

## Why should you apply to be a Co-Learning Plan Author?

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**Do you want to make an impactful difference in a well deserving community?**

**Do you have an idea that could create a positive change?**

If so, becoming a Co-Learning plan author might be for you! Conducting a project with REI will give you the opportunity to further your understanding of what low-resourced communities need and want the most.



### **About REI**

The MSU EDA University Center for Regional Economic Innovation (REI) was created in 2011 by the Michigan State University Center for Community and Economic Development (CCED). Its fundamental purpose is to counteract the effects of the Great Recession, which negatively impacted economically vulnerable communities the worst. REI improves these communities' conditions by creating new, well paid jobs that lead to sustainability and economic growth.

### **What is a Co-Learning Plan?**

Co-Learning Plans are designed with policies, models, and strategies in mind to help economically grow under-resourced communities. When you participate in a Co-Learning Plan, you bring ideas to the table about how you can make an impactful difference, and REI helps to turn your ideas into reality!

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## Previous Co-Learning Success Stories



Aquahouse in Flint, Mi was developed in 2016, as a project that was started by the North Flint Healthy Food initiative. Its goal was to mitigate the effects of lead poisoning in people, caused by the Flint water crisis.



“Women Who Weld” was founded by Samantha Farr in 2014 as a Student-Led, Faculty-Guided project, here at REI! This project created many jobs for women who were homeless and unemployed in Detroit. This project was uniquely impressive because it helped to diversify a field that is very underrepresented.

### **Apply Today!**

Here at REI, we have initiated the growth of many projects that have impacted disadvantaged areas for the better. Our applicants have gone on to create successful non-profit organizations that continue to support people and communities in need. Selected authors will receive up to \$8,000 in funding, to assist with project needs. By dedicating your time, REI will help you cultivate your ideas into a brighter, positive future! Submit your application today!