

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



Meeting Date: 04/11/2019

Meeting Location: Vern Riffe Center for Government & the Arts, 77 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215, 19th Floor, Room 1932.

In Attendance: Sheila Fox, Mary Jeter, Meghan Kaskoun, Amista Lipot, Susan Rogers, Matthew Rubin, Pandora Shaw-Dupras, Pamela Steurer, and Hannah Sublett. Ex Officio: Michele Reynolds. LeaderCorps Members: Eleni Kittakis, Lauren McClure, Cyrus Moore, Rayanne Pancoast, Tyler Poulakos, Debbie Soltisz Theo Peck-Suzuki, Mekdes Tsehaye, and Elaina Wilson. Staff: Mary Cannon, Ava Carvour, William Hall, Carrie Niino-Koontz, Meredith Pugh, Jennifer Sanders, Lisa Tope, Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss, Counsel: Lidia Moward.

Absent: Reverend Dr. Tokunbo Adelekan, Donald Bean, Michael Bertolone, Gary Cates, Jane Federer, John Habat, Charlotte Jones-Ward, Chris Shaffer, Brenda Stier-Anstine and Katy Will. Ex Officio: Tina Dunphy.

New Business

- Meeting was called to order by Secretary Steurer at 9:05 a.m. (Attachment 1)
- Welcome and Introductions
- Orientation for Legislative Meetings to include goals and objective of meeting, schedules, roles, talking points, and packet materials. (Attachment 2 - 11)
- Commission recessed at 10:00 A.m. to attend Legislative Meetings per assigned schedule followed by lunch and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.
- Review & Discussion of Legislative Visits
 - General Experience & Insights
 - What worked well and what needs work
 - Follow-up and Thank You cards
- It was moved by Kaskoun, seconded by Rubin, to approve the minutes of the prior meeting, which was distributed in advance. Motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

- Bill Hall updated Commissioners on current topics as summarized in his written presentation (Attachment 12)
 - Federal Budget Updates
 - State Budget Updates
 - Global Youth Service Day (Attachment 13)
 - 2019 ServeOhio Award Recipients (Attachment 14)
 - Skills-Based Volunteer Initiative
 - Financial Disclosure/Ethics Training Reminders
 - Commissioner Engagement Opportunities

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Announcements/Other Business

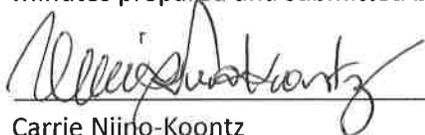
- Commission Meeting Visitor Log and Comments (Attachment 15)
- Next Commission Meeting 6/13/2019 at 10:00 AM – Ohio Conference on Service & Volunteerism – Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio – 31st Floor, Room West B & C.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM on a motion by Sublett, seconded by Fox, approved by acclamation.

Executive Committee Meeting

- No Executive Committee meeting was held.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:



Carrie Niino-Koontz

Director of Finance & Operations

Certified by:



Chair or Vice Chair

Approval Date:

13 June 2019

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ServeOhio Commission Meeting – 4/11/19
Vern Riffe Center for Government & the Arts
77 South High Street, Columbus, OH 43215
19th Floor, Room 1932

AGENDA	
9AM	Call to Order
9AM	Orientation for Legislative Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review Goals and Objective of Meetings• Review Meeting Schedules/Roles of Commissioners, Members & Staff• Review of Primary Talking Points & Packet Materials
10:30AM – 2:30PM	Legislative Meetings per Individual Schedule
	Lunch – On Your Own per Individual Schedule
2:30PM	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approval of 1/10/19 Commission Meeting Minutes• Review of Legislative Visits• Executive Director’s Report• Public Comment (5-minute limit)
4PM	Adjourn

ServeOhio Commission Meeting
6/13/19

National Volunteer Week
4/7/19 – 4/13/19

Global Youth Service Day
4/12/19 – 4/14/19

Skills-Based Volunteer Bootcamp
5/15/19 – 5/16/19

ServeOhio Day
6/21/19

April 2019

ServeOhio Legislative Outreach Day

Orientation Outline

➤ **Goals and Objectives of Meetings**

- Know ServeOhio – the role of the commission, AmeriCorps Members, and the impact of our programs.
- Make the meetings your own – take advantage of relationships, attendee knowledge, etc.
- Go off-script – make a connection – talk about what interests them.

➤ **Review the meeting grid and your individual meeting schedule; meeting leaders are designated.**

- ServeOhio staff can answer questions, enhance the discussion.
- Don't be afraid to say you don't know the answer now, but ServeOhio will follow-up with an answer. Include this information on the follow-up form.
- Many of the meetings are with aides – which is very often a good thing – they may know more about the issues and can make a connection given the legislator's priorities. ServeOhio is always willing to schedule a follow-up meeting – include this on the follow-up form.
- Be prepared for delays and changes in the schedule. Do not skip meetings.
 - Text Rebecca @ 614-843-6731 or Bill @ 614-507-5217 if you need someone to cover a meeting.

➤ **Review packet contents**

- Meeting Schedule
 - Legislator Profiles/Programs in their District
 - 2019 ServeOhio Impact Report/AmeriCorps Education Programs Detail Document
 - ServeOhio AmeriCorps Program Descriptions
 - Talking Points
 - District Maps
 - Statehouse Map
 - Follow-Up Forms
 - Thank You Cards
- House Members are in Riffe – Check-in with floor captain.
 - Senate Members are in the Statehouse – See map; ask at desk.
 - Extra Impact Reports for “surprise” visits during downtime or unexpected meeting attendees.
 - **Review Talking Points**
 - 2019 ServeOhio Impact Report and AmeriCorps Education Detail Document (as appropriate/requested)
 - AmeriCorps Member Testimonial
 - Potential opportunity to develop new AmeriCorps programming based on district needs, legislator interest.
 - Capture in follow-up form and ServeOhio staff will connect.
 - Volunteer Engagement – service project grants; professional development (Skills-Based Volunteerism, Annual Conference); volunteer recognition.
 - Review the budget numbers.
 - Thank them for their support of ServeOhio
 - Other connections:
 - Programs in District. Are they familiar? Would they like to visit? Capture in follow-up form.
 - Issues/priorities that may connect to our programming.
 - Knowledge of AmeriCorps – a friend or family member that may have been a member.
 - **Downtime – surprise visits, follow-up forms, thank you notes, lunch, networking, etc.**
 - **Questions. Advice from the veterans.**
 - **Relax and have fun!**

