

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



Meeting Date: June 11, 2015

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

In Attendance: Donald Bean, Edwina Brewer, Dana Dunlap, Jane Federer, Sheila Fox, Adrian Hill, Johnmark Oudersluys, William Russell, Pandora Shaw-Dupras, Brenda Stier-Anstine, Judy Turner. **Ex Officio:** Tina Dunphy, Kim Hettel. **Staff/Counsel:** Bill Hall, Mark Holtzapple, Mary Cannon, Jennifer Sanders, Lisa Tope, Rebeccah Verhoff-Kiss, Walter McNamara.

Absent: John Beck, Bill Hayes, Charlotte Jones-Ward, Peggy Lehner, Matthew Rubin, Chris Shaffer.

Meeting was called to order by Chair William Russell at 1:05 p.m. The afternoon start time allowed staff and Commissioners to attend ethics training provided by the Ohio Ethics Commission in the morning. Russell welcomed new Commissioner Dana Dunlap, representing the Ohio Department of Aging, and new staff member Jennifer Sanders, who were attending their first Commission meeting.

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Federer, to approve the minutes of the prior meeting, which had been distributed in advance. Motion carried.

There were no visitors or public comments (Attachment 1).

Executive Director's Report

Bill Hall updated Commissioners on current topics as summarized in his written report (Attachment 2).

New Business

The sole item of business for the afternoon was consideration and approval of formula-funded AmeriCorps projects for the 2015-16 program year. Walter McNamara reminded Commissioners of the conflict of interest policy that requires recusal from the discussion and decision process by anyone who currently or within the past year has been an officer, director, trustee, full-time volunteer, or employee of an organization submitting an AmeriCorps grant application. There were no declared recusals. McNamara also reminded Commissioners that they may participate in the discussion but opt to voluntarily abstain from voting if they have no actual conflicts as defined above but are concerned about the possibility of perceived conflicts.

Bill Hall referred the group to the *Ohio AmeriCorps PY15 Grant Review Process* document (Attachment 3) for details of the process that is used to review applications and develop funding recommendations for presentation to Commissioners. For the current round of funding there were a total of 17 applications requesting over \$4.2 million. This included 3 new applicants, three recompetes (those starting a new three-year cycle), and 11 continuation projects in years 2 and 3 of a funding cycle. [Continuation grants

do not require re-approval by the Commission]. For context it was noted that 5 of the 6 competitive applications approved at the January meeting were funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). The Ohio Reading Corps was not selected for competitive funding, so is included in the recommendations for formula funding. Total competitive funding for 2015-16 will be \$2,333,676. The combined competitive and formula portfolio of Ohio AmeriCorps programs for 2015-16 will amount to over \$6.3 million and support almost 800 AmeriCorps members in a total of 20 projects.

Mary Cannon then reviewed the *2015 Ohio AmeriCorps Application Summary* document (Attachment 4) that provided snapshots of all formula applications received. (The document also provided summaries of the funded competitive projects.) For the three recompeting applicants Cannon also discussed a supplemental document, *2013-14 Past Performance for 2015 Recompete Applicants* (Attachment 5) providing member enrollment/retention and performance measure information that was considered in developing the funding recommendations. After presenting each project recommended for funding, including continuation projects, Cannon noted that there were two applications that were not being recommended: Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati (withdrawn by applicant) and Institute for Youth Development and Excellence.

Russell reminded Commissioners that a separate action would be recorded for each recommendation presented. Actions on the recommendations were as follows:

- Educational Service Center of Central Ohio—Moved by Oudersluys, seconded by Stier-Anstine, to accept the recommendation for funding in the amount of \$797,937. Motion carried on voice vote, no abstentions.
- Ohio Association of Community Colleges—Moved by Federer, seconded by Brewer, to accept the recommendation for funding in the amount of \$519,840. Motion carried on voice vote with abstention by Russell.
- Ohio University—Moved by Brewer, seconded by Shaw-Dupras, to accept the recommendation for funding in the amount of \$302,270. Motion carried on voice vote with abstentions by Russell and Fox.
- University Hospitals Cleveland—Moved by Hill, seconded by Fox, to accept the recommendation for funding in the amount of \$137,299. Discussion ensued on this motion, with some questioning whether this was the best use of resources. Russell called the question following the discussion. Voice vote was non-conclusive, Russell asked for show of hands. Motion carried with 6 votes in the affirmative (Hill, Oudersluys, Russell, Shaw-Dupras, Stier-Anstine, Turner), 4 votes in the negative (Bean, Brewer, Dunlap, Fox), and one abstention (Federer).
- Institute for Youth Development and Excellence—Moved by Oudersluys, seconded by Turner, to accept the recommendation NOT to fund the request for \$50,468. Approved on voice vote with no abstentions.

Based on these actions, and including the continuation applications that did not require Commission action, formula funding will be requested from CNCS in the amount of \$3,974,506 for program year 2015-16, supporting 15 programs and providing service opportunities for over 400 AmeriCorps members.

Announcements/Other Business

Next meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, 2015. Meeting will be held at the CityLink Center, 800 Bank Street, in Cincinnati. The 2015 Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism will be held on October 1st, registration materials will be forthcoming in July.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on a motion by Turner, seconded by Hill, approved by acclamation.

Executive Committee Meeting

Committee convened at 3:05 p.m. with Russell, Federer, Oudersluys, Hall, Holtzapple, and McNamara in attendance.

Briefly discussed state budget process and successful return of GRF line item for CSV in the Senate version of the budget, reversing the House proposal to combine CSV with the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Hall and Holtzapple will continue to monitor budget status through final approval but no further changes are anticipated.

Hall asked about the status of his annual review as required under the Bylaws. Russell asked Hall to provide Executive Committee with a copy of last year's review. Since there is no state-mandated format and different internal formats have been used over the years, Oudersluys suggested that committee develop a format to use consistently in the future. He has a generic format that might be able to serve as a model, will send to McNamara for review. Goal will be to complete review by the annual retreat. Holtzapple suggested that when Bylaws are reviewed next year may want to consider changing the timeline to reflect a fall schedule for the review instead of April as at present.

