

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



Meeting Date: September 12, 2014

Meeting Location: Vern Riffe Center, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio-31st Floor, Room South A

In Attendance: John Beck, Edwina Brewer, Jane Federer, Colleen Fiant, Sheila Fox, Randi Fuller, Charlotte Jones-Ward, Johnmark Oudersluys, Matthew Rubin, William Russell, Clifford Smith, Brenda Stier-Anstine, Judy Turner. **Ex Officio:** Tina Dunphy, Kim Hettel. **Staff/Counsel:** Bill Hall, Mark Holtzapple, Walter McNamara.

Absent: Nina Keller, Peggy Lehner, Pandora Shaw-Dupras, Gerald Stebelton.

Meeting was called to order by Chair William Russell at 9:38 a.m.

It was moved by Beck, seconded by Jones-Ward, to approve the minutes of the prior meeting, which had been distributed in advance. Motion carried.

New Business

Chair William Russell welcomed two new Commissioners, Judy Turner and Sheila Fox, who were attending their first meeting. Fox is from Worthington and owns an events planning business; as a former AmeriCorps Promise Fellow she represents National Service on the Commission. Turner resides in Dayton, where she served for 20 years as Executive Director of the Miami Valley Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Retired since 2011, Turner represents Older Americans on the Commission. Russell also noted that Janaki Venkayya has resigned from the Commission as of 9/11/2014 for personal reasons; this has been communicated to the Governor's Office.

Mark Holtzapple reviewed for Commissioners the proposed Fiscal 2015 Master Budget (Attachments 1 and 2) which had been distributed in advance. He characterized this as basically a maintenance budget based on the prior year, but did highlight a few particular lines that represented changes in revenues and spending:

- The Corporation for National Service (CNCS) now allows state commissions to retain 2% of pass-through funds to support commission operations, compared to the prior 1% limit. We will implement this in 2015 for formula funded programs, adding about \$39,000 in revenue. The additional revenue will not apply to competitive-funded programs until fiscal 2016.
- State General Revenue Fund support increased by about \$7,400 over FY14.
- A public service announcement campaign launched by CNCS in conjunction with state commissions will provide about \$15,000 of in-kind match for this fiscal year. We do not anticipate that this will be an ongoing source of support.
- Salaries & Benefits includes the addition of a second AmeriCorps Compliance Officer starting in January 2015 (subject to advance approval by DAS and OBM). CNCS expectations for sub-

grantee monitoring continue to increase, particularly as related to member eligibility and management; and the number of AmeriCorps members serving in Ohio programs has increased significantly over the past several years. Also, we anticipate turnover in the current Compliance Officer position in about a year, so bringing on the second compliance officer in FY15 is critical from a knowledge-transfer perspective. The position will be funded in FY15 using the additional revenue noted above from the 2% pass-through allowance on formula programs.

- The \$6,000 budgeted for Contractual Services is planned for reprogramming the Commission website into a format compatible with the State of Ohio website protocol. This will be accomplished through the IT Services Contract managed by DAS, for hourly programming services, not as a bid for a complete website redesign as we did five years ago. The spend will also be used to meet our 15% Minority Business Enterprise goal.
- Commissioner travel line includes costs for hotel and per diem related to the November retreat at Deer Creek. There was no commissioner retreat in FY13 or FY14.
- Furniture and Equipment includes \$25,000 for new ceiling-to-floor workstations, replacing four existing workstations that we inherited when we moved to Rhodes Tower, and adding one workstation for the planned new employee. Other equipment costs are a laptop computer and projector. We can afford the workstations in the current year due to some federal carryover funds from 2014.
- Office space rent paid to DAS is expected to increase about 20% in FY15 compared to FY14. Costs in 2014 were up about 25% over 2013 due to a federally-imposed change on the way DAS calculates space costs. [Costs are expected to stabilize in FY16-17 with perhaps a 5% variance.] Given the 50-50 federal/state cost share under our commission support grant, we only pay DAS for the federal share; the balance is counted as in-kind match (reflected in both the revenue and expenditures sections of the budget.)
- Meetings & Trainings includes \$10,000 for the AmeriCorps 20th Anniversary Event, which covers space rental at the Statehouse and Capital Theatre and production of a video commemorating the event.
- Federal Subgrants represents an estimate of the funds that will be drawn by sub-grantees during FY15, since the grant year does not match to the state fiscal year. Sub-grants awarded in FY15 are up about \$700,000 over last year. The FY14 Actual was lower than projected because two sub-grants downsized to planning status and fewer programs requested advance payments in June prior to fiscal year end.

