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# Service as a Solution: Introduction to ServeOhio



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Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism



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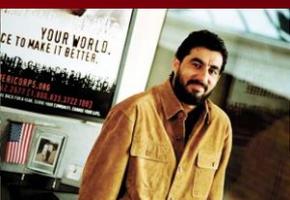
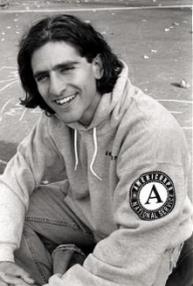
- Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism
- To strengthen Ohio communities through AmeriCorps and volunteer engagement.



# ServeOhio



- Purposed specifically to administer grants in Ohio under the federal National & Community Service Trust Act of 1993.
- Today, the largest of these grants (\$6.7 million) is the AmeriCorps program. Ohio currently has 24 partner organizations and nearly 800 AmeriCorps members leveraging millions in local public and private support.



# ServeOhio



- Administers AmeriCorps funding that targets areas of education, economic opportunity, healthy futures, veterans/military families, environmental stewardship and disaster services;
- Organizing local service initiatives around National Days of Service, including 9/11 Day of Remembrance, MLK Day and Make a Difference Day;
- Championing and convening volunteerism through the Annual Conference on Service and Volunteerism and ServeOhio Volunteer Awards.



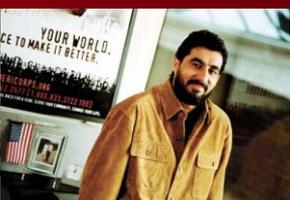
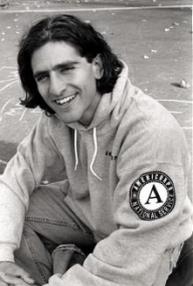
# What is AmeriCorps?

- A program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) that engages more than 70,000 Americans every year for a term of national service.  
[www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)
- CNCS is a federal agency that engages more than 4 million Americans in service through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, Volunteer Generation Fund and the Social Innovation Fund
- AmeriCorps Grants are provided to organizations to operate AmeriCorps programs to strengthen organizational capacity to meet a community need.
- National service program, a.k.a. “domestic Peace Corps”



# What is a state AmeriCorps program?

- Organizations design AmeriCorps programs & positions that address locally-identified compelling community needs by directly engaging AmeriCorps members and community volunteers.
- An AmeriCorps program must be in line with an organization's mission and enhance, augment or expand services.

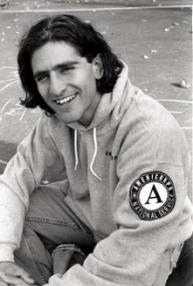


# What Can State AmeriCorps Programs Do?



AmeriCorps programs address diverse community needs including, but not limited to:

- Improving graduation rates.
- Reducing youth obesity.
- Increasing number of individuals receiving their GED's.
- Improving school performance and school readiness.
- Reducing homelessness/increasing access to safe & affordable housing.
- Increasing the number of public awareness/education programs around a particular topic (literacy, health, etc.).

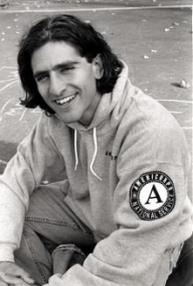


# How do they do it?

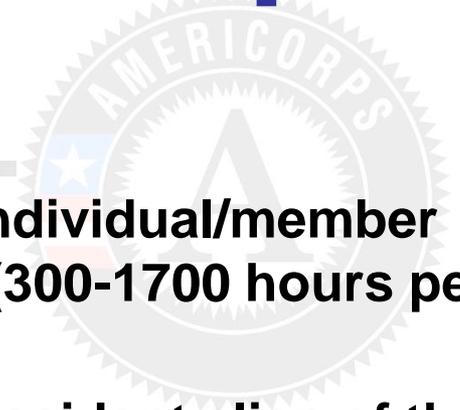


Apex to AmeriCorps programs are the AmeriCorps members who provide direct service activities that might include:

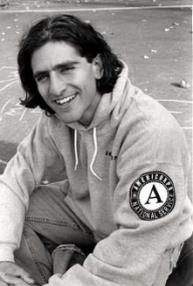
- ★ Tutoring/mentoring elementary students.
- ★ Connecting families to adequate healthcare.
- ★ Assisting families with securing safe/affordable housing.
- ★ Assisting veterans with seeking employment.
- ★ Providing educational enrichment programs for youth.
- ★ Developing and conducting environmental education programs.
- ★ Conducting community awareness programs.
- ★ Implementing nutrition and physical activity programs.