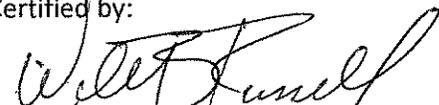
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:



Mark W. Holtzapple
Director of Finance & Operations

Certified by:



Chair or Vice Chair

Approval Date: 9-10-15

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Commission Appointments/New Commission Staff

Governor Kasich recently made two reappointments and one new appointment to the commission. Johnmark Oudersluys (Volunteer Sector) and Jane Federer (Program Development) were reappointed for terms ending April 2018. Chris Shaffer, current Director of Instructional Effectiveness at Shawnee State University and former Operations Director for the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, has been appointed to the commission as a representative for Program Development; his term also expires in April 2018. Dana Dunlap replaces Sarah Smith as agency representation for the Ohio Department of Aging. Dana currently serves as ODA's Legislative Liaison and formerly worked in the office of Ohio Senator Shannon Jones.

Jennifer Sanders has joined the ServeOhio staff as our new AmeriCorps Compliance Officer. Jennifer comes to the commission from the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers where she served as the Workforce Development Coordinator and administered a statewide AmeriCorps program.

Federal Budget Update

Tom Branen of America's Service Commissions (American Association of State Service Commissions) provided the following update on the federal budget process. In the last six weeks the House and Senate set the 302(a) appropriations allocations for FY 2016. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees then set the 302(b) allocations to divide total appropriations among the 12 subcommittees, each dealing with a different part of the budget. The subcommittees are now marking up their bills that decide how to distribute funds within their 302(b) allocations. The Labor, Health & Human Services, Education and Related Agencies bill that includes the Corporation for National and Community Service received a \$153.1 billion 302(b) allocation in both the House and the Senate. This is \$3.7 billion less than the FY 2015 allocation. Therefore, the subcommittees will have to make adjustments in their bills to work with \$3.7 billion less than last year. We understand that the Senate Labor H Chair, Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO) plans to provide additional funding to the National Institutes of Health. Given this factor, programs of the Corporation for National and Community Service are on the list of accounts to make offsets from and that Social Innovation Fund (SIF) is highly vulnerable. Both the House and Senate Labor H Appropriation Subcommittees are expected to mark up their spending bills in late June or early July.

ASC sent a commissioner sign-on letter to Congressional appropriations leadership in support of service on behalf of state service commissioners on Monday, June 8th. The letter included 511 names representing 50 state service commissions, including six commissioners from Ohio.

State Budget Update

ServeOhio's budget allocation (\$305,834 in FY 2016 and \$304,547 in FY 2017) has remained constant throughout the budget process and was contained within the budget released by the Senate Finance Committee earlier this week. Language within the earlier House budget legislation (HB 64) moved the Commission under the auspices of the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. Such a move would require ServeOhio to restructure all current financial reporting systems and would eliminate the segregation of funds required by our federal funder, the Corporation for National and Community Service, to document our required match. There were no cost-savings

associated with the House language. Neither ServeOhio nor the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives requested the change; the Office of Budget and Management has indicated that they are not in favor of the language change as well.

ServeOhio provided testimony before the Ohio House Finance Subcommittee on Primary and Secondary Education (2/25/15) and the Ohio Senate Finance Workforce Subcommittee (4/28/15) in support of our budget allocation and requesting a return to the original budget language. In addition, ServeOhio had discussions with Ohio House Budget Chairman Ryan Smith and ServeOhio Commissioner Senator Peggy Lehner regarding this issue. The Joint Conference Committee, scheduled to first convene on 6/19/15, will resolve the language issue; ServeOhio will contact the committee members and provide education on this issue. Final votes in the Senate and House are scheduled for 6/25/15 and 6/26/15 respectively; the deadline for the Governor to sign the budget legislation is 6/30/15.

Commission Audit

ServeOhio is currently undergoing a state audit that will include the evaluation of policies/procedures, documenting/testing internal controls, and substantive testing within the areas of payroll expenditures, non-payroll expenditures, revenue, personal information, public records policy, meeting minutes, inventory, and legal compliance. The audit covers the period of 7/1/13 through 6/30/15; completion date estimated to be 9/30/15. Results of the audit will be communicated to commissioners via a management letter that will contain any findings and recommendations relating to ServeOhio operations, internal controls, and incidents of noncompliance with state or federal laws.

AmeriCorps Compliance Monitoring

ServeOhio staff recently completed compliance monitoring visits of all 22 operational AmeriCorps programs within the current Ohio portfolio. Each monitoring visit included a full review of all National Service Criminal History Check documentation for every enrolled AmeriCorps member and every organizational staff member included in the AmeriCorps grant. A full file review was conducted on 25% of AmeriCorps member files with a minimum of 20 member files and/or all member files depending on program size. In addition to the file assessments, financial and performance data reviews were conducted as appropriate. The most common finding from the visits was inaccurate documentation of member accompaniment which is a requirement under the National Service Criminal History Check protocol; such findings align with the national assessment that was completed by the Corporation for National and Community Service earlier this year.

Most of the compliance visits also included AmeriCorps member meetings to gauge the member service experience and organizational leadership meetings to discuss the impact AmeriCorps has on building mission capacity. ServeOhio Commissioners Donald Bean, Johnmark Oudersluys, and Shelia Fox participated in such meetings at City Year Columbus, Santa Maria Community Services, and the Ohio Historical Society respectively.

2015 Mayors Day

Sixty-one Ohio Mayors and County Officials were engaged as part of the 2015 Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service on 4/7/15 – up dramatically from the 18 Ohio mayors who were engaged in 2014. The Ohio Mayors Day of Recognition is a joint project of the Ohio State Office of the Corporation for National and Community Service and ServeOhio; it is part of a national bipartisan effort to recognize the positive impact of national service in cities. The flagship event for 2015 was in Dayton where Mayor Nan Whaley hosted over 100 AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers. Over 2,600 mayors participated across the country; a full list of participating mayors can be found at www.nationalservice.gov/mayorsforservice.

State Service Plan Update

Over the past several months, ServeOhio staff members have been holding discussions with key constituencies regarding objectives that will be addressed in the State Service Plan. The next step in this process is conducting a facilitated strategy session to determine the primary objectives of the State Service Plan. A meeting is scheduled for

July 29th at the OSU Longaberger Alumni House that will gather representatives from 26 constituencies with direct connections to volunteer engagement and/or national service. Thank you to ServeOhio Commissioner Brenda Stier-Anstine for assisting in the organization of the strategy meeting and to ServeOhio Commissioner Jane Federer of the OSU Wexner Medical Center for partnering with the OSU Alumni Association to host this meeting.