Legislative Day Schedule - MASTER

TIME	LEGISLATOR	MEETING LEAD	SUPPORT COMMISSIONERS	STAFF	MEMBER	PHONE	LOCATION	LEGISLATIVE AIDE	MEETING WITH
Block 1									
10:30 AM	Rep. Kennedy Kent/D-25	Elna Wilson	Pam Steurer	Ava Carvour	Mekdes Tsehaye	614-466-5343	Riffe, 10th Floor	Kaneela Dalton Paul	Kaneela Dalton Paul, LA
10:30 AM	Rep. Beth Liston/D-21	Sheila Fox	Michele Reynolds	Jennifer Sanders	Cyrus Moore	614-644-6030	Riffe, 10th Floor	Greta Frost	Rep. Liston
10:30 AM	Rep. Ron Hood/R-78	Theo Peck-Suzuki	Amista Lipot	Mary Cannon	Lauren McClure	614-466-1464	Riffe, 12th Floor	Robert Kinsley	Rep. Hood
10:30 AM	Rep. David Leland/D-22	Meredith Pugh	Meghan Kaskoun	William Hall	Tyler Poulakos	614-466-2473	Riffe, 10th Floor	Jonathan Martin	Rep. Leland
10:30 AM	Rep. Stephanie Howse/D-11	Debbie Soltisz	Hannah Sublett	William Hall	Eleni Kittakis	614-466-1414	Riffe, 11th Floor	Ashley Dulaney	Rep. Howse
Block 2									
11:00 AM	Rep. Bridgid Kelly/D-31	Hannah Sublett		Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss	Lauren McClure	614-466-5786	Riffe, 11th Floor	Hope Lane	Rep. Kelly
11:00 AM	Rep. Michelle Lepore-Hagan/D-58	Tyler Poulakos		William Hall	Rayanne Pancoast	614-466-9435	Riffe, 10th Floor	Ken Tursak	Rep. Lepore-Hagan
11:00 AM	Rep. Erica Crawley/D-26	Pam Steurer		Jennifer Sanders	Mekdes Tsehaye	614-466-8010	Riffe, 11th Floor	Autumn Mitchell	Autumn Mitchell, LA
11:00 AM	Rep. Don Jones/R-95	Mary Jeter	Amista Lipot	Meredith Pugh	Eleni Kittakis	614-644-8728	Riffe, 11th Floor	AJ Thomas	Rep. Jones
11:00 AM	Rep. Steve Hambley/R-69	Sheila Fox		William Hall	Debbie Soltisz	614-466-8140	Riffe, 11th Floor	Brandon Sgraves	Rep. Hambley
11:00 AM	Rep. Derek Merrin/R-47	Matt Rubin		William Hall	Debbie Soltisz	614-466-1731	Riffe, 13th Floor	James Kennedy	Rep. Merrin
Block 3									
11:30 AM	Rep. Sarah LaTourrette/R-76	Debbie Soltisz		William Hall	Tyler Poulakos	614-644-5088	Riffe, 13th Floor	Ben Cech	Ben Cech, LA
11:30 AM	Rep. Kris Jordan/R-67	Pam Steurer	Sheila Fox	Meredith Pugh	Mekdes Tsehaye	614-644-6711	Riffe, 11th Floor	Ron Puff	Rep. Jordan
11:30 AM	Sen. Bob Peterson/R-17	Pandora Shaw-Dupras	Mary Jeter	Meredith Pugh	Theo Peck-Suzuki	614-466-8156	1st Floor S. Rm. 138	Nicole Hoyer, Abigail Benjamin	Sen. Peterson
11:30 AM	Sen. Louis Terhar/R-8	Hannah Sublett	Meghan Kaskoun	Lisa Tope	Tyler Poulakos	614-466-8068	1st Floor S. Rm. 142	Brianna Miller, Emily Balzer	Legislative Staff
11:30 AM	Sen. Hearcel Craig/D-15	Elna Wilson		Mary Cannon	Cyrus Moore	614-466-5131	Ground Floor S. Rm. 056	Margaret Simmons, Jake Kramer	Sen. Craig
11:30 AM	Sen. Tina Maharath/D-3	Michele Reynolds	Susan Rogers	Ava Carvour	Debbie Soltisz	614-466-8064	Ground Floor S. Rm. 049	Cayla Burton, Eric Connolly	Sen. Maharath
Block 4									
12:00 PM	Sen. Sandra Williams/D-21	Eleni Kittakis	Matt Rubin	Jennifer Sanders	Rayanne Pancoast	614-466-4857	Ground Floor S. Rm. 052	Kierra Branch, Patrick Hunter	Legislative Staff
12:00 PM	Rep. Ryan Smith/R-93	Susan Rogers		Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss	Lauren McClure	614-466-2158	Riffe, 14th Floor	Grant Davis	Rep. Edwards
12:00 PM	Rep. Jay Edwards/R-94	Amista Lipot	Pam Steurer	Meredith Pugh	Cyrus Moore	614-644-7718	1st Floor S. Rm. 143	Elizabeth Cassell, Trent Champblin	Legislative Staff
12:00 PM	Sen. John Eklund/R-18	Debbie Soltisz	Pandora Shaw-Dupras	William Hall					
Block 5									
12:30 PM	Sen. Frank Hoagland/R-30	Mary Jeter	Meghan Kaskoun	Jennifer Sanders	Theo Peck-Suzuki	614-466-6508	1st Floor S. Rm. 134	Giovanna Lucciano, Regan Burke-Onda	Legislative Staff
Block 6									
1:00 PM	Rep. Kristin Boggs/D-18	Mary Cannon		William Hall	Cyrus Moore	614-466-1896	Riffe, 14th Floor	Kelly Harrop	Kelly Harrop, LA
1:00 PM	Rep. Louis Blessing/R-29	Rayanne Pancoast	Hannah Sublett	William Hall	614-466-9091	614-466-9091	Riffe, 13th Floor	Maria Rimmel	Maria Rimmel, LA
1:00 PM	Rep. Nino Vitale/R-85	Michele Reynolds		Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss	Tyler Poulakos	614-466-1507	Riffe, 12th Floor	Nasmi del Giudice	Legislative Staff
1:00 PM	Sen. Andy Brannmer/R-19	Pam Steurer	Susan Rogers	Lisa Tope	Elna Wilson	614-466-8086	Ground Floor N. Rm. 042	Allison Lawlor, McKenzie Watt	Legislative Staff
1:00 PM	Sen. Stephanie Kunze/R-16	Sheila Fox	Meghan Kaskoun	Ava Carvour	Mekdes Tsehaye	614-466-5981	1st Floor S. Rm. 137	Lisa Valentiné, Henry Thomas	Legislative Staff
Block 7									
1:30 PM	Sen. Rob McColley/R-1	Pandora Shaw-Dupras		Lisa Tope	Mekdes Tsehaye	614-466-8150	Ground Floor N. Rm. 040	Erin Froehlich, Kyle Probert	Legislative Staff
1:30 PM	Sen. Teresa Fedor/D-11	Matt Rubin		Ava Carvour	614-466-5204	614-466-5204	Ground Floor S. Rm. 057	Michaela Burriss, Chelsea Goltzman	Sen. Fedor
1:30 PM	Sen. Cecil Thomas/D-9	Meghan Kaskoun		Meredith Pugh	Lauren McClure	614-466-5980	2nd Floor S. Rm. 228	Cindy Peters, Tony DiMenna	Sen. Thomas
1:30 PM	Sen. Kristina Roegner/R-27	Susan Rogers		Mary Cannon	Debbie Soltisz	614-466-4823	Ground Floor N. Rm. 041	Joe Baker, Ryan Culross	Legislative Staff
1:30 PM	Rep. Jessica Miranda/D-28	Hannah Sublett	Michele Reynolds	Mary Cannon	Eleni Kittakis	614-466-8120	Riffe, 10th Floor	Thomas Horan	Thomas Horan, LA
1:30 PM	Sen. President Larry Obhof/R-22	William Hall		William Hall	Theo Peck-Suzuki	614-466-7790	2nd Floor Rm. 201	Tom Hancock, Ann Brubaker	Legislative Staff
Block 8									
2:00 PM	Rep. Scott Oelslager/R-48	Pam Steurer		Mary Cannon	Elna Wilson	614-752-2438	Riffe, 13th Floor	Allie Harris	Allie Harris, LA
2:00 PM	Speaker Larry Householder/R-72	William Hall	Mary Jeter	William Hall	Tyler Poulakos	614-466-8110	Riffe, 14th Floor	Daniel Cech	Daniel Cech, LA
2:00 PM	Rep. Gary Scherer/R-92	Pandora Shaw-Dupras		Jennifer Sanders	Eleni Kittakis	614-644-7928	Riffe, 12th Floor	Amanda McCoy	Rep. Scherer
2:00 PM	Rep. Paula Hicks-Hudson/D-44	Matt Rubin	Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss	Rebecca Verhoff-Kiss	Rayanne Pancoast	614-466-1401	Riffe, 14th Floor	Mychaela Holley	Rep. Hicks-Hudson
2:00 PM	Rep. Rick Carfagna/R-68	Sheila Fox	Michele Reynolds		Cyrus Moore	614-466-1431	Riffe, 13th Floor	Drew Cooper	Drew Cooper, LA

Talking Points for Legislative Visits – 4/11/19

Why are we here?

To (re)introduce ServeOhio, Ohio's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, discuss the role of the Commission and share our impact in local communities.

Team Introductions

Allow each member of the team to briefly introduce themselves and identify the constituency they represent as a commission member, AmeriCorps member, commission staff. Be sure to identify if a team member is constituent; highlight personal/professional connections, as applicable.

The Role of ServeOhio

Established in 1994, the **Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism** is charged with administering AmeriCorps programs and supporting volunteer engagement in Ohio. Federal legislation ensures that states have a key role in determining the allocation of national service resources via state service commissions. Your state service commission is the **Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism** – more commonly known as **ServeOhio**.