# What is a state AmeriCorps Member?



- ★ Not a volunteer or a staff person but an individual/member contracted for a term of national service (300-1700 hours per term).
- ★ U.S. citizen, national or legal permanent resident alien of the United States.
- ★ May have specific age requirements; must be 17 with no upper age limit
- ★ AmeriCorps members can receive an Eli Segal Education Award for successful completion of a term of service.
- ★ Most AmeriCorps members receive a modest living allowance, full-time members are eligible for health insurance, and some members may be eligible for childcare.
- ★ Must meet eligibility criteria - depends on the program.
- ★ Someone who gets things done in their community!



# AmeriCorps Members Get Things Done!

Activities/Services are provided by  
AmeriCorps members

Very different resource -  
human capital!



# Benefits of a State AmeriCorps Grant

- ★ Expands the capacity of organizations to meet identified critical community needs.
- ★ Entrance into a national network of organizations.
- ★ Allows organizations to recruit individuals from the community to serve as AmeriCorps members.
- ★ Members and volunteers gain a better understanding of community needs/challenges and how to solve them.
- ★ Community members who serve as AmeriCorps members gain skills, experience, and an Education Award to be used to further their education or repay student loans.



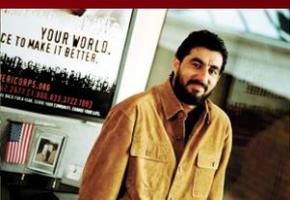
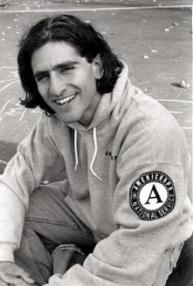
# ServeOhio Provides

- Access to training and technical assistance resources
- Site and monitoring visits
- Stakeholder Outreach
- Staff



# Is AmeriCorps a Right Fit?

- What is our capacity?
- Can we secure commitments
- Who are potential partners?
- What programs currently exist in our community
- What does the research say?
- How will we document success?
- Why AmeriCorps?



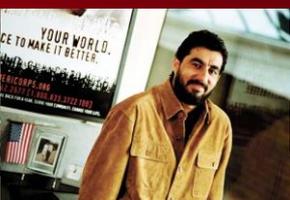
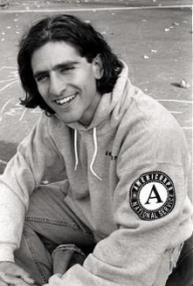
# Who is eligible to apply?

- **Nonprofit Organizations**
  - Community/Regional/Statewide
  - Faith-based
  - Secular
- **Government**
  - State/County/Local
  - Education
  - Districts, Collaborative, Higher Education



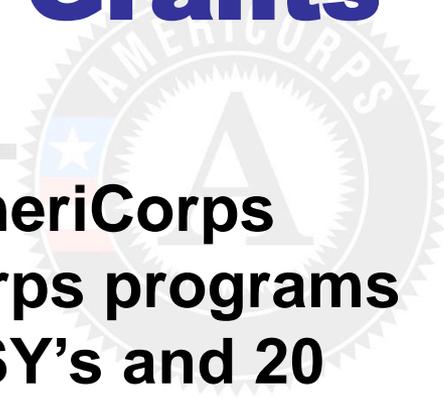
# AmeriCorps State Grants

- ★ Grants provide partial funding to support AmeriCorps projects/programs; funds are not for general organizational expenses.
- ★ Cost-Reimbursement Grants must contribute a portion of the total grant cost to support the project – 24%. Cash and in-kind resources.
- ★ Funds are directly tied to a specific number of members and are solely for program expenses, such as member living allowance and benefits, member and staff training, supervision, supplies, and evaluation.