Strategic Dialogue on National Service and Volunteer Engagement in Ohio

GOAL: Establish State Service Plan priorities. Assemble a large group of representative stakeholders to discuss strategies to expand opportunities while increasing the quality and impact of national service and volunteer programming in Ohio. Determine if additional input/data collection is required from a larger sampling of representative and/or unrepresented constituencies.

PRIMARY DISCUSSION OBJECTIVES:

- Identify the most pressing needs that could be addressed through volunteer and national service.
- Strategies to increase the number of volunteers and national service participants meeting identified needs.
- Strategies to increase impactful volunteer and national service opportunities in Ohio
- Strategies to increase the capacity of local volunteer mobilization organizations.
- Strategies to strengthen the infrastructure of current volunteer programs and initiatives.
- Strategies to build new volunteer and national service programming.
- Strategies to increase participation in volunteer programs within key populations, such as younger (18-25) and older (55+) adults.
- Identify strategies/programs/initiatives that are currently working. Evaluate potential for replication.
- Identify potential role of ServeOhio in strategies.
- How will we monitor/document impact of identified strategies?

STATE SERVICE PLAN TIMELINE:

TIMEFRAME	ACTIVITY
10/2014 – 4/2015	Preliminary discussions/presentations on SSP elements with key partners
4/2015 – 7/2015	Preparation for Strategic Dialogue
7/29/2015	Strategic Dialogue
8/2015 – 10/2015	Additional Information/Data Gathering
9/10/2015	ServeOhio Commission Meeting/Presentation of Themes
10/1/2015	Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism/Presentation of Themes
11/12/2015 – 11/13/2015	ServeOhio Commission Retreat/Discussion on SSP Rough Draft
11/15/2015 – 12/31/2015	Public Comment Period
1/2016	ServeOhio Commission Meeting/Final Approval of SSP
1/2016 – 12/2018	Implementation of SSP

Stewards of Service

- Stewards of Service Funding Update – ServeOhio has secured commitments from Honda of America and AEP totaling \$30,000 to support our 2015 Stewards of Service initiatives.
- 2015 Global Youth Service Day – ServeOhio awarded eight grants to support Global Youth Service Day projects across the state, mobilizing over 1,300 volunteers who provided 7,243 hours of service in their local communities. Grants were issued to Columbus State Community College (Columbus), East End Community Services (Dayton), Five Rivers Metro Park (Dayton), Vinton County Middle School (McArthur), Conservancy for Cuyahoga National Park (Peninsula), Shelby County Junior Leaders (Sidney), East Toledo Family Center (Toledo), and Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (Youngstown). The eight grants totaled just under \$8,000 and were

selected from a pool of 47 applicants; ServeOhio Commissioners Adrian Hill, John Beck and Shelia Fox participated in the review of the grant applications.

- 2015 Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism – Planning is underway for the 2015 Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism which will be held on Thursday, October 1st at the Quest Conference Center. Content is currently being developed by the event planning committee that will highlight the 2015 theme – *Facing Forward >>Innovations in Service and Volunteerism*. ServeOhio Commissioners John Beck and Shelia Fox are serving on the planning committee; registration is scheduled to open August 10th.
- ServeOhio Awards – As previously discussed, the commission will not be presenting ServeOhio Awards in 2015. Under the new strategy, ServeOhio Awards will be presented locally during National Volunteer Week in April. More detail and a timeline implementing the new strategy will be presented at the September commission meeting.



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Ohio AmeriCorps PY15 Grant Review Process

This document summarizes Ohio AmeriCorps grant application staff and peer review process of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (ServeOhio). This document promotes transparency with stakeholders and helps prospective applicants to better understand ServeOhio's grant review and recommendation process.

ServeOhio receives New, Re-compete, Continuation and Planning (Formula only) grant applications. The review process is generally the same for all applications, with exceptions noted below. Questions about the ServeOhio grant review process should be directed to Mary Cannon, Program Development and Evaluation Officer at 614-728-5177 or mary.cannon@serveohio.gov.

Application Review Process

1. Applicant submits a complete proposal, including budget, budget narrative, required narrative sections and all requested supplemental information, per the Notice of Funding Opportunity, following the correct Application Instructions (New, Re-compete, Continuation, Planning) and by the published deadline.
2. The Program Development and Evaluation Officer conducts a quality control review of all the applications received for compliance, eligibility and completeness to ensure that each application has met the minimum qualifications to move to the next stage in the review process. Six required components are reviewed for quality control: (1) the application was submitted by the stated deadline; (2) directions were followed for the appropriate grant type and all narrative sections, budget and budget narrative are completed and included in the application; (3) a minimum of 10 MSY's are proposed for Operational grants; (4) the budget does not exceed the maximum cost per MSY of \$13,730.00 for Operational; \$50,000.00 total for Planning; (5) the applicant, application and proposed program design meet the grant eligibility criteria; and (6) all required supplemental materials have been properly submitted by the deadline. Applications may not be considered if any of the six components of the quality control review are not met.
3. Eligible New and Re-competing Operational grants are grouped by focus/priority areas and assigned to a panel of external peer reviewers; Eligible Planning grants are grouped and reviewed together. A panel generally consists of two to four individuals with expertise, experience, and/or knowledge in the field of the proposed focus/priority area.
4. Peer reviewers read each assigned application and electronically submit strengths and weaknesses for each reviewed section. External reviewers assess applications based on the Program Design and Organizational Capability criteria only. Panels of external peer reviewers convene on a conference telephone call at a designated time to discuss each application, in detail. The call is facilitated by a ServeOhio staff member.
5. All eligible grant applications (Continuation, New, Re-competing and Planning) are reviewed by ServeOhio staff including (at minimum) the Program Development and Evaluation Officer, the AmeriCorps Compliance Officer, and the AmeriCorps Grants Officer. ServeOhio staff reviews all

elements of the application including the submitted supplemental information and convenes to discuss each eligible application and provide strengths and weaknesses based on the application criteria. Past performance and compliance of former and current grantees are taken into consideration during the staff review.