During the presentation Holtzapple addressed questions from Commissioners. Federer asked if there were funds budgeted to provide staff with opportunities for professional development; funds in the Staff Travel line will support attendance at CNCS regional and national events, and all staff have access to professional development funds through a DAS-sponsored program funded by mandatory contributions from all agencies. Stier-Anstine suggested that perhaps we need to commit more than \$600 to Media & Public Information, given that is a priority within the Strategic Plan. Holtzapple noted that the amount budgeted reflects current spending for a contract with Constant Contact used for distributing emails and press releases; federal rules prohibit use of grant funds and match for advertising. However, to the extent that additional allowable costs are identified during the year, there is always the option of a budget modification to reallocate funds among budget lines. Hall suggested this might be discussed further at the Commissioner retreat. Following the discussion, it was moved by Federer, seconded by Rubin, to approve the budget as presented. Action approved unanimously by voice vote.

Executive Director's Report

Bill Hall updated Commissioners on current topics as summarized in his written report (Attachment 3) and distributed the 2014-15 Ohio AmeriCorps Program Directory (Attachment 4). [Note: Items included in the News and Publications section were distributed for Commissioner review but are not included in the Minutes as attachments because they are of a general nature and do not directly relate to any business before the Commission.] Hall also presented an overview of the afternoon's 20th Anniversary Celebration activities.

Committee Meetings

Committees did not meet and there were no committee reports, to allow time for a lunch break prior to the 20th Anniversary Celebration.

Announcements/Other Business

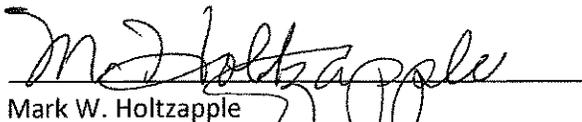
Next meeting will be the 2014 Commission Retreat on November 13th and 14th at Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m. on a motion by Fuller, seconded by Brewer, approved by acclamation.

Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee did not meet as had been scheduled in the advance agenda.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:



Mark W. Holtzapple
Director of Finance & Operations

Certified by:


Chair or Vice Chair

Approval Date: 11-13-14

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FISCAL 2015 MASTER BUDGET
with Prior Year Comparison
All Sources and Uses Including Pass-Through Funds

REVENUES	2015 BUDGET
FEDERAL GRANTS-CNCS	\$ 7,217,458
STATE GRF APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 294,072
NON-FEDERAL GRANTS	\$ 30,000
MISC CASH DONATIONS	\$ -
CASH CARRYOVER*	\$ 13,771
INKIND SUPPORT (STATE RENT SHARE)	\$ 12,000
INKIND SUPPORT (AMERICORPS PSA)	\$ 15,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 7,582,301

2014 ACTUAL
\$ 5,609,172
\$ 286,660
\$ 30,000
\$ 510
\$ 13,645
\$ 10,271
\$ -
\$ 5,950,258

2014 BUDGET
\$ 6,476,339
\$ 286,661
\$ 15,000
\$ -
\$ 14,000
\$ 8,000
\$ -
\$ 6,800,000

EXPENDITURES	2015 BUDGET
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$ 585,130
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$ 6,000
FISCAL AGENT & AUDIT SERVICES	\$ 9,500
TRAVEL-STAFF	\$ 13,500
TRAVEL-COMMISSIONERS	\$ 10,000
SUPPLIES	\$ 4,000
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT \$500+	\$ 27,400
POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$ 600
TELEPHONE & DATA NETWORKING	\$ 16,017
OFFICE SPACE RENTAL	\$ 12,000
COPYING PRINTING & GRAPHICS	\$ 3,700
MEDIA & PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$ 600
SUBSCRIPTIONS DUES & FEES	\$ 9,200
MISC OPERATING COSTS	\$ -
MEETINGS & TRAININGS	\$ 14,000
AWARDS & RECOGNITION	\$ 7,000
CONFERENCE SUBSIDIES	\$ 3,000
SERVICE PROJECT SUPPORT	\$ 20,654
FEDERAL SUBGRANTS	\$ 6,800,000
SUBGRANTEE REFUNDS	\$ -
INKIND EXPENSE (STATE RENT SHARE)	\$ 12,000
INKIND EXPENSE (AMERICORPS PSA)	\$ 15,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,569,301

2014 ACTUAL
\$ 528,165
\$ -
\$ 11,033
\$ 6,044
\$ 2,452
\$ 839
\$ 3,953
\$ 51
\$ 9,564
\$ 10,784
\$ 2,681
\$ 436
\$ 9,107
\$ -
\$ 2,200
\$ 6,799
\$ 6,647
\$ 17,053
\$ 5,328,805
\$ (20,397)
\$ 10,271
\$ -
\$ 5,936,487

2014 BUDGET
\$ 568,000
\$ -
\$ 13,000
\$ 16,000
\$ 5,000
\$ 1,000
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\$ 500
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\$ 6,120,000
\$ -
\$ 8,000
\$ -
\$ 6,800,000

SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ 13,000
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\$ 13,771

\$ -

Note: 2014 Actual Surplus represents \$13,654 in Stewards of Service cash and \$117 federal cash as of 6/30/2014.
2015 Budget Surplus represents \$13,000 planned cash carryforward in Stewards of Service as of 6/30/2015.

