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ServeOhio Announces \$6.7 Million in AmeriCorps Grants

800+ AmeriCorps members will serve over 1.1 million hours

Columbus, OH – ServeOhio, Ohio’s governor-appointed commission on service and volunteerism, awarded \$6.7 million in AmeriCorps grants to support over 800 AmeriCorps members in service initiatives throughout Ohio. AmeriCorps members will provide intensive service throughout the year to address locally-identified needs. The AmeriCorps members will be eligible for nearly \$4 million in education awards upon the successful completion of service to pay for future higher education or to pay back student loans.

Over 800 AmeriCorps members will serve at nearly 500 different sites across the state – providing interventions that improve local communities in the areas of education, economic opportunity, healthy futures and environmental stewardship. The majority of Ohio AmeriCorps members work directly with students in local schools – focusing on school readiness; Ohio’s Third Grade Reading Guarantee; high school completion; and guidance related to post-graduation career and education goals. ServeOhio works closely with local nonprofit organizations and governmental entities to structure evidence-based programming that builds the capacity of local entities to increase student achievement and bolster community-improvement objectives.

“National service is an essential part of the solution to many of the social challenges facing our communities,” ServeOhio Executive Director William Hall said. “These AmeriCorps members will meet pressing local needs and strengthen Ohio communities as they develop civic and leadership skills that will last a lifetime.”

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

- **City Year Cleveland** (*Cuyahoga County*) - \$560,284; 50 AmeriCorps Members
- **City Year Columbus** (*Franklin County*) - \$403,405; 36 AmeriCorps Members
- **College Now Greater Cleveland/Ohio College Guides** (*Statewide*) - \$896,000; 70 AmeriCorps Members
- **College Now Greater Cleveland/AmeriCorps Career Coaches** (*Cleveland*) - \$137,300; 10 AmeriCorps Members
- **Community Properties Impact Corporation** (*Franklin County*) – \$137,300; 16 AmeriCorps Members
- **Educational Service Center of Central Ohio/Ohio Reading Corps** (*Statewide*) - \$797,937; 120 AmeriCorps Members
- **Educational Service Center of Central Ohio/Ohio Math Corps** (*Central Ohio*) - \$137,300; 20 AmeriCorps Members
- **Food for Good Thought Vocational Support** (*Delaware County*) - \$23,245; Program Development Grant
- **Horizon Education Centers** (*Cuyahoga County*) - \$164,755; 12 AmeriCorps Members
- **Northeast Ohio Medical University** (*Northeast/East Ohio*) - \$452,565; 40 AmeriCorps Members
- **Ohio Association of Community Colleges** (*Statewide*) - \$430,418; 35 AmeriCorps Members
- **Ohio History Connection** (*Statewide*) - \$192,220; 14 AmeriCorps Members
- **Ohio University** (*Athens and Washington Counties*) - \$315,383; 24 AmeriCorps Members
- **Rural Action** (*Southeast Ohio*) - \$329,901; 26 AmeriCorps Members
- **Santa Maria Community Services** (*Southwest Ohio*) - \$219,680; 16 AmeriCorps Members

- **Sinclair Community College** (*Montgomery County*) - \$388,366; 30 AmeriCorps Members
- **Springfield Promise Neighborhood** (*Clark County*) - \$29,836; Program Development Grant
- **State Library of Ohio** (*Statewide*) - \$274,591; 29 AmeriCorps Members
- **Teach for America – Ohio** (*Cuyahoga, Hamilton, Montgomery Counties*) - \$87,000; 174 AmeriCorps Members
- **University Hospitals Cleveland** (*Cuyahoga County*) – \$137,126; 10 AmeriCorps Members
- **University of Dayton** (*Montgomery County*) – \$144,087; 39 AmeriCorps Members
- **University Settlement** (*Cuyahoga County*) – \$151,029; 13 AmeriCorps Members
- **Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation** (*Mahoning County*) – \$137,300; 10 AmeriCorps Members
- **Zoological Society of Cincinnati** (*Hamilton County*) - \$144,179; 14 AmeriCorps Members

For a complete description of each organization’s AmeriCorps program, visit www.serveohio.org.

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 \$5,775 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to help pay for college or pay back student loans. Since 1994, more than 1 million Americans have provided more than 1.2 billion hours of service to their communities and country through AmeriCorps and earned over \$2.4 billion in Education Awards.

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ServeOhio, Ohio’s Governor-appointed commission on service and volunteerism, strengthens Ohio communities through AmeriCorps and volunteer engagement. 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 on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

AmeriCorps is a national service program administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than 5 million Americans in service each year and administers United We Serve, the President’s call to service. Individuals can learn about available opportunities and apply online by visiting www.nationalservice.gov.