6. After staff and peer review, a Clarification Period occurs allowing the applicant to provide additional/clarifying information, if requested. A request for clarification does not guarantee an application will or will not be approved for funding.
7. Based upon all information collected, ServeOhio staff present recommended applications to the Executive Director who makes final determination for funding recommendations to the Commissioners of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism at a public meeting. The Commission members have the opportunity to discuss each application and vote to approve or not approve the recommendations presented.
8. ServeOhio submits the approved applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) by the established deadline. The application submission to CNCS is final.
9. The ServeOhio staff and peer review discussion and feedback is summarized and forwarded to non-funded/non-selected applicants within ninety days of non-selection notification.
10. Important considerations: (a) compliance with regulations and policies by current grantees does not automatically mean continued funding; (b) noncompliance issues and past performance of current and former grantees are taken into funding considerations; and (c) clarification requests, if applicable, are made of applicants before final recommendations to the Commissioners of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism.

External Peer Review

The external peer review is a required element of the Ohio AmeriCorps competitive application process. The peer review process is used in conjunction with the staff review and provides feedback to applicants. Peer Reviewers do not make decisions whether applications should be funded, but instead provide ServeOhio an assessment of the quality of applications as whole and particular aspects of each application. External peer review results are considered in clarification requests and funding recommendations.

For each funding review process, individuals must apply and be selected as a Peer Reviewer. ServeOhio solicits applications with the intent of creating a diverse team of reviewers that includes community members and ServeOhio commissioners. Selection criteria for peer reviewers includes: a) expertise and knowledge in one or more focus area or funding priority, per the NOFO, b) experience with national service and/or volunteer engagement; c) previous grant writing and/or grant review experience; d) representation from diverse geographic areas and experiences; and d) real or perceived direct or indirect conflict of interest with the applicants.

Once selected, Peer Reviewers are required to attend an orientation and submit a Conflict of Interest Form for each review process. Orientation provides information about the application process, review procedures, Notice of Funding Opportunity and Application Instructions.



2015 Ohio AmeriCorps Application Summary

The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic participation through service and volunteering. CNCS—through its AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs—has helped to engage millions of citizens in meeting community and national challenges through service and volunteer action.

In order to maximize the impact of the public investment in national service, CNCS will provide grants to programs that demonstrate they will engage AmeriCorps members in an evidence-based or informed approach to provide a service intervention that will lead to the outcomes identified in their theory of change. Applicants shall provide supporting evidence that the proposed intervention is effective for the proposed population and community challenge.

The General Assembly established the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism (ServeOhio) in 1994. ServeOhio operates under authority pursuant to Section 121.40 of the Ohio Revised Code and is purposed specifically to administer grants in Ohio under the federal National & Community Service Trust Act of 1993. The primary duty of the commission is the administration of AmeriCorps programs.

ServeOhio is committed to supporting innovative AmeriCorps programs that focus on measurable outcomes within organizations that demonstrate the capacity and commitment for effective implementation. The policies and procedures established by ServeOhio are designed to guide the work of the commission and our grantees to ensure programmatic and fiscal compliance; effective utilization of resources; and the establishment of impactful AmeriCorps programs. Through a competitive process, ServeOhio invests in a diverse portfolio of AmeriCorps programs that address critical needs in the focus areas of education; economic opportunity; healthy futures; veterans and military families; environmental stewardship; and disaster services.

ServeOhio considers the following indicators of program success in making funding recommendations:

- Solid theory of change implemented through a strong program design focused on a compelling community need
- High-quality applications that are complete, well-written and follow the guidelines
- Geographic distribution of resources across Ohio
- Past performance and success with a focus on impact and evaluation
- Organizational capacity including fiscal, administrative and leadership
- Staff and peer review feedback and scores
- Commitment to National Service as a solution
- Established ServeOhio and CNCS priorities and focus areas

We are pleased to share with you the recommendations for expenditure of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism Ohio AmeriCorps Formula allocation for program years 2015-2016.

ServeOhio received 17 applications requesting \$4,241,696 which included three recompetete, three new and eleven continuation requests. The following pages summarize the applications and includes the Formula recommendations totaling **\$3,974,506** to support **15** programs that will allow, at minimum, **413** individuals the opportunity to serve as Ohio AmeriCorps members. The recommendations include expanding two recompetete programs.

Five Ohio organizations have been awarded **\$2,333,676** in 2015 Competitive funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service. A summary of the Competitive programs is included.

Total anticipated Ohio appropriations for program years 2015-2016 from CNCS is **\$6,308,182 to engage, at minimum, 775 individuals.**

2015 Ohio AmeriCorps Funding Priorities

Funding priorities have been identified through the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). CNCS establishes the national priorities for AmeriCorps State & National funding and 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
- Veterans and Military Families
- Healthy Futures
- Environmental Stewardship
- Disaster Services

Throughout this competitive Formula process, we remained concentrated on high quality and detailed proposals designed to meet critical community needs within the following focus areas:

- Economic Opportunity -- increasing economic opportunities for communities, specifically opportunity youth focused on career and education plans, both as the population served and as AmeriCorps members.
- Environment -- 21st Century Service Corps.
- Governor and Mayor Initiatives.
- Local or regional consortium that demonstrate measureable and collective impact and primarily serve communities with limited resources and organizational infrastructure including rural and other underserved communities.
- Programming that supports My Brother's Keeper.

Additionally, we have continued our attention on the member service roles to ensure individuals will have a significantly positive, life-changing experience while having a direct impact with service recipients.

The application review process is detailed within the 2015 ServeOhio Grant Review Process document.

2015 CNCS COMPETITIVE ALLOCATIONS

City Year Cleveland

At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing in-class and school climate support to benefit 1,200 students and targeted tutoring and mentoring to 450 students that improves in attendance, behavior, English and/or math. In addition the AmeriCorps members will leverage 175 volunteers that will be engaged in periodic physical service projects to benefit partner schools.

- Project Name: City Year Cleveland
- Service Area(s): Cleveland, Cuyahoga County
- Focus Area(s): Education – Engagement and Academic Improvement
- Request: \$560,284; 50 Full-time MSY
- Match: \$560,284
- Cost Per MSY: \$11,205
- 2014 Current Funding: 50 Full-Time MSY at \$12,500 cost per MSY, \$625,000

City Year Columbus

City Year Columbus proposes to have 36 full-time AmeriCorps members who will provide academic services that support students in staying in school and on track to graduation in 4 Columbus public schools. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing in-class and school climate support to benefit 800 students and targeted tutoring and mentoring to 360 students that improves in attendance, behavior, English and/or math. In addition the AmeriCorps members will leverage 450 volunteers that will be engaged in periodic physical service projects to benefit partner schools.