The commission's primary role is the funding and administration of AmeriCorps programs in Ohio. ServeOhio makes AmeriCorps local by working with Ohio communities to define critical needs and develop AmeriCorps programming as an intervention to address those critical needs. In addition, ServeOhio sets policy and program priorities; competitively awards grants to local organizations; provides training and technical assistance; monitors and evaluates grantees to ensure quality and compliance with federal and state laws.

What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Americans to make an intensive commitment to serve their communities as AmeriCorps "members" in projects developed to address locally-defined problems. ServeOhio supports AmeriCorps programs that increase academic achievement, expand economic opportunity, and improve health and environmental conditions.

A fulltime AmeriCorps Member serves 1,700 hours within in a 10-12 month service term – earning a modest living allowance and education award upon successful completion. ***In the current program year, over 900 AmeriCorps Members will provide 1.3 million hours of service at 500 service sites across Ohio.***

In addition to providing intensive service, AmeriCorps is a proven workforce development strategy – providing a pathway to employment for thousands of Ohioans over the past 25 years. ***This service year, Ohio AmeriCorps Members will receive over 130,000 hours of professional development and earn over \$4.6 million in education awards that can be used for post-secondary education or qualified student loans.***

AmeriCorps Member Testimonial

AmeriCorps Member provides a brief testimonial that will include information on why they joined AmeriCorps; a description of their AmeriCorps program; details on their service activity, service site and the beneficiaries of their service; impact of AmeriCorps on the community they serve; impact that AmeriCorps has had on them professionally and personally; their plans for the future post-service.

AmeriCorps Impact

Education is our number one funding priority. In the current year we are investing \$5.9 million in AmeriCorps programming to support students and increase academic achievement. ServeOhio mobilizes hundreds of AmeriCorps Members as tutors, coaches, mentors and teachers helping students succeed in school and gain skills necessary for 21st century jobs. This program year, our members will support over 24,000 students in education settings; 11,000 students will demonstrate improved academic performance. From kindergarten readiness to college completion – AmeriCorps Members are meeting local education needs critical for the economic and social well being of our state.

ServeOhio also funds AmeriCorps programming in the areas of economic opportunity and healthy futures. Providing instruction in support of GED preparation and financial literacy; reducing urban blight and creating safer neighborhoods; and increasing capacity in community learning centers and afterschool programming – AmeriCorps Members are providing opportunities and building security in some of Ohio’s most distressed communities. Working in emergency rooms to reduce and prevent opioid abuse; providing access to healthy foods; improving environmental assets; and creating a professional pipeline for long-term care ombudsmen – AmeriCorps Members are providing infrastructure to build a healthier Ohio.

AmeriCorps is a win-win-win scenario – intensive service addressing local problems, an effective approach to workforce development, and a proven mechanism to reduce higher education debt.

Strengthening and Supporting Volunteer Engagement

ServeOhio also works to increase the quantity and quality of community volunteer engagement throughout Ohio. Our National Days of Service Project Grants – MLK Day (January), Global Youth Service Day (April), ServeOhio Day (June) and Make A Difference Day (October) – provide over \$60,000 to support 60+ locally-defined community projects that engage thousands of volunteers.

Developing and sustaining high-quality volunteer programming is challenging work – ServeOhio engages volunteer administrators throughout the state in professional development that builds effective volunteer engagement practices. This year, ServeOhio is launching a skills-based volunteerism training program (ServeOhio SBV) that provides advanced training and ongoing support to Ohio nonprofits in the effective engagement of skilled volunteers in highly-defined projects to increase organizational capacity and impact.

The Numbers

ServeOhio is primarily funded by our federal grantor – the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). All of our AmeriCorps program funding -- \$8.7 million in the current program year supporting 900+ AmeriCorps Members – originates at CNCS and is distributed to state service commissions through a combination of formula and competitive processes. In addition, CNCS provides funding to ServeOhio to support the development and administration of AmeriCorps programming (Commission Support Grant and Commission Investment Fund) and to increase community volunteer engagement (Volunteer Generation Fund).

Both the Commission Support Grant and the Volunteer Generation Fund require match. ***The state budget, as introduced, includes \$307,176 in FY 2020 and \$305,971 FY 2021; such resources do not fully cover our required Commission Support Grant match of \$431,643 or our Volunteer Generation Fund match of \$105,061.*** With additional state resources, ServeOhio could do more to expand the utilization of AmeriCorps resources by developing new program models to address state and local priorities; increasing support of AmeriCorps Members via enhanced professional development opportunities; and incorporating new

strategies to strengthen community volunteer engagement. We believe that ServeOhio represents a good financial investment for the state – consistently returning \$30 in federal funding for every state dollar expended. But most importantly ServeOhio programming represents an effective strategy in addressing critical local issues and building civic engagement.

Closing the Meeting

Thank you for your continued support of the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism. ***In the past 25 years, more than 35,000 Ohio residents have served as AmeriCorps Members – providing 56 million hours of service and earning over \$118 million in education awards.*** ServeOhio looks forward to providing AmeriCorps service opportunities and increasing volunteer engagement over the next 25 years – helping local communities address local challenges.

- Confirm any necessary follow-up from the commission – what and with whom.
- More information on ServeOhio and our programming:
 - serveohio.org
 - @ServeOhio
- Thank you for taking the time to meet with us and discuss these important issues today.



AMERICORPS: Strengthening Communities Across Ohio

For over 20 years, ServeOhio has worked with local partners to build AmeriCorps programs that meet the critical needs of individual Ohio communities. Together, we design high-impact, evidence-based service initiatives in education, economic opportunity, and healthy futures. ServeOhio makes national service local – investing in local communities to build a stronger Ohio.

EDUCATION: Improving Learning, Strengthening Schools

- **Community Properties Impact Corporation – CPO Building Blocks**
16 AmeriCorps members recruit for and provide evidence-based, home- and community-based interventions to improve school readiness in Columbus among children living in subsidized housing. The AmeriCorps Members are responsible for increased school readiness, specifically early literacy skills.
- **Horizon Education Centers – HEC Family Engagement**
12 AmeriCorps members support family engagement, education, and volunteer engagement/management. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for students increasing their academic success in Language Arts and Math and the program will increase parent and family engagement in kindergarten readiness, school linked and after school activities among attendees.
- **Springfield Promise Neighborhood – Springfield PromiseCorps**
20 AmeriCorps members assist pre-school youth and families to participate in a pipeline of services that help them prepare for Kindergarten and tutor youth K - 3 classrooms in four elementary schools serving low income youth in south Springfield, Ohio. At the end of the first year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for engaging 20 families in the early childhood program and 300 students will have participated in the early childhood tutoring.
- **City Year - Cleveland**
76 AmeriCorps members provide academic services that support students staying in school and on track to graduation in 6 Cleveland public schools. At the end of the first program year, 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 310 drop out risk indicators in attendance, behavior, English and/or math.
- **City Year - Columbus**
62 AmeriCorps members provide academic services that support students staying in school and on track to graduation in 4 Columbus public schools. At the end of the first program year, 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 642 drop out risk indicators in attendance, behavior, English and/or math.

