) "Resident" means an individual who has in this state the  
26 individual's true, fixed, and permanent home and principal  
27 establishment to which the individual intends to return whenever  
28 absent. An individual is a resident until the individual  
29 establishes a permanent establishment outside of this state.

1           Sec. 3. (1) Subject to appropriations, the MCSC shall create a  
2 climate resiliency corps program that meets all of the following  
3 requirements:

4           (a) Partners with local governments, nonprofit organizations  
5 other than entities exempt under 26 USC 501(c)(4), universities,  
6 colleges, faith-based organizations, and tribes for those entities  
7 to employ individuals to design or implement climate resiliency  
8 projects.

9           (b) Provides support for corps member stipends, wages, or  
10 salaries and other program costs incurred by partnering entities.

11           (c) Through partnering entities, provides workforce  
12 development to corps members on climate resiliency topics that will  
13 increase a corps member's likelihood of obtaining future employment  
14 or enhance the corps member's future educational opportunities.

15           (d) Provides scholarships for corps members.

16           (e) Requires an individual to submit an application to become  
17 a corps member, in the manner determined by the partnering entity.

18           (f) Requires that corps members are residents and are at least  
19 17 years of age at the time of application.

20           (g) Is not designed or utilized to displace currently employed  
21 workers and does not utilize a corps member in any manner in  
22 connection with a work or labor dispute.

23           (h) Does not engage in political activity or utilize  
24 partnering entities engaged in political activity.

25           (2) As a goal, at least 40% of corps members shall work in  
26 environmental justice communities.

27           (3) The MCSC is responsible for recruitment and selection of  
28 corps members for the program.

29           (4) The MCSC, in coordination with the department, partnering

1 entities, and Michigan works agencies, shall provide career  
2 development opportunities to corps members.

3 (5) The MCSC shall enter agreements containing terms and  
4 conditions considered necessary and desirable for the employment of  
5 corps members by partnering entities.

6 (6) The MCSC shall exercise its powers and perform its duties  
7 under this act in consultation with the department.

8 (7) In administering the climate resiliency corps, the MCSC  
9 may apply for and accept grants or contributions of funds, if  
10 appropriate, from any public or private source.

11 Sec. 4. (1) The climate resiliency corps fund is created in  
12 the state treasury.

13 (2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from  
14 any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall  
15 direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit  
16 to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.

17 (3) Money in the fund at the close of the fiscal year remains  
18 in the fund and does not lapse to the general fund.

19 (4) The MCSC is the administrator of the fund for auditing  
20 purposes.

21 (5) The MCSC shall expend money from the fund, upon  
22 appropriation, only for 1 or more of the following purposes:

23 (a) Providing grants under section 3.

24 (b) Providing scholarships under section 3.

25 (c) Administration of the climate resiliency corps program.

26 (d) Data collection and evaluation of the climate resiliency  
27 corps program.

28 (e) Other purposes necessary or conducive to fulfill the  
29 intent of this act.

1           Sec. 5. The department may promulgate rules to implement this  
2 act pursuant to the administrative procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA  
3 306, MCL 24.201 to 24.328.

4           Enacting section 1. This act takes effect 1 year after the  
5 date it is enacted into law.