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FISCAL 2015 MASTER BUDGET BY SOURCE
 All Sources and Uses Including Pass-Through Funds

DESCRIPTION	FEDERAL GRANTS	STATE GRF	OTHER SOURCES	ALL FUNDS
REVENUES				
CNCS-ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT	\$ 340,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 340,000
CNCS-AMERICORPS FORMULA FUNDS	\$ 4,257,073	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,257,073
CNCS AMERICORPS COMPETITIVE FUNDS	\$ 2,420,385	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,420,385
CNCS-AMERICORPS FIXED AMOUNT	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200,000
STATE GRF APPROPRIATIONS	\$ -	\$ 294,072	\$ -	\$ 294,072
CORPORATE GRANTS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
CASH CARRYFORWARD	\$ 117	\$ -	\$ 13,654	\$ 13,771
INKIND SUPPORT (STATE RENT SHARE)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
INKIND SUPPORT (AMERICORPS PSA)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 7,217,575	\$ 294,072	\$ 70,654	\$ 7,582,301

EXPENDITURES				
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$ 297,558	\$ 287,572	\$ -	\$ 585,130
CONTRACT SERVICES	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,000
FISCAL AGENT & AUDIT SERVICES	\$ 8,000	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 9,500
TRAVEL-STAFF	\$ 13,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,500
TRAVEL-COMMISSIONERS	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000
SUPPLIES	\$ 4,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,000
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT \$500+	\$ 27,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,400
POSTAGE & SHIPPING	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600
TELEPHONE & DATA NETWORKING	\$ 16,017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,017
OFFICE SPACE RENTAL	\$ 12,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000
COPYING PRINTING & GRAPHICS	\$ 3,700	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,700
MEDIA & PUBLIC INFORMATION	\$ 600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 600
SUBSCRIPTIONS DUES & FEES	\$ 9,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,200
MEETINGS & TRAININGS	\$ 14,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,000
AWARDS & RECOGNITION	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
CONFERENCE SUBSIDIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
SERVICE PROJECT SUPPORT	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,654	\$ 20,654
FEDERAL SUBGRANTS	\$ 6,800,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,800,000
SUBGRANTEE REFUNDS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
INKIND EXPENSE (STATE RENT SHARE)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
INKIND EXPENSE (AMERICORPS PSA)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 7,217,575	\$ 294,072	\$ 57,654	\$ 7,569,301

SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000	\$ 13,000
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September 2014

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

AmeriCorps

- **Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) Compliance Visit** – Our CNCS Program Officer and Grants Officer conducted an onsite compliance visit of ServeOhio June 24th-26th. The visit focused on ServeOhio policy and procedure as it relates to the administration of our AmeriCorps portfolio; all relevant policy was evaluated and small subsets of financial transactions and member files were reviewed. A preliminary report of findings was issued by CNCS on August 8th; the majority of issues noted involved the collection of member eligibility documentation under the National Service Criminal History Check requirements. ServeOhio has implemented the following actions in response to the findings:
 - A Starting Strong Program Orientation was conducted August 4th-5th with all AmeriCorps program staff in attendance. The meeting focused on CNCS and ServeOhio provisions and how to effectively incorporate the requirements into program models and timelines.
 - ServeOhio staff is in the process of conducting a review of member eligibility documentation for 50% of the AmeriCorps members that were enrolled in Program Year 2013-2014. Specifically, we are looking at all elements of the National Service Criminal History Check to identify any inconsistencies in collection of the documentation and potential issues of noncompliance. ServeOhio will report the findings of our review to CNCS in early November.
 - In Program Year 2014-2015, ServeOhio will be collecting National Service Criminal History Check data on all enrolled members. This data will be utilized as a primary source in the review of member files during our monitoring visits in the upcoming program year. All programs in the current portfolio will receive a monitoring visit and all member files will be reviewed.
- **Operation AmeriCorps/AmeriCorps Challenge** – CNCS is currently accepting comments from the field on two new potential AmeriCorps program models. Operation AmeriCorps will allow communities to apply for three resources – AmeriCorps, VISTA and NCCC – under a single application to address a pressing community issue. Applicants must be a form of local government and identify an issue that AmeriCorps members can address and solve in a relatively short period of time (under two years). The official funding notice for this initiative is expected to be released within the upcoming week. The AmeriCorps Partnerships Challenge is an attempt to gain new private sector support for AmeriCorps programming. CNCS is dedicating up to \$30 million to support Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards for 8,000 new AmeriCorps positions; all other program costs would be derived from the private or philanthropic sectors. This initiative is aligned with many of the objectives of The Franklin Project.
- **Employers of National Service** – This initiative will build a talent pipeline connecting AmeriCorps and Peace Corps alumni with leading employers in the private, public and nonprofit sectors to create recruitment, hiring and advancement opportunities. Organizations can become Employers of National Service by providing special hiring considerations for national service alumni, creating positions that are only open to AmeriCorps and Peace Corps alumni, or guaranteeing interviews to alumni who meet the minimum qualifications for select positions. The first group of Employers of National Service will be announced today.

