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ServeOhio announces \$6.5 million in AmeriCorps grants to address critical community priorities

Grants support 21 community service initiatives throughout Ohio, keeping service local.

Columbus, OH. –ServeOhio, Ohio’s commission on service and volunteerism, awarded \$6.5 million in AmeriCorps grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). ServeOhio Commissioners and Executive Director William Hall announce that the grants support AmeriCorps service initiatives in local communities throughout Ohio, and provide data-driven results to help solve critical economic challenges. Nearly 600 AmeriCorps members at 21 programs will provide service that meets local community needs in areas of education, economic opportunity, healthy futures, veterans and military families, environmental stewardship and disaster services.

“This is a strong accomplishment for Ohio that will enable many Ohioans to continue to address critical economic challenges in their communities and keep service local,” Hall said. “Part of this funding is dedicated to the Ohio Reading Corps, which will help to ensure that our third grade children are reading to their full capacity.”

ServeOhio’s AmeriCorps portfolio invests 61% of funding - \$3.9 million - to support academic achievement. 70 Ohio Reading Corps members will provide literacy interventions to 1,200 Pre-K – 3rd students. 22 College Completion Corps members will serve 2,200 students at community colleges across Ohio. These members will provide intense coaching and connect students to resources to improve course completion.

AMVETS Career Center, a returning AmeriCorps sub-grantee, is dedicated to providing employment services to Veterans. 24 members will provide over 500 Veterans with employment services, including assisting them with career assessments, training opportunities, and development of tools such as resume-writing and interviewing skills.

The following agencies and organizations were selected to receive funding through the ServeOhio grant competition:

- American Red Cross of Greater Columbus (*Central Ohio*)
- AMVETS Career Center (*Statewide*)

- Big Brothers Big Sisters Association of Central Ohio (*Central Ohio*)
- Children’s Hunger Alliance (*Statewide*)
- City Year Cleveland (*Cuyahoga County*)
- City Year Columbus (*Franklin County*)
- Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (*Central Ohio and Cuyahoga County*)
- The Literacy Cooperative (*Cuyahoga County*)
- Montgomery County Education Service Center (*Montgomery County*)
- Ohio Association of Community Colleges (*Statewide*)
- Ohio Association of Food Banks (*Statewide*)
- Ohio College Access Network (*Statewide*)
- Ohio Historical Society (*Statewide*)
- Ohio State University – Office of Sponsored Programs (*Statewide*)
- Ohio University (*Athens County*)
- Partnerships Make a Difference (*Central Ohio*)
- Richland County Job and Family Services (*Richland County*)
- Rural Action (*Southeast Ohio*)
- United Way of Greater Toledo (*Lucas County*)
- Urban Appalachian Council (*Hamilton County*)
- YWCA of Columbus (*Central Ohio*)

Throughout the nation, AmeriCorps programs engage more than 80,000 individuals in intensive, results-driven service each year through more than 14,000 organizations across the country. Upon completion of 1,700 hours of service, AmeriCorps members earn a \$5,550 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to help pay for college or pay back student loans. Since 1994, more than 775,000 AmeriCorps members have given one billion hours of service in their communities. Among other accomplishments, AmeriCorps members last year mobilized 3.4 million community volunteers, and tutored, mentored or served more than 3.5 million disadvantaged youth.

Interested individuals can learn about available service opportunities and apply online by visiting www.serveohio.org.

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ServeOhio, Ohio’s Governor-appointed commission on service and volunteerism, strengthens Ohio communities through service and volunteerism. Through programs and initiatives funded and supported by ServeOhio, thousands of Ohioans of all ages engage in and are recognized for their service. Interested participants may learn more about ServeOhio at www.serveohio.org, or find us on Facebook and Twitter.