- Project Name: City Year Columbus
- Service Area(s): Columbus, Franklin County
- Focus Area(s): Education – Engagement and Academic Improvement
- Request: \$403,405; 36 Full-time MSY
- Match: \$403,405
- Cost Per MSY: \$11,205
- 2014 Current Funding: 36 Full-Time MSY at \$13,000 cost per MSY, \$468,000

College Now Greater Cleveland

College Now Greater Cleveland will have 70 AmeriCorps members who will deliver programs and counseling on college and career exploration and financial education to 6th through 12th graders and facilitate successful postsecondary transitions, persistence and ongoing financial education with high school graduates in 10 diverse Ohio communities. At the end of the 1st program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for ensuring that 7,000 of the students they serve complete at least one advising session and one milestone on their path to a postsecondary education. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 560 volunteers who will be engaged in the five national service days that members will lead and implement.

- Project Name: Ohio College Guides
- Service Area(s): Statewide

- Focus Area(s): Education - College Access and College Persistence
- Request: \$896,000; 70 Full-time MSY
- Match: \$649,131
- Cost Per MSY: \$12,800
- 2014 Current Funding: Same levels

Rural Action

Rural Action will engage twenty-six AmeriCorps members who will build on a highly successful seventh year of the Ohio Stream Restore Corp to restore watersheds, improve natural assets through trails and clean ups, provide environmental education, and promote a regional development and tourism strategy built on these assets across the coal mining region of Appalachian Ohio. AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improved, more visible, and cleaner natural sites on public and private lands, stronger partnerships, environmental education and volunteer engagement.

- Project Name: Ohio Stream Restore Corp
- Service Areas: North, Central and Southeast Appalachia Ohio
- Focus Area(s): Environmental Stewardship/Environmental Literacy
- Request: \$329,987; 26 Full-time MSY
- Match: \$160,664
- Cost Per MSY: \$12,691
- 2014 Current Funding: Same levels

Teach for America

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.

- Project Name: Teach for America - Ohio
- Service Area(s): Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Lorain and Montgomery Counties
- Focus Area(s): Education - K-12 Success; Teacher/Professional Corps
- Request: \$144,000; 180 Full-time MSY
- Match: N/A; Fixed-Cost grant
- Cost Per MSY: \$800
- 2014 Current Funding: Same levels

2015 FORMULA FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMPETING APPLICATIONS

Educational Service Center of Central Ohio

The Educational Service Center of Central Ohio proposes to have 120 half-time AmeriCorps members (60 MSY) who will provide ongoing one-on-one and small group literacy intervention for students in kindergarten through grade three who have not met grade level reading proficiency. Literacy intervention, known as O-R-C Read! will take place in targeted schools in 25 districts located in Delaware, Franklin, Ross, and Union Cuyahoga, Lorain, and Mahoning and Montgomery counties. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing intervention to a minimum of 1,800 students, who will demonstrate growth in reading proficiency. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 80 volunteers who will be engaged in contributing to program-planned service projects aimed at involving community members in service.

- Project Name: Ohio Reading Corps
- Service Area: Central, Northeast and Southwest Ohio in 25 school districts
- Focus Area and/or Funding Priority: Education – Third Grade Reading Guarantee/My Brother's Keeper
- Request: \$797,937; 60 MSY; 120 Half-Time Members
- Match: \$479,998
- Cost Per MSY: \$13,299
- 2014 Current Funding: Same as 2015 request
- Points Earned: 65% Combined; 68% Peer, 53% Staff

Ohio Association of Community Colleges

Forty AmeriCorps members will provide hands-on guidance and assistance to 8,000 community college students on 16 campuses in Ohio. At the end of the three-year project period, it is expected that those served will demonstrate higher credit hour accumulation, higher persistence rates, and higher college completion rates compared to those not provided intensive college completion coaching.

- Project Name: AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches
- Service Area: Statewide; 16 community colleges
- Focus Area and/or Funding Priority: Education – College Access and Success
- Request: \$519,840; 40 Full-Time MSY
- Match: \$305,298
- Cost Per MSY: \$12,996
- 2014 Current Funding: 26 Full-Time MSY
- Points Earned: 70% Combined; 68% Peer, 78% Staff

Ohio University

Ohio University proposes to have 23 AmeriCorps members who will make sustainable changes in Southeast Ohio to address unmet health needs by partnering with schools, government and non-profit agencies, and local universities in Athens and Washington Counties. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for conducting 1,200 presentations that engage the community in nutrition, gardening, healthy food access and physical activity. Members will also conduct 10,000 screenings for vision,

hearing, lice, preschool and kindergarten registration and immunization compliance. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 600 volunteers who will be engaged in assisting with Live Healthy Kids classrooms, helping in gardens, helping with programming, volunteering for service projects and mentoring youth.

- Project Name: COMCorps
- Service Area: Southeast Ohio – Athens and Washington Counties
- Focus Area and/or Funding Priority: Regional Consortium focusing on Healthy Futures
- Request: \$302,244; 23 Full-Time MSY
- Match: \$307,270
- Cost Per MSY: \$13,141
- 2014 Current Funding: 20 Full-Time MSY
- Points Earned: 72% Combined; 71% Peer, 75% Staff

NEW OPERATIONAL APPLICATION

University Hospitals Cleveland

University Hospitals Case Medical Center (UHCMC) proposes to have 10 AmeriCorps members who will provide behavioral counseling interventions to patients in Cleveland, Ohio. Members will coach patients to follow their personal health plans in order to reduce hospital readmissions. As well, members will also train, supervise and lead teams of volunteers. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for coaching 1,260 patients. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage thirty Cleveland State University interns, and 60 student volunteers who will be engaged in coaching an additional 840 patients.