- **U.S. Representative Steve Stivers (R-15th District)/Rural Action** – On September 5th ServeOhio hosted Representative Steve Stivers for a site visit at Rural Action – our AmeriCorps program focusing on environmental stewardship in Southeast Ohio. The congressman visited the Monday Creek Watershed where AmeriCorps members are actively engaged in remediation activities to counter the impacts of longstanding agricultural pollution and the regional history of coal mining. Representative Stivers is a strong supporter of national service and is a current member of the Congressional National Service Caucus. He has been recognized by Voices for National Service for his advocacy and support of national service.
- **2014-2015 Ohio AmeriCorps Program Directory** – Enclosed is the current directory of Ohio AmeriCorps programs for 2014-2015. We have seven new operational programs this year – Community Properties Impact Corporation; Family and Community Services, Inc.; University of Dayton; University Settlement; Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation; Office of Criminal Justice Services; Santa Maria Community Services; and two new planning grants – Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati and the OSU John Glenn School of Public Affairs.
- **News and Publications**
 - 8/31/14 New York Times Editorial – *Broken Promises on National Service* – calls for increased funding for national service in alignment with the 2009 Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act. Enclosed.
 - *The Role of National Service in Closing the Graduation Gap* – produced by the America's Promise Alliance, highlights effective AmeriCorps programming in eight areas – school readiness; early reading success; ABC (attendance, behavior, course performance); social and emotional support; extending the school day; fostering college and career aspirations; creating a pipeline of educators and advocates; connecting young people to education and employment – as proven strategies to increase high school graduation rates. Enclosed.
 - *I Will Get Things Done For America* – produced by Voices for National Service, summarizes the accomplishments of AmeriCorps in the past 20 years. Includes data, highlights of leading nonprofits that utilize AmeriCorps to build organizational capacity and a comprehensive timeline of AmeriCorps milestones. Enclosed.

Volunteer Engagement

- **2014 Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism/ServeOhio Awards** -- The Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism brings together Ohio's top volunteer managers and national service representatives for a day of learning and networking; the theme of the 2014 conference is Leveraging Leadership. Commissioners William Russell, Jane Federer, Brenda Stier-Anstine and Kim Hettel will be providing comments, moderating discussions and facilitating sessions at the event.
 - 2014 Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism
Tuesday, October 21, 2014
Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus
Register on the ServeOhio website as a commissioner; utilize "Serve2014" as your payment code.
- **Volunteer Generation Fund/Service Enterprise Initiative** – ServeOhio was not successful in securing a Volunteer Generation Fund grant from CNCS in the latest competition. Dialogue with our partners on the initiative – volunteer mobilizers across the state – indicate a strong interest in the Service Enterprise Initiative (SEI) which was the cornerstone of our proposal. The SEI is an organizational change model that provides a framework for organizations to rethink volunteerism in their organizations to get a better return on investment and better achieve their mission. ServeOhio is continuing to explore funding options to bring SEI to Ohio.
- **Make A Difference Day Ohio** – Make A Difference Day is Saturday, October 25th. ServeOhio received 26 mini-grant applications to support local service projects. Grant awards will be in the range of \$500 to \$1,000. Depending on amounts requested, an estimated eight to twelve grants will be awarded. There is no matching requirement for

these grants. Consistent with the approved project budget, funds may be used for: supplies/materials, equipment rental, food for participants, publicity/recruitment. The applications are currently under review by Commissioners John Beck and Randi Fuller and ServeOhio staff.