- **Educational Service Center of Central Ohio – Ohio Reading Corps**
120 AmeriCorps members 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. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps Members will be responsible for providing intervention to a minimum 2,000 students, many of whom will achieve grade-level reading proficiency and/or demonstrate one year of growth in reading proficiency.
- **Educational Service Center of Central Ohio – Ohio Math Corps**
30 AmeriCorps members provide one-on-one and small group math intervention to K-5 students in Central Ohio area elementary schools. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for students who began the year below proficient in math reaching grade-level proficiency in Math, based on district-administered assessments.
- **Fairfield County Educational Service Center – FAST Forward AmeriCorps**
37 AmeriCorps members provide mentoring services to students identified as low-income, at-risk and chronically truant from the 8 school districts in Fairfield County. At the end of the program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing school attendance, increasing credit attainment and meeting college and career ready milestones as identified in their individualized intervention plans.
- **Teach for America – Ohio**
155 AmeriCorps members are responsible for teaching two years in low-income schools, going above and beyond traditional expectations to help their students achieve at high levels in Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Dayton. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing the academic achievement of the 9,000 students they teach.
- **Ohio Association of Community Colleges – AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches**
32 AmeriCorps members are assigned to 7,000 students on 14 community college campuses in Ohio. At the end of each program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for helping students achieve higher course completion and higher credit hour accumulation rates to progress toward attainment of a postsecondary credential.
- **College Now Greater Cleveland – Ohio College Guides**
75 Ohio College Guides AmeriCorps members serve as college access advisors to low-income, minority, and first-generation college students across Ohio. At the end of the first program year, 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.
- **College Now Greater Cleveland – AmeriCorps Career Coaches**
10 AmeriCorps members deliver curriculum on college and career and serve as role models and coaches for incoming freshman students in five Cleveland Metropolitan School District Academies of Cleveland High Schools. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for impacting an increase in student's knowledge of career and

college opportunities; interest in further pursuing a path toward a postsecondary education and belief that their postsecondary college or career goals can become a reality.

- **Baldwin Wallace University – Corps for Rural Success and Health**
40 AmeriCorps members provide economically disadvantaged middle school through high school youth with academic and career support through the utilization of a service learning model. At the end of the first program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for establishing and delivering a Health Professions Affinity Community (HPAC) with school districts that lack the resources to provide academic and career skill support necessary for students to obtain a sustainable career in the health care industry. Members will also become certified Community Health Workers.
- **Zoological Society of Cincinnati – Zoo Unto Others AmeriCorps Program**
14 AmeriCorps members provide quality STEM education to economically disadvantaged preK-12 students and their teachers to improve science literacy and student engagement and to engage Zoo visitors and community members in environmentally conscious practices and behaviors to improve knowledge and encourage behavior change. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing the science literacy and academic engagement of 1,690 of these students, and increasing the conservation knowledge and intent to change behavior for 2,500 zoo visitors.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY: Building Skills, Increasing Impact

- **City of Dayton/University of Dayton – Dayton Corps**
70 AmeriCorps members facilitate community building in Dayton's neighborhoods, aid families who are experiencing joblessness and housing insecurity, and provide neighborhood-based educational support. Services are provided in three focus neighborhoods, at homeless shelters in the City, and at two public libraries in Dayton. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing the active members of neighborhood associations, and implementing a neighborhood plan, increasing the number of engaged landlords, transitioning individuals to suitable housing, assisting individuals in obtaining job interviews and employment, and increasing reading and/or math outcomes of students who consistently participate in the educational support programs and increasing parent engagement.
- **Ohio Historical Society – Ohio History Service Corps**
10 AmeriCorps members support local history and historic preservation organizations to build much-needed organizational and community education outreach capacity; and build economic development opportunity through the preservation of Ohio's historic property resources. AmeriCorps members leverage volunteers and build capacity for local history organizations across the state.
- **Santa Maria Community Services – Project Advance**
16 AmeriCorps members provide adult education and tutoring as well as school and community-based health education and services in Cincinnati. Members provide adults with tutoring and GED attainment with housing and employment services as well as school and community health education and access to health services.

- **University Settlement – *NEO Skill Corps***
15 AmeriCorps members provide direct instruction of financial literacy and basic skills development for adults facing barriers to employment, advancement, and postsecondary education. Members serve at 10 host sites that provide workforce training, employment and/or financial planning assistance in Cleveland. At the end of the program year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for enhancing clients' knowledge of financial concepts and skills, and improving literacy levels to increase completion rates within job readiness programs.
- **YMCA of Central Ohio – *Columbus City Corps***
24 AmeriCorps members implement mid-day health and wellness activities, including the YMCA program, CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health Curriculum). Additional efforts include "Safe Routes to Schools" initiatives, which helps to bridge the gap between Corps members and student connections while increasing activity levels and continuing healthy-living and physical activity practices; and finally, assist with neighborhood beautification efforts along designated safe routes to schools in the Linden and Hilltop communities of Columbus, Ohio.
- **Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation – *AmeriCorps REVITALIZE***
20 AmeriCorps members 1) clean up, secure, and improve vacant properties to restore order and encourage reinvestment in neighborhoods, with a focus along neighborhood corridors, 2) conduct repair and rehabilitation work in partnership with trained YNDC staff to create high quality affordable housing opportunities, and 3) conduct ongoing landscaping and property maintenance work to vacant, abandoned properties and adjacent streetscapes to improve quality of life and the standard of maintenance in the neighborhoods of Youngstown, Ohio. The project benefits National Service Participants, especially Opportunity Youth, by 4) providing them with basic skills in construction and landscaping that will help to prepare them for education advancement and the workforce.

HEALTHY FUTURES: Building Healthy Futures

- **Mercy Health – *Mercy Health Corps***
10 AmeriCorps members provide services related to the reduction and prevention of opioid abuse in urban and rural Mercy Health emergency departments in Ohio. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing assistance with access to treatment, education, follow up data collection, and SBIRT screenings for at least 2,400 individuals presenting to select Mercy Health Emergency Departments.
- **Ohio University – *COMCorps***
24 AmeriCorps members address known health needs by partnering with schools, government and non-profit agencies, as well as local universities within Appalachian counties. At the end of the first program year, all AmeriCorps members will be responsible for teaching a year-long nutrition education program to 700 students each week increasing their knowledge of as well as taste preferences for healthy foods. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 700 volunteers who will be engaged in helping in classrooms, assisting in gardens, helping kids in afterschool groups, distributing produce around the region, hosting workshops and overall support in community wellness initiatives.

➤ **Ohio Department of Aging – AmeriCorps Ombudsman Specialists**

11 AmeriCorps members provide services to long-term care consumers in their designated region such as Cincinnati, Dayton, Lima, Toledo, Mansfield/Ontario, Columbus/Hilliard, Wheelersburg/Portsmouth, Dover, Cleveland, Uniontown/Akron/Canton, and Niles, Ohio. Members provide the following core services: regular presence visits to residents in long-term care facilities; complaint handling; counseling long-term care consumers on benefits, rights, and regulations; participation in regulatory survey process; consultation to long-term care providers; community and long-term care provider education, work with long-term care resident councils; work with family councils of long-term care consumers; and long-term care selection assistance. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increased regular presence visitation to residents in long-term care facilities and will be a Certified Ombudsman Specialist. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage roughly 200 volunteers statewide who will be engaged in ombudsman outreach and activities.

➤ **Rural Action – Ohio Stream Restore Corps**

31 AmeriCorps members 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. At the end of their service year, AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improved, more visible, and cleaner natural sites on public and private lands, stronger partnerships, environmental education connecting students and communities to these assets, and volunteers engaged throughout it all.

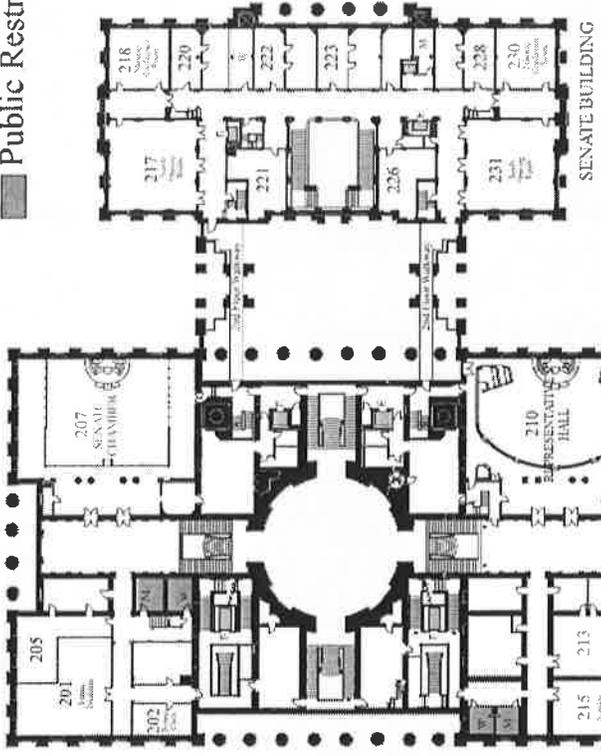


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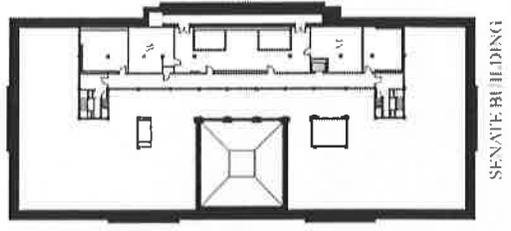


For the most up-to-date and detailed information on each district, please contact the local county board of elections.

