

AMERICORPS DIGITAL SERVICE FELLOWS

LAUNCH OF PHILADELPHIA (Philadelphia)

Launch of Philadelphia, in partnership with the School District of Philadelphia, will have 24 AmeriCorps members provide computer science tutoring and mentoring to address the digital literacy skills gap among girls, students of color and low-income students, with the overall goal of increasing digital equity and economic opportunities for all. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for enhancing learning in 244 Digital Literacy classrooms, mentoring and tutoring 288 students during after school tech clubs, showing an 80% increase in academic engagement, social-emotional skills and 90% increase in attendance among students in Tech club. In addition, they will leverage 24 volunteers who will be engaged in the mentorship and supervision of 24 Digital Service Fellows at school sites.

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ARTISTYEAR PA

ARTISTYEAR (Philadelphia)

ArtistYear will have 40 AmeriCorps members who will provide student-centered arts education to vulnerable student populations in Title I schools in Philadelphia. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will have facilitated completion of ArtistYear programs to economically disadvantaged youth and English Language Learners (ELLs). The program will demonstrate improved educational and behavioral outcomes of students in low-achieving elementary, middle and high schools.

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BETTER TOMORROWS - PLANNING GRANT

MICHAELS COMMUNITY SERVICES CORPORATION (Pennsylvania)

The Michaels Community Services Corporation proposes to develop an AmeriCorps program serving in sixteen counties throughout rural Pennsylvania, that will focus on education and healthy futures. The planning grant will be used to identify and determine community specific needs through community based focus groups and subsequent intervention and program planning.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF WESTERN PA AMERICORPS LEAD PROGRAM

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

(Allegheny and Somerset Counties)

Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania (BGCWPA) will have 28 AmeriCorps members serve as Literacy Ambassadors through the BGCWPA AmeriCorps LEAD (Learn. Educate. Activate. Develop.) Program, championing the development of comprehensive literacy skills in up to 12 BGCWPA Clubhouses across Allegheny and Somerset Counties. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving multifaceted literacy skill development of 400 K-12 Clubhouse youth. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 10 volunteers who will be engaged in informal literacy, career and leadership mentoring with BGCWPA AmeriCorps LEAD members.

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CHESTER EXCHANGE – PLANNING GRANT

THE FOUNDATION FOR DELAWARE COUNTY (Delaware)

Chester ExChange proposes to develop an AmeriCorps program serving Chester, PA that will focus on education. The Planning Grant will be used to lay the groundwork for Chester ExChange to become the host organization for youth-oriented service sites seeking to involve AmeriCorps members in providing academic and enrichment opportunities to the young people in Chester. By the end of the planning year, they will have contracted with Network partners to accept members to expand and coordinate educational opportunities aimed to assist Chester's youth to succeed in school, work, and life.

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CITY YEAR GREATER PHILADELPHIA

CITY YEAR, INC. (Philadelphia)

City Year Philadelphia will have 150 full-time AmeriCorps members provide academic support and mentoring to students in 15 public schools in Philadelphia. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing academic instruction and social-emotional mentoring to 1,140 students, of which 266 will improve literacy, 266 will improve math, and 115 will improve attendance. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 750 volunteers who will be engaged in events and physical service projects at various schools and on national service days.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE NAVIGATORS

UNITED WAY OF THE GREATER LEHIGH VALLEY (Carbon)

The United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley AmeriCorps members will be serving as Community Resource Navigators, focused on improving access to resources in Lehigh, Northampton, and Carbon Counties. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving community stabilization by ensuring that Lehigh Valley individuals and families have access to food, housing, income, and health resources. This program will focus on the AmeriCorps focus areas of Economic Opportunity.

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COMMUNITY RESOURCE CORPS AMERICORPS

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S OFFICE - PHILADELPHIA (Philadelphia)

The City of Philadelphia will have 27 AmeriCorps members conduct needs assessments, eligibility screenings, resource referrals, resource application support and resource confirmations in Philadelphia's census tracts where more than 40% of residents live below the poverty line. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for a short term outcome of an increase in eligibility awareness, enrollment support, resource applications and resource delivery.

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COMPASS AMERICORPS

LITERACY PITTSBURGH (Allegheny County)

Literacy Pittsburgh will have 20 AmeriCorps members provide adult education and social services to immigrants and refugees to reduce barriers to employment in Allegheny County. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for helping 200 clients improve their job readiness skills and placing 80 clients in jobs.

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CORE SUSQUEHANNA AMERICORPS

UNION-SNYDER COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

(Juniata, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union Counties)

CORE Susquehanna AmeriCorps will have 14 full-time, 4 half-time, and 16 quarter-time members serve through the consortium's nonprofit partner sites (community centers, organizations, schools) and conduct community service projects. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for at least 1,000 youth and adults receiving new or expanded services. Among those benefiting from intensive services, at least half will enhance their knowledge and/or skills to address challenges in healthy development and/or functioning while concurrently supporting individuals meeting basic needs and reengaging within the community. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 250 volunteers who will be engaged in the partner site service and/or community service projects addressing local needs.