Internal Operations

- ***Commission Support Grant/Logic Model*** – ServeOhio submitted additional documentation relative to our Commission Support Grant to CNCS in early August. This funding represents the federal share of the commission's administrative costs. The application addressed AmeriCorps Grant Outreach and Selection; Grantee Compliance and Performance; and Commission Collaboration and Sustainability. For the first time, state commissions were required to submit a Theory of Change Logic Model. ServeOhio's model focuses on building the capacity of local nonprofit organizations through the effective utilization of national service resources and/or strategic volunteer engagement.

- ***State Service Plan*** – ServeOhio will soon begin collecting input from stakeholders on the development of a new State Service Plan. State service commissions are required to develop a three-year statewide plan for national service via an open public process that includes input from a cross-section of national service programs and community-based organizations. The plan must set forth the state's goals, priorities and strategies for promoting national and community service and strengthening the service infrastructure; as well as, develop a supplemental plan to specifically engage adults 55 and older. ServeOhio will be working closely with the CNCS State Office and other state and regional partners to collect input. A session on the State Service Plan will be conducted at the 2014 Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism; more input will be secured through an online survey instrument that will be widely distributed. Preliminary results will be provided at the commission retreat to help guide discussion on commission activities and priorities.

- ***Commission Retreat*** – Our commission retreat will be held November 13th and 14th at Deer Creek Lodge and Conference Center in Mt. Sterling. This will provide commission members the opportunity to have extensive discussions on current commission activity and future goals and priorities. An informal survey will go out to all commissioners in early October to help formulate the retreat agenda; information on registration and a final agenda will be forwarded in mid-October.



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2014-2015 Ohio AmeriCorps Programs

Funding Priorities, Criteria and
Impact-Goal Directory

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Ohio AmeriCorps Program Funding Priorities and Criteria

Overview

Through a competitive funding process, ServeOhio, Ohio's commission on service and volunteerism, awards AmeriCorps grants to address the most critical issues facing Ohioans. AmeriCorps programs provide opportunities for Americans to make an intensive commitment to service. Through their direct service, AmeriCorps members help meet critical needs and community challenges.

ServeOhio invests in a diverse portfolio of high-quality programs that meet local community needs. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than **29,284 Ohio** residents have served **46.2 million** hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than **\$90.8 million**.

Through funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service, Ohio AmeriCorps appropriations for the 2014-15 program years are **\$6.6 million**. This allows nearly **800 individuals** the opportunity to serve as AmeriCorps*State members with **23 programs**. The allocated funding leverages an additional **\$4.3 million** in local, private and public support.

Funding Priorities

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through AmeriCorps. CNCS identifies funding priorities followed by the Ohio AmeriCorps grant program. CNCS is responsible for the evolution of these priorities to meet current challenges. It is recognized that these priorities will change depending on the administration and/or current realities facing the country.

Education

Economic Opportunity

Healthy Futures

Veterans and Military Families

Environmental Stewardship

Disaster Service

Criteria

The following criteria will guide the Ohio AmeriCorps funding process:

1. Programs focusing on measureable outcomes, that can be replicated or brought to scale, and address the difficult and often challenging issues facing Ohioans;
2. Innovative strategies and programs that engage more citizens in national service and volunteerism, providing opportunities to solve real world problems;
3. Program models that leverage private and public resources;
4. Programs that focus on service as a solution and instilling the ethic of service in AmeriCorps members and volunteers.
5. Organizations that have the capacity, commitment, and administrative leadership to effectively develop, implement, and evaluate an AmeriCorps program;
6. Programs that engage citizens where they live and gather so as to reduce the participation barriers of time and transportation; and
7. Maximizing Formula funds and opportunities to be successful in the national Competitive funding process.

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Ohio AmeriCorps Programs

AmeriCorps Works to Increase Academic Achievement

City Year, Inc. – Cleveland *Cuyahoga County*

- Funding Priority: Education
- Number of Members: 50
- Contact: Brianna Schultz 216.373.3412
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide tutoring and mentoring to, at minimum, 500 students; 50% of students will complete the program and demonstrate improved academic performance or engagement.*

AmeriCorps members will provide in-school and after-school tutoring and mentoring to 3rd-9th Grade students who are at risk to drop out in 6 of Cleveland's highest need public schools. At the end of three year project period, at least 1,470 students will benefit from targeted services of which at least 750 will improve in attendance, behavior, and/or in English and math.

City Year, Inc. – Columbus *Franklin County*

- Funding Priority: Education
- Number of Members: 36
- Contact: Tiffani Gottlieb 614.586.4540
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide tutoring and mentoring to, at minimum, 500 students; 50% of students will complete the program and demonstrate improved academic engagement or performance.*

AmeriCorps members will provide in-school and after-school tutoring and mentoring to 3rd-10th Grade students who are at risk to drop out of school in 4 Columbus City Schools. By the end of the 3-year Project period, at least 1,050 students will receive targeted support in attendance, behavior and/or coursework in English and math and up to 6,000 students will benefit from whole school climate improvement.