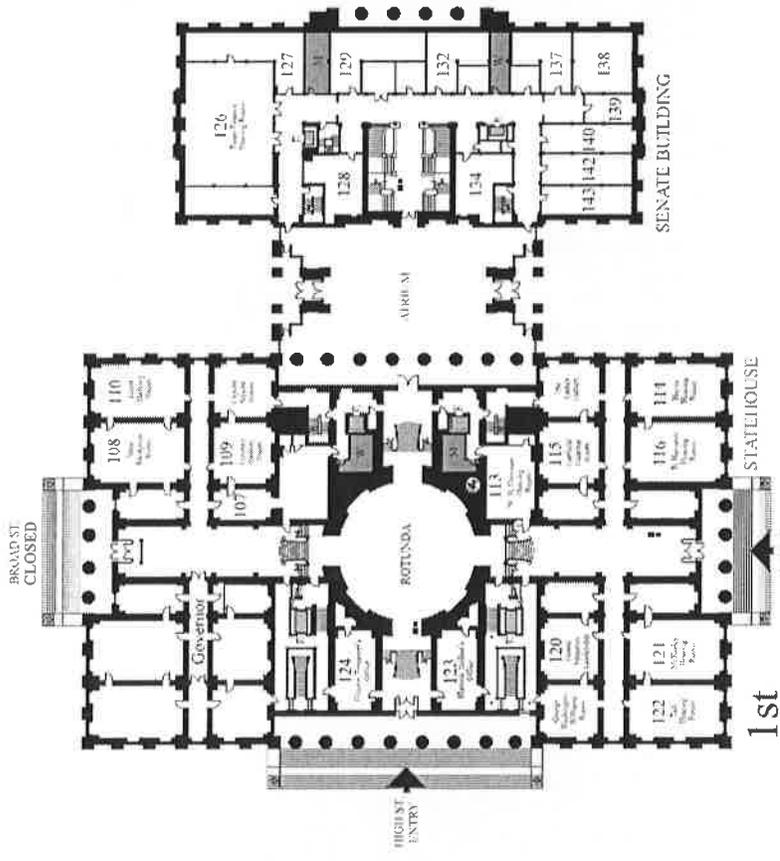
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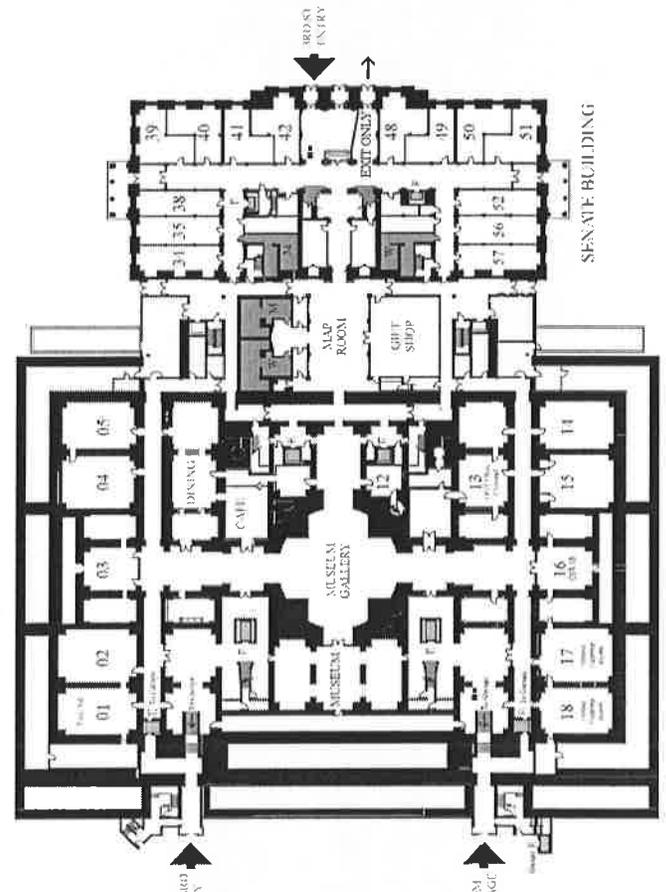
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900+

Ohio AmeriCorps Members

1.3 Million

Hours of AmeriCorps Service

497

AmeriCorps Service Sites

\$4.6 Million

AmeriCorps Educational Awards



24,000

Youth Served

11,000+

Students Improved Academic
Performance

8,500

Community Volunteers Engaged

57,000

Hours of Community Volunteer Service

Since 1994, more than 35,000 Ohio residents have served as AmeriCorps members. They've given approximately 56 million hours of service and earned education awards totaling \$118.2 million.

What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects over 80,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet community needs. AmeriCorps members serve with nonprofits, public agencies, and community organizations in full or part-time positions. Members receive a modest annual living allowance and may have access to other benefits such as health insurance, child care, training, and student loan forbearance during their service. Upon successful completion of their service, members may receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of up to \$6,095 to pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back student loans.

The AmeriCorps Experience: Building Resumes, Erasing Student Debt

AmeriCorps programs do more than move communities forward; they serve their members by providing opportunities for individuals entering the workforce. ServeOhio partners with local programs to build skills and increase employment opportunities for the 900+ individuals serving as AmeriCorps members. This year, **Ohio AmeriCorps members will receive over 130,000 hours of professional development and training, and earn more than \$4.6 million in education awards** that can be used to pay for post-secondary education or qualified student loans. Additionally, many AmeriCorps programs help their members obtain professional certifications during their service term, which increases their employability post-service. AmeriCorps equips members with valuable workplace skills that prepare them to be valuable members of any team.



Community Volunteer Project Grants

Through a public-private partnership with Honda of America Mfg., American Electric Power Foundation, and the Corporation for National and Community Service's Volunteer Generation Fund, ServeOhio provides funding to support grassroots and community volunteer projects organized for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January), Global Youth Service Day (April), ServeOhio Day (June), and Make A Difference Day (October). These community volunteer projects engage thousands of local residents, enhance livability, and bolster community spirit. **In 2019, ServeOhio will fund 64 community volunteer projects across the state.**

Professional Development for Volunteer Administrators

ServeOhio strengthens the capacity of Ohio nonprofit organizations to recruit, train, manage, and retain volunteers. By offering high-quality training, professional development, resources, and the latest research, ServeOhio equips Ohio volunteer administrators with the tools for success.

Through our new **skills-based volunteerism** training program, ServeOhio provides advanced-level training and ongoing support for Ohio nonprofits to effectively engage skills-based volunteers in highly-defined projects that increase organizational capacity.