- Project Name: AmeriCorps SUPER Coach Program
- Focus Area and/or Funding Priority: Healthy Futures – Access to Care
- Service Area: Cuyahoga County
- Request: \$137,299; 10 Full-Time MSY
- Match: \$46,960
- Cost Per MSY: \$13,730
- Points Earned: 73% Combined; 73% Peer, 72% Staff

CONTINUATION REQUESTS

American Red Cross of Greater Columbus

AmeriCorps members will provide community disaster education, disaster preparedness, volunteer recruitment and training in local communities across Ohio. Members will be trained as leaders so they can then provide training to other AmeriCorps members and volunteers to be deployed. Members will also work with our Services to Armed Forces (SAF) program where they will provide volunteer recruitment, case management, community outreach and education to the military members, SAF veterans and their families.

- Project Name: Ohio Response and Preparedness Corps
- Service Area(s): Central, Southeast and Northwest Ohio

- Focus Area(s): Disaster Preparedness; Veterans and Military Families
- Request: \$245,779; 20 Full-time MSY
- Match: \$237,009
- Cost Per MSY: \$12,289

Community Properties Impact Corporation

Community Properties Impact Corporation will have sixteen AmeriCorps Members who will assist with and enhance evidence-based, home- and community-based interventions to improve school readiness in Columbus, Ohio among children living in subsidized housing. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps Members will be responsible for increased school readiness, specifically early literacy skills. The program will provide career readiness skills for members within their communities. In addition, the AmeriCorps Members will leverage an additional 25 volunteers that will be engaged in an annual volunteer day.

- Project Name: CPO Bright Stars
- Service Area(s): Columbus
- Focus Area(s): Education and Economic Opportunity
- Request: \$133,000; 10 MSY, 4 Full-Time and 12 Half-Time Slots
- Match: \$116,034
- Cost Per MSY: \$13,300

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Thirty AmeriCorps members will create a rural volunteer health corps that provides rural, economically disadvantaged middle through high school youth with academic and career support through the utilization of a service learning model. The AmeriCorps members will establish and deliver a Health Professions Affinity Community (HPAC) service-learning based curriculum to provide academic and career skill support necessary for students to obtain a sustainable career in the health care industry.

- Project Name: Rural Health Corps
- Service Area(s): Ashtabula, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Holmes, Jefferson, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, and Tuscarawas Counties
- Focus Area(s): Education, Economic Opportunity
- Request: \$262,608; 20 MSY - 10 Full-time and 20 Half-time slots
- Match: \$125,850
- Cost Per MSY: \$13,130

Ohio Historical Society

The Ohio History Service Corps is centered on partnering with local history and historic preservation organizations to build much-needed organizational and community education outreach capacity; and building economic development opportunity through the preservation of Ohio's historic property resources. AmeriCorps members will leverage volunteers and build capacity for local history organizations across the state of Ohio

- Project Name: Ohio History Service Corps

- Service Area(s): Statewide
- Focus Area(s): Capacity Building; Economic Opportunity
- Request: \$128,915; 10 Full-time MSY
- Match: \$67,401
- Cost Per MSY: \$12,892

Santa Maria Community Services

Fifteen full-time AmeriCorps members will leverage volunteers to provide adult education and tutoring as well as school and community-based health education and services in Cincinnati, Ohio. Members will provide adults with tutoring and GED attainment with housing and employment services. As well, some members will provide health education and access to health services.

- Project Name: Project Advance
- Service Area(s): Cincinnati, Ohio
- Focus Area(s): Education, Adult Literacy; Healthy Futures
- Request: \$198,661; 15 Full-time MSY
- Match: \$138,562
- Cost Per MSY: \$13,244

Sinclair Community College

AmeriCorps members will serve as Member Service Coordinators in school based, after school and community based programs offering K-12 youth (one-to-one and group) mentoring and support services. The anticipated outcome is for 600 K-12 youth to receive mentor support in order prevent high school dropout within Dayton, Ohio and Montgomery County.

- Project Name: Mentoring Collaborative of Montgomery County AmeriCorps Program
- Service Area(s): Montgomery County; Primarily Dayton
- Focus Area(s): Education - K-12 Success, Mentoring
- Request: \$259,229; 20 Full-time MSY
- Match: \$139,994
- Cost Per MSY: \$12,961

State Library of Ohio

The State Library of Ohio's Guiding Ohio Online AmeriCorps program will deploy 10 full-time and 20 part-time AmeriCorps members who will provide computer instruction and digital literacy training in public libraries that serve rural Ohio communities. The AmeriCorps members will be responsible for showing the number of economically disadvantaged individuals who have improved knowledge and/or skills as a result of the training they received. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage additional volunteers that will be engaged in assisting the AmeriCorps members with training and supplementing existing training.

- Project Name: Guiding Ohio Online
- Service Area(s): Northwest, Northeast and Southeast Ohio
- Focus Area(s): Education; Economic Opportunity
- Request: \$265,575; 20 MSY (10 Full-time, 20 Half-time)

- Match: \$84,956
- Cost Per MSY: \$13,279

United Way of Greater Toledo

Twenty AmeriCorps members will serve in two high poverty, low performing learning communities providing evidenced-based support and coordinating community resources to help vulnerable 490- 620 high-risk 6th - 8th grade students defined as economically disadvantaged who have demonstrated one or more indicators for dropping out of school: poor attendance, behavior problems, and/or below grade-level performance on state performance measures. At the end of the 11-month program period: 50% of students identified with poor attendance history will increase their attendance by 50%, 50% of students identified as not meeting grade-level course standards will increase their performance on standardized tests; and students with identified behavioral problems will decrease their number of suspensions.

- Project Name: United Way AmeriCorps Graduation Coaches
- Service Area(s): Toledo
- Focus Area(s): Education; K-12 Success
- Request: \$264,898; 20 Full-time MSY
- Match: \$141,612
- Cost Per MSY: \$13,245

University of Dayton

The University of Dayton will have thirty-two AmeriCorps members who will provide services in: tutoring and GED preparation that lead to GED completion; guidance in applying for and matriculating in post-secondary coursework; soft skills related to employability and job retention; personal finance; employment mentoring; and self-care that supports health, wellness, and positive social outcomes. AmeriCorps Members will be responsible for: improved job readiness; helping homeless youth transition to stable housing; improved personal skills (nutrition, personal finance, positive outlook) that support self-sufficiency; enrollment in post-secondary education; gainful employment on the part of opportunity youth; and improved self-sufficiency.