Community Properties Impact Corporation *Franklin County*

- Funding Priority: Education
- Number of Members: 20
- Contact: Nancy Hood 614.545.3016
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide literacy interventions with 175 children living in subsidized housing in Columbus; 65% of these children will demonstrate gains in literacy or social-emotional skills.*

CPO School Readiness members will provide evidence-based, home and community-based interventions to improve school readiness, specifically early literacy skills and social-emotional development, among children living in subsidized housing in Columbus.

Educational Service Center of Central Ohio *Cuyahoga, Delaware, Franklin, Lorain, Mahoning, Marion, Montgomery, Ross, and Union Counties*

- Funding Priority: Education
- Number of Members: 120
- Contact: Sean Noe 614.542.4173
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide literacy interventions to, at minimum, 1,200 K-3 students; at least 54% of the students will meet grade level reading benchmarks or gain more than a year's growth of reading proficiency.*

The Ohio Reading Corps will serve more than 1,200 students in Kindergarten through grade 3 that have not met grade level reading proficiency. AmeriCorps members provide one-on-one and small group reading interventions to meet grade-level literacy performance benchmarks.

Teach for America – Ohio *Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Lorain and Montgomery Counties*

- Funding Priority: Education
- Number of Members: 180
- Contacts: Jennifer Howard- Cleveland 216.347.5297
Alison Niles Peters- Cincinnati & Dayton 513.478.4050
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide academic instruction to over 8,000 students in southwest, central and northeast classrooms; 45% of the students will demonstrate improved academic performance in math and/or English.*

Teach for America-Ohio provides a critical source of well-trained teachers who are helping break the local cycle of educational inequity. Corps members teach for two years in low-income schools in Greater Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton and Lorain going above and beyond traditional expectations to help their students achieve at high levels.

AmeriCorps Works to Expand Economic Opportunity

College Now Greater Cleveland Statewide

- Funding Priority: Economic Opportunity
- Number of Members: 70
- Contact: Bridget McFadden 216.635.0447
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide 12,500 students with college access services; 3,500 students will complete at least two college milestones, and at least 2,100 students will report enrollment in a postsecondary institution the fall following their high school graduation.*

Ohio College Guides AmeriCorps members serve as college access advisors to low-income, minority, and first-generation college students across Ohio. Members assist students with activities such as completing the FAFSA, college applications, scholarships and college entrance exams.

Family and Community Services, Inc. *Lorain, Mahoning, Portage, Summit, and Trumbull Counties*

- Funding Priority: Veterans and Military Families
- Number of Members: 10
- Contact: Michelle Mueller 330.773.700 or 330.677.3939

- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide 230 homeless veterans with referrals to community resources; over 150 veterans will obtain permanent housing. Members will educate 300 employers on the benefits of hiring veterans while 115 veterans will receive employment-related resources; 75 Veterans will obtain a job as a result.*

Star Corps Veterans Project Members will provide services to veterans and military families in areas of economic opportunities that include securing housing, employment and/or internship placement. Members will provide assistance that positively impacts the quality of life of veterans and improve military family strength.

Montgomery County Educational Service Center *Montgomery County*

- Funding Priority: Education
- Number of Members: 20
- Contact: Kimberlee Gambrell 937.236.9965 x2238
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide match support to 150 at-risk students in one-one-one and small groups; 50% of the mentees will increase school attendance.*

Members serving with the Mentoring Collaborative of Montgomery County will expand and enhance mentoring services at 12 host sites within the Montgomery County and Dayton areas. AmeriCorps members serve as Member Service Coordinators in schools, after school programs and communities, offering K-12 youth mentoring and support. The anticipated outcome is for K-12 youth to improve attendance and prevent high school dropout within Dayton and Montgomery County.

Northeast Ohio Medical University *Central and Northeast Ohio*

- Funding Priority: Healthy Futures
- Number of Members: 30
- Contact: Valerie Beutel 330.325.6155
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will coordinate health-focused service learning activities with 1000 students in rural schools; 80% of the students will demonstrate either increased school engagement and/or an increase in school attendance.*

Corps for Rural Success and Health members provide rural, economically disadvantaged middle school and high school youth with academic and career support through the utilization of a service learning model. Members establish and deliver a Health Professions Affinity Community (HPAC) service-learning based curriculum to students in rural school districts to provide academic and career skill support necessary for students to obtain a sustainable career in the health care industry.