2018-19 Ohio AmeriCorps Programs

Education: Improving Learning, Strengthening Schools		
Program	Grant	Primary Service Activity
City Year <i>Cleveland</i>	\$1,134,832	76 members provide tutoring and mentoring services to increase academic achievement. <i>(Cuyahoga County)</i>
City Year <i>Columbus</i>	\$881,947	62 members provide tutoring and mentoring service to increase academic achievement. <i>(Franklin County)</i>
College Now Greater Cleveland <i>Ohio College Guides</i>	\$959,011	75 members advise first-generation students on college admission strategies. <i>(Statewide)</i>
College Now Greater Cleveland <i>AmeriCorps Career Coaches</i>	\$149,230	10 members provide college and career coaching for high school freshman. <i>(Cuyahoga County)</i>
Community Properties of Ohio Impact Corporation - CPO Building Blocks	\$149,121	16 members increase early literacy and school readiness skills in low-income housing communities. <i>(Franklin County)</i>
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio <i>Ohio Reading Corps</i>	\$797,937	120 members support student achievement in K-3 grade-level reading proficiency. <i>(Statewide)</i>
Educational Service Center of Central Ohio <i>Ohio Math Corps</i>	\$223,980	30 members support student achievement in K-5 grade-level math proficiency. <i>(Franklin County)</i>
Fairfield County Educational Service Center <i>FAST Forward AmeriCorps</i>	\$198,299	37 members mentor students identified as at-risk and chronically truant from 8 school districts in Fairfield County. <i>(Fairfield County)</i>
Horizon Education Centers <i>HEC Family Engagement</i>	\$179,003	12 members increase kindergarten readiness and family engagement. <i>(Cuyahoga County)</i>
Baldwin Wallace University <i>Corps for Rural & Urban Success and Health</i>	\$492,752	40 members support rural & urban youth in career development to increase affinity for careers in the healthcare industry. <i>(Statewide)</i>
Ohio Association of Community Colleges <i>AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches</i>	\$392,102	32 members support community college students in course completion. <i>(Statewide)</i>
Springfield Promise Neighborhood <i>Springfield PromiseCorps</i>	\$149,072	20 members prepare Pre-K youth for kindergarten & tutor low income youth in K-3 classrooms in Springfield. <i>(Clark County)</i>
Teach for America <i>Ohio</i>	\$77,500	155 members support academic success by teaching in low-income schools. <i>(Northeast & Southwest Ohio)</i>
Zoological Society of Cincinnati <i>Zoo Unto Others AmeriCorps Program</i>	\$163,894	12 members provide STEM education and science literacy. <i>(Hamilton County)</i>
Economic Opportunity: Building Skills, Increasing Impact		
City of Dayton/University of Dayton <i>Dayton Corps</i>	\$315,625	70 members facilitate community-building around housing insecurity & educational support in Dayton. <i>(Montgomery County)</i>
Ohio Historical Society <i>Ohio History Service Corps</i>	\$146,069	10 members build capacity for local history centers. <i>(Statewide)</i>
Santa Maria Community Services <i>Project Advance</i>	\$238,912	16 members assist low-income residents with health education and GED services. <i>(Hamilton County)</i>
University Settlement <i>NEO Skills Corps</i>	\$164,252	15 members provide financial literacy and job skills education with low-income adults. <i>(Cuyahoga County)</i>
YMCA of Central Ohio <i>Columbus City Corps</i>	\$179,180	24 members will serve in early learning centers & after school programs in the Linden & Hilltop communities. <i>(Franklin County)</i>
Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation - AmeriCorps REVITALIZE	\$78,990	20 members reduce urban blight to create safer neighborhoods. <i>(Mahoning County)</i>
Healthy Futures: Building Healthy Futures		
Mercy Health <i>Mercy Health Corps</i>	\$149,280	10 members provide services to reduce & prevent opioid abuse in urban & rural Mercy Health Emergency Departments. <i>(Southwest & Northwest Ohio)</i>
Ohio University <i>COMCorps</i>	\$315,383	24 members provide nutrition education and access to healthy foods. <i>(Athens & Washington Counties)</i>
Ohio Department of Aging <i>AmeriCorps Ombudsman Specialists</i>	\$164,252	11 members provide services to long-term care consumers in Ohio. <i>(Statewide)</i>
Rural Action <i>Ohio Stream Restore Corps</i>	\$448,424	31 members improve environmental assets, provide education, & promote tourism in Appalachia. <i>(Southeast & Central Ohio)</i>

\$8.7 million federal dollars is matched with \$6.1 million dollars at the local level.

ServeOhio Leadership

ServeOhio is authorized under Section 121.40 of the Ohio Revised Code as the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism. In accordance with its legal authority, ServeOhio is overseen by 21 Commissioners who retain both fiduciary responsibility and responsibility for the overall policy and management of the Commission. Commissioners play an important role in developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy to encourage and expand community service and volunteer programs throughout the state.

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AmeriCorps: Improving Learning, Strengthening Schools

Improving educational outcomes for Ohio students is critical for the economic and social wellbeing of all Ohioans. That is why ServeOhio has prioritized Education as the number one funding priority, investing \$5.9 million to support students and increase academic success. ServeOhio mobilizes hundreds of AmeriCorps members as tutors, coaches, mentors, and teachers helping students to succeed in school and gain skills necessary for 21st century jobs.

MEETING LOCAL EDUCATION NEEDS FROM KINDERGARTEN READINESS TO COLLEGE GRADUATION

KINDERGARTEN READINESS

- **Community Properties Impact Corporation – CPO Building Blocks**
16 AmeriCorps members recruit for and provide evidence-based, home- and community-based interventions to improve school readiness in Columbus among children living in subsidized housing. The AmeriCorps Members are responsible for increased school readiness, specifically early literacy skills.
- **Horizon Education Centers – HEC Family Engagement**
12 AmeriCorps members support family engagement, education, and volunteer engagement/management. AmeriCorps members are responsible for students increasing their academic success in Language Arts and Math. The program also increases parent and family engagement in kindergarten readiness via in-school and after-school activities.
- **Springfield Promise Neighborhood – Springfield PromiseCorps**
20 AmeriCorps members assist pre-school youth and families to participate in a pipeline of services that help them prepare for kindergarten and tutor within K - 3 classrooms in four elementary schools serving low income youth in south Springfield. AmeriCorps members will be responsible for engaging at least 20 families in the early childhood program and 300 students in the early childhood tutoring.

INCREASED ACHIEVEMENT FOR ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- **City Year - Cleveland**
76 AmeriCorps members provide academic services that support students staying in school and on track to graduation in 6 Cleveland public schools. AmeriCorps members are responsible for providing in-class and school climate support to benefit 1,200 students and targeted tutoring and mentoring to 450 students that improves 310 drop out risk indicators in attendance, behavior, English and/or math.
- **City Year - Columbus**
62 AmeriCorps members provide academic services that support students staying in school and on track to graduation in 4 Columbus public schools. AmeriCorps members are responsible for providing in-class and school climate support to benefit 800 students and targeted tutoring and

mentoring to 360 students that improves 642 drop out risk indicators in attendance, behavior, English and/or math.

➤ **Educational Service Center of Central Ohio – Ohio Reading Corps**

120 AmeriCorps members 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. AmeriCorps members are responsible for providing intervention to a minimum 2,000 students, many of whom will achieve grade-level reading proficiency and/or demonstrate one year of growth in reading proficiency.

➤ **Educational Service Center of Central Ohio – Ohio Math Corps**

30 AmeriCorps members provide one-on-one and small group math intervention to K-5 students in elementary schools. AmeriCorps members are responsible for students who began the year below proficient in math reaching grade-level proficiency in math, based on district-administered assessments.

➤ **Fairfield County Educational Service Center – FAST Forward AmeriCorps**

37 AmeriCorps members provide mentoring services to students identified as low-income, at-risk and chronically truant from the 8 school districts in Fairfield County. AmeriCorps members are responsible for increasing school attendance, increasing credit attainment and meeting college and career ready milestones as identified in their individualized intervention plans.

➤ **Teach for America – Ohio**

155 AmeriCorps members are responsible for teaching two years in low-income schools, going above and beyond traditional expectations to help their students achieve at high levels in Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Dayton. AmeriCorps members are responsible for increasing the academic achievement of the 9,000 students they teach.

POST-SECONDARY ACCESS & SUPPORT

➤ **Ohio Association of Community Colleges – AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches**

32 AmeriCorps members are assigned to 7,000 students on 14 community college campuses in Ohio. AmeriCorps members are responsible for helping students achieve higher course completion and higher credit hour accumulation rates to progress toward attainment of a postsecondary credential.

➤ **College Now Greater Cleveland – Ohio College Guides**

75 Ohio College Guides AmeriCorps members serve as college access advisors to low-income, minority, and first-generation college students across Ohio. AmeriCorps members are 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.

➤ **College Now Greater Cleveland – AmeriCorps Career Coaches**

10 AmeriCorps members deliver curriculum on college and career and serve as role models and coaches for incoming freshman students in five Cleveland Metropolitan School District Academies of Cleveland High Schools. AmeriCorps members are responsible for impacting an increase in student's knowledge of career and college opportunities; interest in further pursuing a path toward a postsecondary education and belief that their postsecondary college or career goals can become a reality.