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FAMILY SERVICE CORPS AMERICORPS

BUTLER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FAMILY SERVICES

(Butler and Lawrence Counties)

The Family Service Corps of Butler Memorial Hospital will have 23 AmeriCorps members who focus on Healthy Futures and Veterans and Families. Members will serve at the Butler Memorial Hospital's Food Institute, Alliance for Non-Profit Resources, Center for Community Resources, and Lawrence County Community Action Program, to assess and address food insecurity needs as identified by the U.S. Census and Butler Health System's Community Health Needs Assessment. AmeriCorps members will provide an assessment, food distribution plan and/or referrals. They will serve 3,500 unique individuals, with 500 individuals experiencing increased long-term food security. Members will also serve veterans at the Center for Community Resources, Suit Yourself and the Veterans in Need program to provide human service needs assessments and guidance. These members will be veterans themselves to help cultivate a sense of safety and trust with those who have had difficulty with re-engagement in civilian life, including experiencing challenges in housing, food security, relationships, mental health and substance abuse. The members will serve 350 unique veterans, with 100 identifying a behavior change or resource to use for better quality of life.

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HOMEWOOD CHILDREN'S VILLAGE AMERICORPS

HOMEWOOD CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

(Allegheny County)

Homewood Children's Village (HCV) will have 14 AmeriCorps members who will work to improve academic engagement and academic performance in elementary school students within Homewood and the surrounding communities. Members will be placed at one of the following sites: Faison K-5, Lincoln PreK-5, and Urban Academy of Greater Pittsburgh. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for at least 60% of students on their caseloads having an increased GPA and/or maintaining a 2.5 or better GPA.

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JOYFUL READERS AMERICORPS

JOYFUL READERS, INC.

(Philadelphia)

Joyful Readers, Inc. will have 50 AmeriCorps members provide reading tutoring services in 20 public schools in metropolitan Philadelphia. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing reading tutoring to 1,750 students, of which 875 students will improve literacy skills. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 100 volunteers who will be engaged in service projects at partner schools on national service days and school half days.

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KEYS SERVICE CORPS AMERICORPS

ALLEGHENY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

(Allegheny and Clearfield Counties)

The Allegheny County Department of Human Services' KEYS Service Corps AmeriCorps program will have 110 AmeriCorps members who will provide K-12 youth with academic assistance, mentoring, and community engagement in Allegheny County. A summer crew of members will lead teens in service projects to assist older adults, veterans, and vulnerable residents to stay in their homes in Clearfield County. At the end of the first program year, the members will be responsible for improving the academic engagement and life skills of 1,906 economically disadvantaged youths. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 450 volunteers who will be engaged in responding to school and community needs.

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KEYSTONE SMILES AMERICORPS

KEYSTONE SMILES COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER, INC.

(Beaver, Clarion, Erie, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer and Venango Counties)

Keystone SMILES (Service Making an Impact through Learning Experiences with Students) Community Learning Center will have 171 AmeriCorps members who provide expanded learning and service-learning activities to students in 20 schools and 8 non-profits located in eight rural counties throughout Northwestern PA. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing the academic engagement of 1,530 students and the academic performance of 1,220 students. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 750 youth volunteers who will be engaged in service-learning projects and expanded learning activities.

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MINDFUL CHILD INITIATIVE

PRATYUSH SINHA FOUNDATION (Lehigh County)

The Mindful Child Initiative proposes to develop an AmeriCorps program serving Allentown, PA that will focus on education. The Planning Grant will be used to develop a comprehensive community needs assessment and, in response, be better prepared for a recruitment, development, and training protocol for the AmeriCorps MCI Ambassador Program.

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NNCC PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS

NATIONAL NURSING CENTERS CONSORTIUM (NNCC) (Allegheny, Philadelphia, Chester, and Centre Counties)

The National Nurse-Led Care Consortium will have 35 AmeriCorps members who support community-based primary healthcare in Philadelphia, Allegheny, Centre, and Chester Counties. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for screening community members for social determinants of health and connecting individuals to primary healthcare services. After their year of service, NNCC's goal is for half of the AmeriCorps members to pursue future engagement in the public health sector.

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NEXT STEPS AMERICORPS & PROMISE CORPS

TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

(Berks, Delaware, Lancaster and Philadelphia Counties)

The University of Pennsylvania will implement two AmeriCorps State programs, Next Steps AmeriCorps and Promise Corps. Through these initiatives, 86 AmeriCorps members will provide near-peer coaching and mentoring to high school and college aged low-income youth in select West Philadelphia high schools as well as six participating institutions of higher education. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 480 low-income high schoolers setting and accomplishing one post-secondary goal, of which 150 will be seniors who will complete at least one college application. Additionally, 50 first-year college students will receive mentoring and pass at least four college courses.