Ohio Association of Community Colleges *Statewide*

- Funding Priority: Education
- Number of Members: 27
- Contact: Sharmaine Pechac 614.221.6222 x33
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide guidance and support to 5,000 students in remedial classes at community colleges; 25% of the students will complete the coursework and obtain their expected first-year credits on time.*

AmeriCorps College Completion Coach members provide hands-on guidance and assistance to 5,000 first-time community college students on twelve campuses in Ohio. Those served will demonstrate

higher credit hour accumulation, higher persistence rates, and higher college completion rates compared to those who do not receive intensive college completion coaching.

Ohio History Connection *Statewide*

- Funding Priority: Capacity Building
- Number of Members: 10
Contact: Amy Rohmiller 614.297.2609
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will add 300 properties to the Ohio Historic Inventory generating almost \$1 million in economic investment in surrounding areas. Additionally, members will engage 750 volunteers to leverage over \$250,000 in-kind and cash resources in support of Ohio's local history organizations.*

The Ohio History Service Corps (OHSC) promotes sustainable community development through volunteer engagement. OHSC members add properties to the Ohio Historic Property Inventory by conducting architectural surveys, assisting with the designation for historic properties and building capacity for local history organizations across the state of Ohio.

State Library of Ohio *Statewide*

- Funding Priority: Economic Opportunity
- Number of Members: 30
- Contact: Mandy Knapp 614.466.1710
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide computer and digital literacy training for 8,100 economically disadvantaged individuals in rural Ohio communities; 30% of the economically disadvantaged individuals will demonstrate an increase in computer literacy skills.*

Guiding Ohio Online AmeriCorps members will provide computer instruction, digital literacy training, and one-on-one assistance to economically disadvantaged individuals in public libraries that serve rural Ohio communities. The goal of the program is for all Ohioans to have the ability to fully participate in e-government, search and apply for jobs online, understand the risks and benefits to internet finance, connect with family online, and protect personal information in the digital age.

The Ohio State University- John Glenn School of Public Affairs *Planning Grant*

- Contact: Mary Tschirhart 315.256.7477
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will serve in community-based nonprofit organizations throughout central Ohio to address the needs of the local community.*

This planning grant will be utilized to develop an AmeriCorps program which will engage students at The John Glenn School of Public Affairs as members to add value to program and administrative activities of nonprofit organizations in the Greater Columbus area.

United Way of Greater Toledo *Lucas County*

- Funding Priority: Education
- Number of Members: 27
- Contact: James Jones 419.254.4668

- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide 850 students with academic coaching; 60% of the students will have improved school attendance, academic performance or reduced disciplinary referrals.*

United Way AmeriCorps is a collaborative effort to assist the critical problems of children at risk of not graduating. AmeriCorps Graduation Coach Members will serve in high-poverty, low-performing schools providing evidenced-based support and coordinating community resources to help vulnerable high-risk 6th-10th grade students.

University of Dayton *Montgomery County*

- Funding Priority: Economic Opportunity
- Number of Members: 32
- Contact: Staci Daniels-Sommers 937.229.4699
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide financial literacy services for 300 opportunity youth; 30% will demonstrate an increase in financial knowledge. Members will provide job placement services for 200 opportunity youth; 25% will obtain employment.*

AmeriCorps members will serve economically disadvantaged youth aged 18-24 (opportunity youth) in Greater Dayton and Montgomery County by providing financial literacy services, GED preparation, one-on-one coaching, group behavioral activation sessions, self-care counseling, and workplace behavior training. The Corps will comprise University of Dayton students and at least 7 opportunity youth serving as AmeriCorps members.

University Settlement *Cuyahoga County*

- Funding Priority: Economic Opportunity
- Number of Members: 11
- Contact: Sandra Buckner 216.641.8948 x262
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide financial literacy services for 900 economically disadvantaged individuals; 80% will demonstrate an increase in financial knowledge. Members will provide job training and skill development services for 600 economically disadvantaged individuals; 50% will be employed or complete advanced job training within one year.*

NEO Skill Corps members will address high levels of poverty and low literacy in Cuyahoga County by providing financial literacy training and basic skills development at 8 sites throughout Cleveland for adults facing barriers to employment, advancement, and post-secondary education.

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation *Mahoning County*

- Funding Priority: Economic Opportunity
- Number of Members: 10
- Contact: Jack Daugherty 330.480.0423
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will clean and secure 110 vacant and abandoned homes in partnership with community volunteers, resulting in 70% reduction in unmaintained properties on key streets and 10% reduction in calls to the Police Department on key streets. Members will rehabilitate or repair 11 homes to create affordable housing for 28 low-income individuals.*

AmeriCorps members will create high-quality affordable housing in Youngstown by cleaning up and landscaping vacant lots, developing long-term reuse strategies with neighborhood residents and

stakeholders, boarding and securing vacant and blighted structures to make them safe for possible rehabilitation, and making repairs to low-income owner-occupied households to help sustain homeownership in the city.