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Legislative Day: Follow-Up Form

April 11, 2019

Meeting Lead:

Support Commissioner(s):

Member(s):

Staff:

Legislator:

I met with the:

Legislator

Aide (Name)

Other

1. What are the biggest needs in the district, according to the legislator or staff?

2. Were there issues identified in which AmeriCorps and/or volunteer programming might be part of the solution?
Did you discuss the role that such programming might have in impacting the identified issue(s)?

3. What did the legislator say/promise/question/dispute/request?

4. Did you promise the legislator any additional information? Did the legislator request a follow-up meeting?

Make a note of:

- The lawmaker's staff who attended the meeting
- What information you shared with the legislator
- What strongly held beliefs, personal experience, trusted sources, etc., that the legislator cited to back up their position/actions/votes

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COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY

4/11/19

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CALL TO ORDER

- **Welcome & Introductions**
- **Orientation for Legislative Meetings**
 - Goals & Objectives
 - Meeting Schedules
 - Roles of Team Members – Commissioners, AmeriCorps Members & ServeOhio Staff
 - Primary Talking Points
 - Packet Materials

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New Business

- **Approval of 1/10/19 ServeOhio Commission Meeting Minutes**
- **Review of Legislative Visits**
 - General Experience & Insights
 - What Worked Well & What Needs Work
 - Follow-Up & Thank You Cards
- **Executive Director Report**

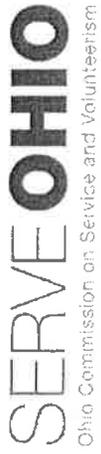


Federal Budget Update

- Funding for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), our federal grantor, was eliminated in President Trump's FY 2020 budget request as part of a \$55 billion reduction in domestic discretionary spending.
- This will be third time in a row that CNCS has been proposed for elimination under this administration. CNCS and its programming continue to have strong bipartisan support in the House and Senate.
- The President's budget request to Congress is the beginning of the annual budget and appropriations process. Congress will develop the actual appropriations legislation through budget resolutions and appropriations bills in the months ahead. We anticipate numbers from the House in mid-May.

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State Budget Update

- Proposed state funding for ServeOhio in the Executive Budget of Fiscal Years (FY) 2020 and 2021 is basically level with our current state funding.
 - Enacted FY 2019 @ \$305,593
 - Proposed FY 2020 @ \$307,176
 - Proposed FY 2021 @ \$305,971
- Such amounts fall short of the required, federal matching mandates for state service commission administrative and volunteer generation funding.
 - Commission Support Grant: \$431,643 in FY 2019; requires 1:1 match
 - Volunteer Generation Fund: Progressive Match; 20% (\$39,398); 30% (\$67,534); 40% (\$105,061); Permanent 50% Match upon Renewal
- House Budget Testimony/House Finance Subcommittee on Agriculture, Development & Natural Resources – 4/10/19
- Senate Budget Testimony/Senate Finance Subcommittee on Primary & Secondary Education – TBD

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Global Youth Service Day

- 19 Service Projects
- 1,300+ Youth Volunteers
- \$18,165 Awarded
- Locations: Athens, Cincinnati, Columbus, Coolville, East Cleveland, Elyria, Greenville, Hamilton, McArthur, Middletown, Napoleon, Springfield and Wellsville.

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2019 ServeOhio Awards Recipients

NORTHWEST

Judy Hanes, Toledo

NORTHEAST

Pirate Power Pack Program, Perry

CENTRAL

Sisters of Empowerment, Columbus

SOUTHWEST

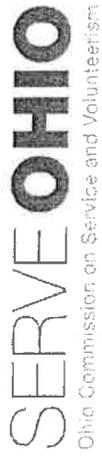
Andy Rupley, Cincinnati

SOUTHEAST

Gary Goosman, Amesville

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Skills-Based Volunteer Initiative

Partnership between ServeOhio and Common Impact to provide training and technical assistance to selected local nonprofits in the effective utilization of skilled volunteers. CNCS supported via the Volunteer Generation Fund; three-year renewable grant.

Bootcamp

5/15/19 & 5/16/19

2019 Cohort

- Cincinnati Arts Association, Cincinnati*
- Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development, Athens*
- Glen Helen Ecology Institute, Yellow Springs*
- Teach for America Greater Cleveland, Cleveland*
- Freestore Foodbank, Cincinnati*
- Girls on the Run of Central Ohio, Columbus*
- St. Joseph Orphanage, Cincinnati*
- Cincinnati Youth Collaborative, Cincinnati*
- Hannah's Treasure Chest, Centerville*

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Financial Disclosure/Ethics Training

2018 Financial Disclosure/Deadline 5.15.19

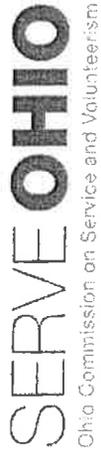
As a current ServeOhio Commissioner, you should have received an email notification regarding your calendar year 2018 financial disclosure statement. Please visit <https://disclosure.ethics.ohio.gov> to file before the May 15th deadline. Prior filing information is saved within the system and makes the process of filing your annual disclosure more efficient.

2019 Ethics Training

Per Governor DeWine's Executive Order 2019-11D, all state officials (including governor-appointed commissioners) and employees must participate in annual Ohio Ethics Law training. The easiest way to fulfill this requirement is by completing an e-course; such courses have been posted by the Ohio Ethics Commission and can be completed at <https://ethics.ohio.gov/education/elearning/ecourses.html>. Please forward your Certificate of Completion to carrie.niino-koontz@serveohio.gov for our records. This is an annual requirement of all current commissioners and must be completed by the end of calendar year 2019.

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Commissioner Engagement Opportunities

- **Peer Reviewers for AmeriCorps Formula Grants**
Application Due 4/24; Independent Review of Grants 5/1 – 5/16; Orientation Call 5/2; Review Panel Calls 5/16. Contact Mary Cannon for application and more details.
- **Promote ServeOhio Day Service Project Applications**
Application Materials Released 4/23; Applications Due 5/14; ServeOhio Day 6/21.

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Next Commission Meeting

6/13/19

9AM – 10AM Executive Committee

10AM – 4PM Full Commission

AmeriCorps Formula Approvals

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Youth From Thirteen Ohio Cities Lead Community Change on Global Youth Service Day

ServeOhio grants support nineteen service projects that will mobilize over 1,300 volunteers in communities across Ohio.

Columbus, OH – On April 12-14, more than 1,300 volunteers will participate in service projects organized for Global Youth Service Day, which will be supported by ServeOhio project grants. Established in 1988, Global Youth Service Day is the largest service event in the world, and the only day of service dedicated to children and youth. Nineteen youth volunteer projects will take place in thirteen Ohio cities – Athens, Cincinnati, Columbus, Coolville, East Cleveland, Elyria, Greenville, Hamilton, McArthur, Middletown, Napoleon, Springfield, and Wellsville. The grants - made possible by Honda of America Mfg., American Electric Power Foundation, and the Corporation for National and Community Service - range between \$500 and \$1,000 each.

“Involved youth do so much to make our communities stronger,” said William Hall, Executive Director of ServeOhio, Ohio’s Governor-appointed commission on service and volunteerism. “Research demonstrates that youth volunteers become civically engaged adults. This is an investment in Ohio’s future.”

Now in its 31st year, Global Youth Service Day recognizes the positive impact that young people have on their communities 365 days a year. GYSD is celebrated in more than 100 countries with youth-led service projects.

The recipients will organize the following service projects:

- **The iBelieve Foundation, Athens** – 250 high school and college students in Athens and Highland Counties will participate in feed-the-funnel food packing parties and will package over 100,000 packages of food.
- **Cincinnati Federation of Colored Women’s Club Reigning Royalty Chapter, Cincinnati** – 20 youth from the Reigning Royalty youth program will build a community garden and plant herbs and vegetables on the grounds of the clubhouse.
- **Walnut Hills Redevelopment Foundation, Cincinnati** – 10 youth from the Walnut Hills Youth Council will maintain 36 flower pots in the business district by filling them with soil and seedlings.
- **St. Vincent de Paul, Cincinnati** – 30 students from St. Xavier High School and the University of Cincinnati will reestablish a community garden that was previously dismantled to build a parking lot. Volunteers will plant new produce, as well as weed and maintain existing plants.

