RESEARCH ASSISTANT – SERVING SENIORS HOMELESSNESS & HOUSING INITIATIVE

OVERVIEW
Serving Seniors’ mission is to help seniors in poverty live healthy and fulfilling lives. The organization helps San Diego County's poorest seniors thrive by providing an integrated system of wraparound care including meals, housing, and supportive services. Serving Seniors is partnering with Harder and Company to conduct a senior homeless needs assessment and actionable plan to develop San Diego’s first, senior homeless shelter and further advocacy in this area.

JOB RESPONSIBILITIES
Serving Seniors is seeking a graduate student to conduct the following activities to support the work of Harder & Co. and Serving Seniors:

Literature Review and Analysis
- Examine policies, procedures, and practices used by shelters, transitional, supportive housing organization, Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8), Low Income Public Housing Programs, and Homeless Prevention
- Investigate ‘best practices’ nationally + compare and contrast to current work in San Diego
- Provide monthly progress updates on findings to date
- Compile and summarize findings of the literature review and analysis

Primary Data Collection and Review
- Conduct journey mapping sessions virtually with a sample of 15-19 seniors that were formally homeless or are actively homeless.
- Conduct surveys via virtual interviews with 15-19 seniors after the initial journey mapping process.
- Review and provide feedback on the survey tools created by Harder & Co. and Serving Seniors

QUALIFICATIONS
- Previous work experiences with seniors or those experiencing homelessness preferred, not required
- Previous research experiences with survey interviews, preferably with the groups identified above
- Any graduate students in the MSW program
- Organized, responsible, with strong time management skills
- Excellent oral and written communication skills

TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT
The hourly rate for this position is $15 an hour. This position will be hired as a Temporary Employee of Serving Seniors. We anticipate that approximately 120 hours will be needed for this project and for the timeline to be from September 2020 through January 2021.

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