AmeriCorps Works to Improve Health and Environmental Conditions

American Red Cross of Greater Columbus *Statewide*

- Funding Priority: Disaster Services
- Number of Members: 25
- Contact: Lynne Wise 614.253.2740 x2349
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide disaster-preparedness training and education to 75,000 households; 10% will demonstrate preparedness for a disaster. 750 veterans and military families will be supported through the Service to Armed Forces program; 90% will report their families' needs were positively met.*

AmeriCorps members provide disaster education, volunteer recruitment, and disaster preparedness training in local communities throughout Ohio. Members are trained as leaders to train other members and volunteers for disaster deployment. Members also provide volunteer recruitment, case management, community outreach and education to military members through the Services to Armed Forces (SAF) program.

Office of Criminal Justice Services *Statewide*

- Funding Priority: Public Safety
- Number of Members: 10
- Contact: Elizabeth Ranade-Janis 614.995.7986
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will educate 675 community members on preventing human trafficking; 75% of the attendees will report an increased awareness human trafficking. One hundred and eighty volunteers will receive training to prevent human trafficking. Additionally, 15 community agencies will agree to join the regional anti-trafficking coalition.*

The AmeriCorps Prevention Awareness of Trafficking Humans (PATH) program will engage AmeriCorps members to provide public education and prevention services to youth and the community at-large at-risk of being victimized by human traffickers seeking to sell them into modern day sexual slavery.

Ohio University *Athens and Washington Counties*

- Funding Priority: Healthy Futures
- Number of Members: 20
- Contact: Lauren Borovicka 740.593.2293
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will provide 1,200 nutrition presentations with 500 students reporting an increase in nutrition knowledge; Members will conduct 12,000 health screenings and provide 1000 health referrals to reduce the amount of school days missed.*

COMCorps AmeriCorps members and volunteers implement evidence-based nutrition education activities that promote health, prevent disease and improve access to medical care. Specifically, COMCorps members address unmet health needs to increase access to healthy, fresh food, and to

preventative and primary health care services and programs. The program aims to reduce or maintain BMIs in school-aged children and protect children from childhood illness and reduce barriers to learning.

Rural Action, Inc. *Southeast and Central Ohio*

- Funding Priority: Environmental Stewardship
- Number of Members: 26
- Contact: Candi Withem 740.767.4938
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will conduct water analysis and collect data in 350 miles of streams and 15 additional stream miles will be reclaimed; Members will provide environmental education and to 5,000 students and adults and develop 5 tourism opportunities in Appalachian Ohio.*

Rural Action's AmeriCorps program serves in Appalachian Ohio's acid mine damaged waterways and surrounding communities. The Ohio Stream Restore Corps members focus on four persistent issues in watersheds -- dead streams, a trash filled environment, lack of access, and long term stewardship by residents. Members energize residents who have lost hope and make resource restoration a bigger part of the region's renewal.

Santa Maria Community Services *Hamilton County*

- Funding Priority: Healthy Futures
- Number of Members: 15
- Contact: Mary Ucci 513.587.6920 x310
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will advise 1,200 low-income residents about health education and 950 residents will receive a health service. Members will provide tutoring services to 300 people; 150 will demonstrate academic improvement and 50 students will obtain a GED. Members will provide job placement services for 150 adults; 30 adults will obtain employment.*

Project Advance AmeriCorps members will provide adult and health education at 14 sites around Cincinnati. Members will serve in school-based health clinics and other community locations to provide support to students and community members needing job readiness skills, health education and GED training.

Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati *Planning Grant*

- Contact: Lauren Amos 513.281.2100
- **Impact Statement:** *Members will address the needs of people with developmental disabilities, resulting in increased valued social roles and the number of unpaid, non-family citizens in a person's life.*

This planning grant will be utilized to develop an AmeriCorps program which will engage members to enhance community building and inclusion services for people with developmental disabilities in Greater Cincinnati.

National Service Meeting Community Needs in Ohio

In the 2012-2013 program year, Ohio AmeriCorps State programs mobilized 33,500 volunteers who contributed 809,000 hours of service to support community and faith-based organizations. Volunteers helped families in need, tutored adults, mentored youth, celebrated National Days of Service, supported veterans and military families, provided health services, improved the environment, and responded to disasters.

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