- **University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati** – 50 University of Cincinnati students will revitalize Coy Park by repainting the storage building/containers and replacing the bleachers.
- **Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed, Columbus** – 40 youth and adult volunteers will plant 60 containerized native shrubs in Snouffer Park to enhance the biological diversity of the riparian area plantings.
- **I Know I Can, Columbus** – 80 West High School students will beautify the high school by cleaning the outdoor area, laying new mulch, and planting flowers.
- **Boys and Girls Clubs of Columbus, Columbus** – 15 Boys & Girls Club members, volunteers from Veritas Community Church, and the Milo-Grogan Civic Association will build a garden shed, weed, and plant pollinators and fruit bearing plants in the Milo-Grogan community garden.
- **After-School All-Stars, Columbus** – 100 student “All-Stars” will create blankets for children at the Ronald McDonald House and for animals at the CHA animal shelter.
- **Coolville Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, Coolville** – 178 Coolville Elementary School students will improve their school garden to meet the needs of their community.
- **East Cleveland Rise, East Cleveland** – 200 students at Shaw High School will repair the Martin Luther King Civic Center by finishing floor demolition, painting, laying tile, and moving in new furniture.
- **Horizon Education Centers, Elyria** – 45 students, families and community members will assemble 1200 feminine hygiene care kits to be distributed to all middle schools in The Elyria City School District to be used by girls in 5th – 8th grade.
- **Recovery and Wellness, Greenville** – 30 volunteers in the “We are the Majority” youth program will beautify the city by spreading mulch, pulling weeds and adding flower pots to high-traffic areas.
- **Hamilton Urban Garden Systems, Hamilton** – 21 youth from the Riverview community will participate in the “Plant a Seed and Watch it Grow” program. Students will plant seedlings in the Hamilton community garden and create floral arrangements to donate to Hospice of Hamilton.
- **Vinton County Middle School Junior Beta Club, McArthur** – 50 students from Vinton County Middle School will paint buildings on the Vinton County Fairgrounds and beautify the grounds.
- **3 R Development, Inc., Middletown** – 150 youth will participate in a community cleanup - disposing of old tires, clearing debris, and tilling community garden plots.
- **Together We Can Make A Difference Initiatives, Napoleon** – 15 youth will package band-aids and laundry pods for people in need.
- **Springfield Promise Neighborhood, Springfield** – 50 youth volunteers will enhance the neighborhood community garden by planting produce, installing a new sign, and planting an orchard.
- **Wellsville Veteran’s Memorial Council, Wellsville** – 35 youth from the First Christian Church will revitalize the wall on the Veterans Memorial Park by cleaning, caulking cracks, and painting the wall.

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The 2019 ServeOhio Awards Honor Statewide Service and Volunteerism

Five outstanding volunteers, groups, and initiatives presented with cash award for impactful service throughout Ohio

Columbus, OH – ServeOhio, Ohio's Commission on Service and Volunteerism, along with their Stewards of Service corporate partners Honda of America MFG., Inc. and American Electric Power Foundation, will honor five exemplary volunteers, volunteer groups, and service initiatives in each region of the state. Each award recipient will receive a cash award of \$1,000 to support the organization of their choice.

ServeOhio Commissioners and staff will present the awards to recipients during National Volunteer Week, April 7 - 13, in Toledo, Perry, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Amesville. Recipients were chosen in the following geographic locations in Ohio: Northwest, Northeast, Central, Southwest, and Southeast.

"ServeOhio recognizes that volunteerism and service improves lives in Ohio every minute of every day," Executive Director William Hall said. "We are honored to celebrate the impact of everyday citizens who reach beyond themselves to help their neighbors and communities – shaping who we are as individuals and a state."

The 2019 ServeOhio Award recipients are:

NORTHWEST OHIO: Judy Hanes, Toledo

After retiring as a kindergarten teacher in the Toledo Public School system, Judy Hanes knew she wanted to combine her passion for working with children and her love of gardening. She enrolled in the Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program offered through The Ohio State University local county Extension office and promptly returned as a volunteer to Hawkins Elementary School where she spent so many years in the classroom. Judy created a garden outside the school doors which has turned into an outdoor classroom and garden club with Hawkins students. The garden club meets monthly during the school year and weekly during the summer to plan and maintain the garden. Judy invites community partners and leaders to meet with the students to engage them in educational programming. All youth in the garden club take the harvest home to enjoy with their families which, for most families, is their primary source of produce during the summer. Judy has volunteered over 550 hours for the garden club and recruited other volunteers who gave over 300 hours of service. From seeds to plants and youth to adults – Judy's garden club is growing both produce and people.

NORTHEAST OHIO: Pirate Power Pack Program, Perry

The Pirate Power Pack Program is a school-based weekend food program that is coordinated by students in Perry High School's Perry Service Learning Program. As part of their efforts to address hunger and poverty in their community, student coordinators Abby Anderson, Alexis Beckwith, Sarah Estvanko, Cristen Keller, and Sheridan Wade designed, implemented, and coordinated this program which replaces the school meals that children miss during weekends and extended breaks from school. Each "power pack" contains enough food for two breakfasts, two lunches, three dinners, and one snack. This year alone, the student coordinators have collected, packed, and delivered nearly 7,000 meals for the 48 students participating in the program, invested over 400 hours of service, and recruited more than 50 additional volunteers who have contributed over 100 hours of service. Additionally, they've raised over \$3,000 and collected 4,300 pounds of food to support the program.

CENTRAL OHIO: Sisters of Empowerment, Columbus

Sisters of Empowerment was founded by three tenacious and dedicated women who have worked diligently to change the economic position and foster self-sufficiency for the people in the most impoverished area of Columbus – Linden. Margaret Rembert, Lois Ferguson, and Alice Ferguson saw great needs in their community and took action, creating Sisters of Empowerment in 2011. The organization has helped countless Linden residents with financial, emotional, and social barriers through their PowerUp! Programs. They provide job readiness training, financial empowerment, productive life skills training, and home buyer education programs. Margaret, Lois, and Alice model hard work, tenacity, and most of all heartfelt commitment to the people and community of Linden.

SOUTHWEST OHIO: Andy Rupley, Cincinnati

Andy Rupley began serving as a devoted volunteer with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Cincinnati in 2014. In 2016, he launched the Habitat Young Professionals (HYP) chapter of Greater Cincinnati. HYP is comprised of young, dynamic individuals ages 21-40 who seek to make affordable housing in Cincinnati a reality. The group participates in every arm of the Habitat mission, and Andy's dedication to sustaining a thriving group is incredible. HYP now boasts 1,057 members and hosts over 64 volunteer projects, social events and fundraisers per year to benefit Habitat Cincinnati. The increased volunteer support from HYP members helps Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life. Andy Rupley cares deeply about this need and works tirelessly to aid in the success of these individuals and families.

SOUTHEAST OHIO: Gary Goosman, Amesville

Gary Goosman has devoted his life to serving others. He has served on countless boards and committees in his community and currently serves as the Mayor of Amesville. After retiring in 2017, Gary has given hundreds of hours to multiple groups and initiatives, serving as the President of the Board of Village Productions, Volunteer Coordinator for the senior center, Program Chair for The Amesville Grange, Governing Board Member for the Center for Campus and Community Engagement at Ohio University, Board Chair of Rural Action, and Board Member of Southeast Ohio History Center - just to name a few! His wife, Mary Ann said "I don't know how he found the time to have a full-time job!" Gary is willing to get his hands dirty doing construction, cleaning, cooking as well as fundraising and planning. The Village of Amesville was voted "Best Small Town in Athens County" four years in a row and this is in no small part because of Gary's many volunteer activities.

Nominators submitted award forms based on three criteria: accomplishments, data and supporting documents. For more information about the ServeOhio Awards, visit <https://www.serveohio.org/Volunteering/Volunteer-Administrator-Resources/ServeOhio-Awards>.

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