- Project Name: Youth Economic Self Sufficiency (YESS)
- Service Areas(s): Dayton and Kettering, Ohio
- Focus Area(s): Economic Opportunity, Financial Literacy, Employment
- Request: \$139,330; 10.3 MSY/32 slots – Full, Part, Quarter and Minimum-Time
- Match: \$58,742
- Cost Per MSY: \$13,295

University Settlement

NEO Skill Corps will have fourteen AmeriCorps members provide direct instruction of financial literacy and basic skills development for adults facing barriers to employment, advancement, and postsecondary education. Members will serve at host sites that provide workforce training, employment and/or financial planning assistance in Cleveland, Ohio. AmeriCorps Member will be responsible for enhancing clients' knowledge of financial concepts and skills. AmeriCorps Members will assist clients in improving their literacy levels to increase completion rates of low-literacy adults enrolled in job readiness programs.

- Project Name: NEO Skill Corps
- Service Area(s): Cleveland
- Focus Area(s): Education: Financial Literacy, Adult Education, Job Training
- National Performance Measure(s): O1, O2 and O9
- Request: \$146,288; 11 MSY – 8 Full-time and 6 Half-time slots
- Match: \$82,500
- Cost Per MSY: \$13,299

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation

Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation (YNDC) will have ten AmeriCorps members who will a) clean up and conduct landscaping work on vacant lots and develop manageable long-term reuse strategies with neighborhood residents and stakeholders, b) board and secure vacant and blighted structures to make them safe and preserve them for possible rehabilitation, c) make repairs to low-income owner-occupied households to help sustain affordable homeownership in the city to help them build wealth, and d) conduct repair and rehabilitation work in partnership with trained YNDC staff to create high quality affordable housing opportunities in Youngstown, Ohio. This work will be completed in accordance with neighborhood stabilization and revitalization plans.

- Project Name: YNCD REVITALIZE
- Service Area(s): Youngstown
- Focus Area(s): Economic Opportunity
- Request: \$172,903; 13 Full-time MSY
- Match: \$88,953
- Cost Per MSY: \$13,300

ADDITIONAL FORMULA REQUESTS

Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati, Inc.

Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati proposes to have 16 MSY AmeriCorps members who will engage in community building activities to promote the social connectivity of people with developmental disabilities in Hamilton County, OH. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for completing 16 series-long learning modules, increasing citizen engagement in focus neighborhoods, and organizing ongoing community projects that promote inclusion. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 100 volunteers who will engage in community projects alongside a person with developmental disabilities with common interests as the community volunteers.

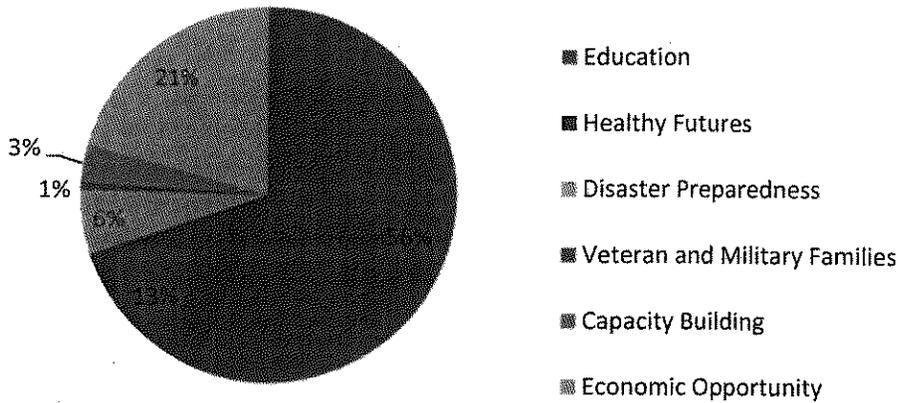
- Project Name: Project Greenlight
- Service Area(s): Cincinnati, Ohio
- Focus Area(s): Healthy Futures – Aging in Place
- Request: \$216,665; 16 Full-time MSY
- Match: \$78,095
- Cost Per MSY: \$13,542
- Points Earned: 51% Combined; 54% Peer, 39% Staff

Institute for Youth Development and Excellence

This planning grant will be utilized to develop an AmeriCorps program which will engage AmeriCorps members to mentor all students at Virtual High School in order to transform the environment of the school such that every student will feel nurtured and in turn seek to improve themselves and their surroundings. Members will address the needs of the students. The teachers will be positively impacted as their students become more engaged. The residential and business community around the school will be positively impacted due to the multitude of community service projects which will be initiated. Measurable results will include increasing high school graduation rates to 70%, increasing overall GPA by 0.5 points, achieving 3000 community service hours and decreasing discipline issues and truancy rates by 70%.

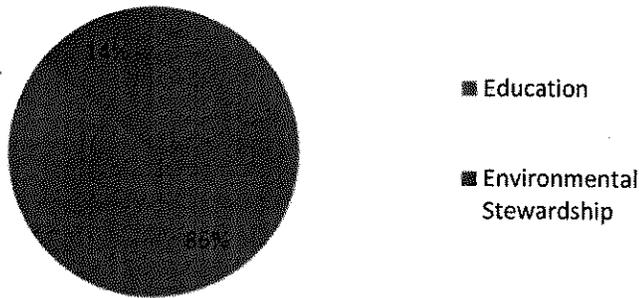
- Project Name: Mentor Development
- Service Area(s): Cincinnati, Ohio
- Focus Area(s): Education – Mentoring
- Request: \$50,468
- Match: \$21,119
- Cost Per MSY: N/A
- Points Earned: 37% Combined; 44% Peer, 33% Staff