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OLIVET BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OR READING & BERKS COUNTY - PLANNING GRANT

OLIVET BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

(Berks County)

Olivet Boys & Girls Club proposes to develop an AmeriCorps program that will eventually serve 6 Olivet Boys & Girls Clubs in Reading, PA, and will focus on Education.

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PENNSYLVANIA MOUNTAIN SERVICE CORPS AMERICORPS

APPALACHIA INTERMEDIATE UNIT 8

(Allegheny, Armstrong, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Clearfield, Cumberland, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Huntingdon, Indiana, Somerset, and Westmoreland Counties)

Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 will have 79 AmeriCorps members provide academic instruction and school engagement activities to K-12 students who are at risk for failure and in rural or economically distressed school districts. They will further help to construct infrastructures that support healthy ecosystems and watersheds, while providing social services that enhance the quality of life for individuals, families and communities throughout the Appalachian region of southwest and south-central Pennsylvania. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving the literacy or math scores of 1,000 economically disadvantaged and underperforming K-12 students, treating and constructing 75 miles of infrastructure projects on public use lands to improve water quality. In addition, they will leverage 300 community volunteers who will be engaged in activities that promote and support school engagement, community wellness, and environmental stewardship.

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POWERCORPSPHL

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

(Philadelphia)

PowerCorpsPHL will have 148 AmeriCorps members engage in environmental stewardship while building professional skills and gaining work experience that improves their employability in Philadelphia. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for revitalizing 600 acres of public land, planting 1,000 trees and collecting and diverting 65 metric tons of debris. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 250 community volunteers who will engage in public green space stewardship that support PCPHL's and the City of Philadelphia's sustainability goals.

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STEP AMERICORPS

LYCOMING-CLINTON COUNTIES COMMISSION FOR COMMUNITY ACTION, (STEP) INC. (Lycoming, Clinton, and Tioga Counties)

The Lycoming-Clinton Counties Commission for Community Action (STEP), Inc. will have 28 AmeriCorps members support schools and local nonprofit organizations in Lycoming, Clinton and Tioga Counties. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for expanding the capacity of nonprofit organizations that are focused on addressing community needs. Members will also work to improve the behavior of at-risk students through mentoring and coaching as it relates to behavior intervention and modification. Members will further provide services through the Preparing Together Program to older adults in Lycoming and Clinton Counties in hopes of increasing their emergency and disaster preparedness. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 300 volunteers to engage in service projects throughout the community during the service term.

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TEACH FOR AMERICA - GREATER PHILADELPHIA

TEACH FOR AMERICA (Philadelphia)

Teach For America – Greater Philadelphia will have 148 AmeriCorps members teach for two years in low-income and under-resourced schools in Philadelphia. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing the academic achievement of the nearly 9,000 K-12 students they teach. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 160 volunteers to engage in supporting students in classrooms and schools.

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UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH - PLANNING GRANT

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH OFFICE OF ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (Allegheny)

The University of Pittsburgh's Office of Engagement and Community Affairs proposes to develop an AmeriCorps program serving in Pittsburgh, PA that will focus on education. The Planning Grant will be used to assess their organizational capacity to operate and manage an AmeriCorps grant, develop a plan for member service activities, establish a theory on how these services will instigate positive change, create a method to measure the outcomes of member service and develop policies, procedures, and materials for member recruitment and management.

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UP2US SPORTS COACH

UP2US SPORTS (Philadelphia)

The Up2Us Sports Coach Program will have 9 AmeriCorps members (who will be identified from their local communities) serve as coach-mentors to provide sports-based youth development for opportunity youth in the north, northwest, south, and west sections of Philadelphia, as well as in economically vulnerable suburbs such as Coatesville, Chester, and Pottstown. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 750 young people served in a variety of athletic and holistic educational development activities designed to improve physical fitness and social dexterity, with the ultimate goal of leveraging these improvements to better themselves and their community.

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WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AMERICORPS

CASA

(Lancaster and York Counties)

Through the Workforce and Economic Empowerment AmeriCorps program, CASA will have 28 AmeriCorps members work to provide economic empowerment services in York and Lancaster. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 300 economically disadvantaged individuals demonstrating improved financial knowledge, and 300 economically-disadvantaged individuals demonstrating improved job readiness. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 10 volunteers to engage in delivering financial literacy workshops, providing citizenship application assistance, assisting participants in creating résumés and conducting mock job interviews, and making outreach calls and performing administrative tasks for ESOL classes.

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