# AmeriCorps State Grants

- ★ Grants include an allotment of AmeriCorps member positions. Ohio AmeriCorps programs must request a minimum of 10 MSY's and 20 slots.
- ★ Organizations that receive grants are responsible for recruiting, selecting, and supervising AmeriCorps members to serve in their programs.
- ★ AmeriCorps grants have required financial and programmatic reporting.



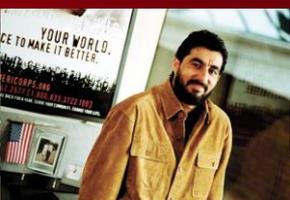
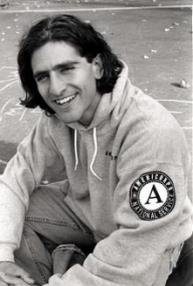
# 2017 Funding Priorities

- **Disaster Services** - improving community resiliency through disaster preparation, response, recovery, and mitigation
- **Economic Opportunity** - increasing economic opportunities for communities by engaging opportunity youth, either as the population served and/or as AmeriCorps members



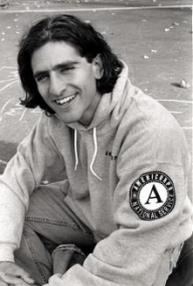
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- Education - improving student academic performance in Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Mathematics (STEM)
- Environment - 21st Century Service Corps
- Healthy Futures – Reducing and/or Preventing Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse



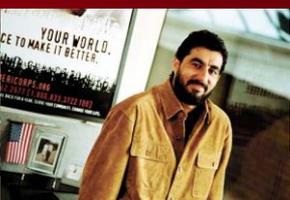
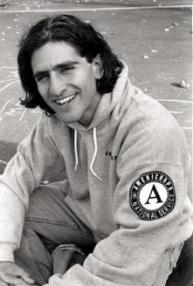
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- **Veterans and Military Families -- positively impacting the quality of life of veterans and improving military family strength**
- **Programming that supports My Brother's Keeper**



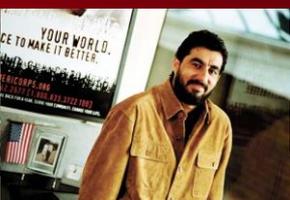
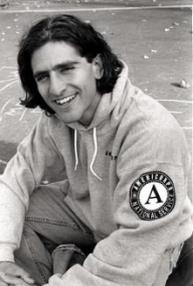
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- Multi-focus intermediaries that demonstrate measureable impact and primarily serve communities with limited resources and organizational infrastructure. i.e. rural and other underserved communities
- Safer communities
- Encore Programs



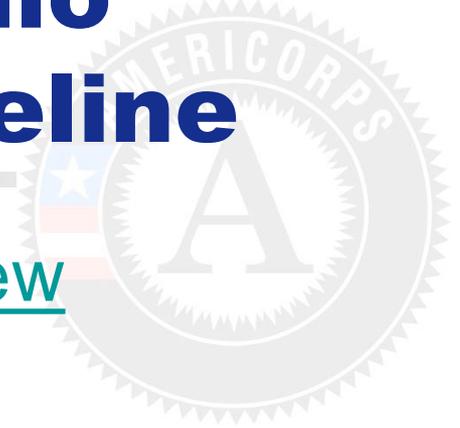
# FY17 Application Documents

- Found on our [Grants/Funding page](#)
- Notice of Funding Opportunity
- Application Instructions
- Mandatory Supplemental Guidance
- Intent to Apply – required!
- Financial Management Survey – required!



# 2017 ServeOhio Application Timeline

- AmeriCorps [Application Overview](#)
  - October 12 from 10-11:30am
- AmeriCorps [Budget Requirements](#)
  - October 19 from 10-Noon
- Grant Workshop in Columbus
  - November 1 from 12:30-4:00pm
- Intent to Apply due **November 14 @ 5pm**
- Applications due **December 2 @ 5pm**



**For More Information**

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