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ServeOhio Announces \$9.8 Million in AmeriCorps Grants

900 AmeriCorps members will serve 1.2 million hours at organizations across Ohio

Columbus, OH – ServeOhio, Ohio’s governor-appointed commission on service and volunteerism, recently awarded more than \$9.8 million in AmeriCorps grants to support 900 Ohio AmeriCorps members who will provide intensive service throughout the 2021-2022 program year to address locally-identified needs. The AmeriCorps members will be eligible for nearly \$4.3 million in education awards upon the successful completion of service to pay for future higher education or to pay back student loans.

“Ohio’s high-impact AmeriCorps members work tirelessly year-round to address critical needs in our state,” said ServeOhio Executive Director William Hall. “The 2021-2022 grant recipients are comprised of exceptional nonprofits, public agencies and community organizations that grow and empower AmeriCorps leaders who are committed to service.”

The 900 AmeriCorps members will serve at more than 500 sites across the state to provide interventions that improve local communities in the areas of education, economic opportunity, healthy futures and environmental sustainability. Many Ohio AmeriCorps members will work directly with students in local schools – focusing on school readiness; Ohio’s Third Grade Reading Guarantee; high school completion; guidance related to post-graduation career and education goals; and learning loss from COVID.

The following organizations were selected to receive AmeriCorps funding through ServeOhio:

- **BreakThrough Cincinnati, Inc.** (*Hamilton County*) – \$60,652 planning grant
- **Miami University** (*Butler County*) – \$75,000 planning grant
- **Partners in Education of Toledo** (*Lucas & Wood counties*) – 10 AmeriCorps members – \$124,581
- **Washington County Commissioners** (*Southeast Ohio*) – 18 AmeriCorps members – \$268,800
- **Baldwin Wallace University** (*Cuyahoga County*) – 12 AmeriCorps members – \$98,041
- **College Now Greater Cleveland** (*Cuyahoga County*) – 10 AmeriCorps members – \$162,990
- **Education Service Center of Central Ohio** (*Franklin, Delaware, Union & Ross counties*) – 20 AmeriCorps members - \$180,000
- **Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association** (*Cuyahoga & Lake Counties*) – 34 AmeriCorps members – \$466,234
- **Horizon Education Centers** (*Cuyahoga County*) – 40 AmeriCorps members – \$312,231
- **John Carroll University** (*Statewide*) – 40 AmeriCorps members – \$567,409
- **Ohio Campus Compact** (*Statewide*) – 19 AmeriCorps members – \$168,593
- **Ohio Children’s Alliance** (*Statewide*) – 10 AmeriCorps members – \$99,134
- **Ohio Historical Society** (*Statewide*) – 10 AmeriCorps members – \$162,993
- **Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation** (*Statewide*) – 5 AmeriCorps members – \$36,626
- **Rural Action, Inc.** (*Southeast & Central Ohio*) – 31 AmeriCorps members – \$514,400
- **Santa Maria Community Services** (*Hamilton County*) – 18 AmeriCorps members – 279,000

- **Shawnee State University** (*Scioto County*) – 28 AmeriCorps members – \$181,581
- **Springfield Promise Neighborhood** (*Clark County*) – 20 AmeriCorps members – \$139,244
- **Teach for America** (*Northeast & Southwest Ohio*) – 97 AmeriCorps members – \$97,000
- **Tinker’s Creek Watershed Partners** (*Northeast Ohio*) – 21 AmeriCorps members – \$334,150
- **University of Dayton** (*Montgomery County*) – 45 AmeriCorps members – \$170,760
- **University Settlement** (*Cuyahoga County*) – 15 AmeriCorps members – \$175,039
- **Zoological Society of Cincinnati** (*Hamilton County*) – 10 AmeriCorps members – \$162,983
- **City Year, Inc.** (*Cuyahoga County*) – 78 AmeriCorps members – \$1,271,400
- **City Year, Inc.** (*Franklin County*) – 76 AmeriCorps members – \$1,238,800
- **College Now Greater Cleveland** (*Statewide*) – 55 AmeriCorps members – \$895,619
- **Educational Service Center of Central Ohio** (*Statewide*) – 120 AmeriCorps members – \$900,000
- **Mercy Health Cincinnati** (*Southwest & Northwest Ohio*) – 11 AmeriCorps members – \$158,575
- **Ohio Domestic Violence Network** (*Statewide*) – 20 AmeriCorps members – \$309,501
- **Ohio University** (*Athens & Washington Counties*) – 17 AmeriCorps members – \$258,264

ServeOhio supports AmeriCorps members by providing resources and leadership development for their service year. Additionally, ServeOhio works closely with local nonprofit organizations and governmental entities to structure evidence-based programming that builds the capacity of local organizations to increase student achievement and bolster community-improvement objectives.

Throughout the nation, AmeriCorps programs engage more than 80,000 individuals in intensive, results-driven service each year through more than 21,600 organizations across the country. Upon completion of 1,700 hours of service, full-time AmeriCorps members earn a \$6,345 Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to help pay for college or pay back student loans. Since 1994, more than 1 million men and women have served in AmeriCorps, providing more than 1.4 billion hours of service and earning more than \$3.3 billion in scholarships, more than \$1 billion of which has been used to pay back student loan debt.

For more information about the awarded grants, AmeriCorps program or how to get involved, visit serveohio.org.

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About ServeOhio

ServeOhio, Ohio’s Governor-appointed commission on service and volunteerism, strengthens Ohio communities through AmeriCorps and volunteer engagement. Through programs and initiatives funded and supported by ServeOhio, thousands of Ohioans of all ages engage in and are recognized for their service. Interested participants may learn more about ServeOhio at www.serveohio.org, or on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps, a federal agency, brings people together to tackle the country’s most pressing challenges, through national service and volunteering. AmeriCorps members and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers serve with organizations dedicated to the improvement of communities. AmeriCorps helps make service to others a cornerstone of our national culture. Learn more at AmeriCorps.gov.