2015 Ohio Formula Focus Areas



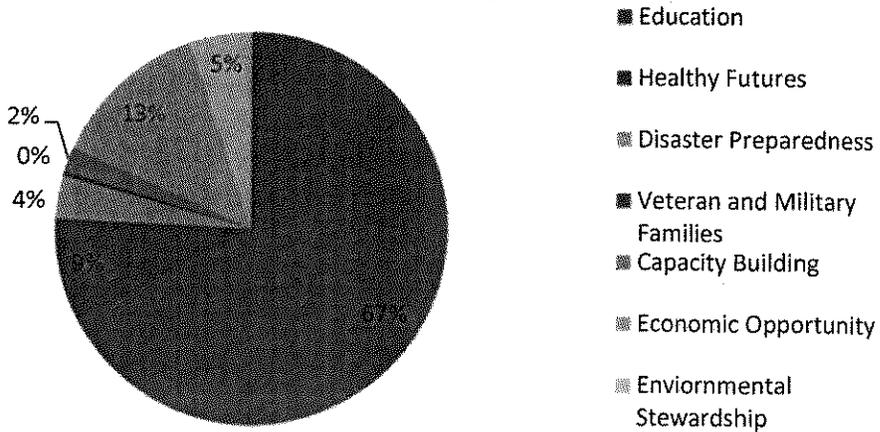
\$3,974,506 302 MSY 413 Slots 15 Programs

2015 Ohio Competitive Focus Areas



\$2,333,676 362 MSY 362 Slots 5 Programs

2015 Ohio AmeriCorps Portfolio Focus Areas



\$6,308,182 664 MSY 775 Slots 20 Programs

Applicant	Request	MSY	Slots	Focus Area	Cost Per MSY	Status	Recommended For Funding
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio	\$797,937	60	120	Education - K-3 Success	\$13,299	Recompete	Yes
Institute of Youth Development and Excellence	\$50,468	0	0	Education-Mentoring	\$0	New Planning	No
Ohio Association of Community Colleges	\$519,840	40	40	Education - College Access & Success	\$12,996	Recompete	Yes
Ohio University	\$302,244	23	23	Healthy Futures	\$13,141	Recompete	Yes
University Hospitals Cleveland	\$137,299	10	10	Healthy Futures - Access to Care	\$13,730	New Operational	Yes
Total Requests	\$1,807,788	133	193				
Total Recommendations	\$1,757,320	133	193				
Applicant	Request	MSY	Slots	Focus Area	Cost Per MSY	Status	Continuation Status
American Red Cross of Greater Columbus	\$245,779	20	20	Disaster Preparedness/Veterans & Military Families	\$12,289	Continuation	Year 3
Community Properties Impact Corporation	\$133,000	10	16	Education - Kindergarten Readiness/Economic Opportunity - Career Readiness	\$13,300	Continuation	Year 2
Northeast Ohio Medical University	\$262,608	20	30	Education - School Success	\$13,130	Continuation	Year 3
Ohio Historical Society	\$128,915	10	10	Capacity Building - Volunteer Engagement	\$12,892	Continuation	Year 3
Santa Maria Community Services	\$198,661	15	15	Economic Opportunity - Adult Education/Healthy Futures - Access to Care	\$13,244	Continuation	Year 2
Sinclair Community College	\$259,229	20	20	Education - Mentoring	\$12,961	Continuation	Year 3
State Library of Ohio	\$265,575	20	30	Economic Opportunity - Digital Literacy	\$13,279	Continuation	Year 2
United Way of Greater Toledo	\$264,898	20	20	Education - School Success	\$13,245	Continuation	Year 3
University of Dayton	\$139,330	10.48	32	Economic Opportunity - Financial Literacy/ Youth Opportunity Corps	\$13,295	Continuation	Year 2
University Settlement	\$146,288	11	14	Economic Opportunity - Financial Literacy	\$13,299	Continuation	Year 2
Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation	\$172,903	13	13	Economic Development - Opportunity Youth/Neighborhood Revitalization	\$13,300	Continuation	Year 2
Total Continuations	\$2,217,186	169.5	220				
Total Formula Allocations	\$3,974,506	302	413				

2013-2014 Past Performance for
2015 Recompete Applicants

2015 Recompete Applicant	Member Retention	Member Enrollment	MSY	Volunteer Engagement Measure (Actual/Target)	Member Intervention Performance Measure(s) (Actual/Target)	Comments
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio	67%	116%	42	Unmet: 48/84 volunteers contributed 83/84 hours for literacy and school service projects	Met: 1725/840 students enrolled in the program. 951/630 students completed the program. 452/378 students met grade-level reading benchmarks or improved more than one year's worth of growth.	2014 current retention: 77%
Ohio Association of Community Colleges	82%	108%	25	Met: 357/200 volunteers contributed 927/400 hours for campus and community service projects	Met: Members coached 3552/2200 community college students; 1469/467 achieved first year expected credits	2014 current retention: 90%
Ohio University	95%	100%	20	Partially Met: 717/550 volunteers contributed 6714/8000 hours towards nutrition and health education activities	Partially Met: Members conducted 15941/12000 health screenings; 860/1000 referrals which provided 488/500 healthcare needs met	2014 current retention: 95%
					Met: Members provided 1283/1200 food access and nutrition presentations with 571/500 children reporting an increase in nutrition education and 213/200 parents citing improved nutrition behavior at home	



Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism
Thursday, June 11, 2015

AGENDA

10AM	Ethics Training BWC Auditorium/William Green Building 30 West Spring Street Columbus, OH 43215
12PM	Lunch – On Your Own
1PM	Commission Meeting Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts 77 South High Street, 31 st Floor, South A Columbus, OH 43215
1PM	Call to Order
	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of 3/12/15 Commission Meeting Minutes • Recognition of New ServeOhio Commissioners and Staff • Executive Director Report • Public Comment (5-minute limit)
2PM	Discussion and Approval of AmeriCorps Formula Grants <u>Grant Submissions to ServeOhio</u> <u>Formula – Re-Competes</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio University • Educational Service Center of Central Ohio • Ohio Association of Community Colleges <u>Formula – New Operational</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starfire Council of Greater Cincinnati (Current Planning Grant) • University Hospitals Case Medical Center <u>Formula – Planning</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institute of Youth Development and Excellence <u>Formula – Continuation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ohio Historical Society • American Red Cross of Greater Columbus • University Settlement • Santa Maria Community Services • Sinclair Community College (Montgomery County Education Service Center) • Northeast Ohio Medical University • Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation • Community Properties Impact Corporation • State Library of Ohio • University of Dayton • United Way of Greater Toledo
3PM	Adjourn
3PM	Executive Committee

Upcoming Dates for 2015

9/10/15 ServeOhio Commission Meeting in Cincinnati/CityLink Center
10/1/15 2015 Ohio Conference on Service and Volunteerism/Quest Conference Center
11/12/15 & 11/13/15 ServeOhio Commission Retreat/Location TBD