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## **ServeOhio Funds Community Resiliency Initiatives During COVID-19 Crisis**

*36 projects to take place statewide over upcoming weeks*

**Columbus, OH** – ServeOhio, the Governor-appointed commission on service and volunteerism, announces grant awards to support 36 service projects benefitting those most affected by COVID-19. Each project commits to bringing volunteers together, while still following proper social distancing protocol, to support their neighbors during this trying time.

In conjunction with its partners, the American Electric Power Foundation and the Corporation for National and Community Service, ServeOhio awarded Community Resilience Grants to organizations across Ohio totaling \$62,387. The grants range between \$500-\$2,000 to support initiatives that address significant needs in their community as a result of the coronavirus.

“As we get through the days, weeks and months ahead, there is so much that can be done to help those who may be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19,” shared William Hall, ServeOhio executive director. “We are proud to be able to support organizations across the state in their efforts to lessen the sudden hardships impacting their community.”

Volunteer organizations will use the grant money to fund a variety of projects including: organizing food drop off programs for at-risk populations, coordinating diaper drives, organizing toiletry drives to support residents unable to purchase essential items, creating cards/letters for older adults in nursing homes to brighten their spirits, and providing educational activities for children to continue learning outside of schools.

**The Community Resilience Grant recipients include:**

- 3 R Development, *Middletown*
- Collins Career Technical Center, *Chesapeake*
- Healthy Homes Block by Block, *East and Lower Price Hill*
- Lena’s House Inc., *Columbus*
- Madison Christian Ministers, *Madison*
- North Central Ohio ESC, *Seneca County*
- Salem Lutheran Church, *Toledo*
- Vina Cincinnati, *Cincinnati*
- Hocking Athens Perry Community Action, *Hocking County*
- Neighborhood Alliance, *Lorain*
- Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services, *Columbus*
- Grace Point Community Church, *Lewis Center*
- Ross County Community Action Commission, *Ross County*

- Famicos Foundation, *Cleveland*
- United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, *Youngstown*
- West Park United Church of Christ, *Cleveland*
- Sunshine Communities, *Maumee*
- United Way of Van Wert County, *Van Wert County*
- Community Food Initiatives, *Athens*
- Hands of Faith Church, *Zanesville*
- New Lexington Schools, *New Lexington*
- A Loving Heart Youth Services, *Dayton*
- Kettering Backpack Program, *Kettering*
- St. Vincent DePaul Cincinnati, *Cincinnati*
- The PAST Foundation, *Columbus*
- Madison County Public Health, *Madison County*
- Shadowbox Live, *Columbus*
- Tallmadge Foursquare Church, *Tallmadge*
- City of Kirtland, *Kirtland*
- Madison Senior Center, *Madison*
- Fourteenth Street Community Center, *Portsmouth*
- Caldwell Exempted Village School District, *Caldwell*
- Kno-Ho-Co Ashland Community Action Commission, *Knox, Holmes and Coshocton counties*
- Elderly United of Springfield, *Springfield*
- City of Hamilton, *Hamilton*

These projects are taking place in communities across the state this month.

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### **About ServeOhio**

ServeOhio is the state's Commission on Service and Volunteerism created to empower local communities to mobilize AmeriCorps members and volunteer resources for the purpose of building a stronger Ohio. ServeOhio increases the effective utilization of AmeriCorps members and community volunteers working to address the state's frontline issues in education, health and economic opportunity. Interested participants may learn more about ServeOhio at [www.serveohio.org](http://www.serveohio.org), or on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).