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# Service as a Solution: Introduction to Ohio AmeriCorps

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Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism



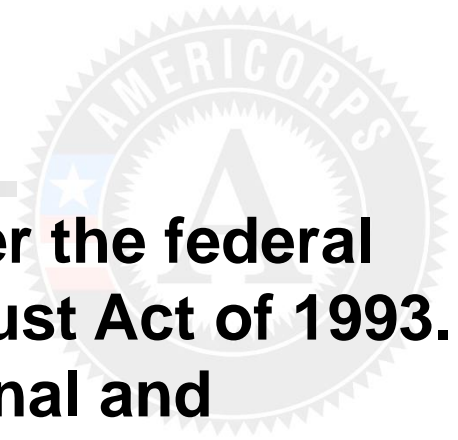
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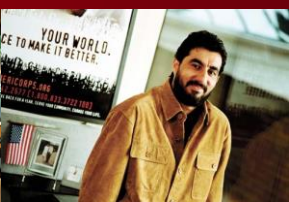
- Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism
- To strengthen Ohio communities through AmeriCorps and volunteer engagement.



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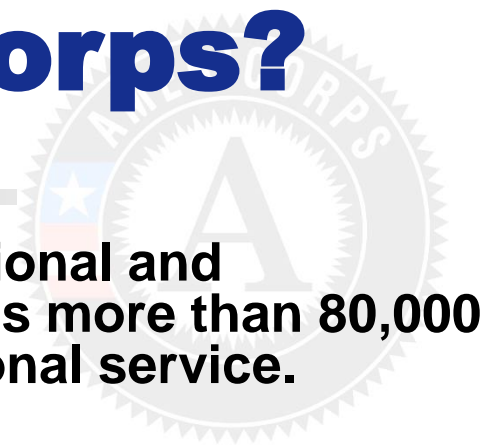
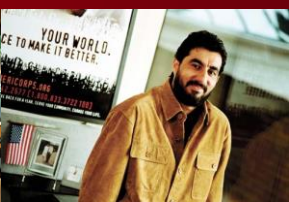


- To administer grants in Ohio under the federal National & Community Service Trust Act of 1993. Created the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) whose mission is to provide Americans with service and volunteer opportunities.
- ServeOhio administers \$8.6 million with 24 partner organizations and 900 AmeriCorps members at 500+ service locations leveraging millions in local public and private support.



# What is AmeriCorps?

- One program of the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) that engages more than 80,000 Americans every year for a term of national service.  
[www.nationalservice.gov](http://www.nationalservice.gov)
- a.k.a. “domestic Peace Corps”
- [“What is AmeriCorps”](#) video.
- Additional CNCS programs include Senior Corps, NCCC and the Volunteer Generation Fund



# What is an Ohio AmeriCorps program?

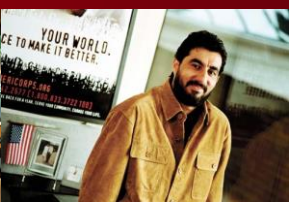
- Organizations design AmeriCorps programs & member positions that address locally-identified compelling community needs by directly engaging AmeriCorps members and community volunteers.
- Ohio AmeriCorps Grants are provided to organizations to operate AmeriCorps programs to strengthen organizational capacity to meet a community need.
- An AmeriCorps program must be in line with an organization's mission and enhance, augment or expand services.



# What can Ohio AmeriCorps programs do?

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

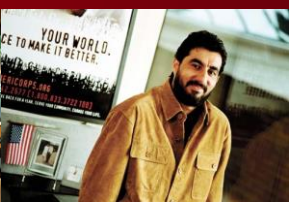
- Reducing homelessness/increasing access to safe & affordable housing.
- Increasing the number of public awareness/education programs around a particular topic (literacy, health, etc.).
- Connect individuals with health resources.
- Mentor youth and adults
- Improving graduation rates.
- Reducing youth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



# How do things get done?

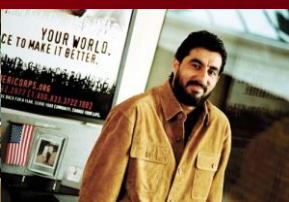
Apex to AmeriCorps programs are the AmeriCorps members who provide direct service activities that might include:

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



# What is an AmeriCorps Member?

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





# AmeriCorps Members Get Things Done!

Activities/Services are provided by  
AmeriCorps members

Very different resource -  
human capital!



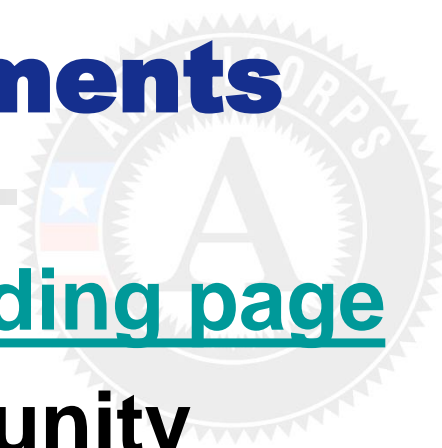
# Who is eligible to apply?

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



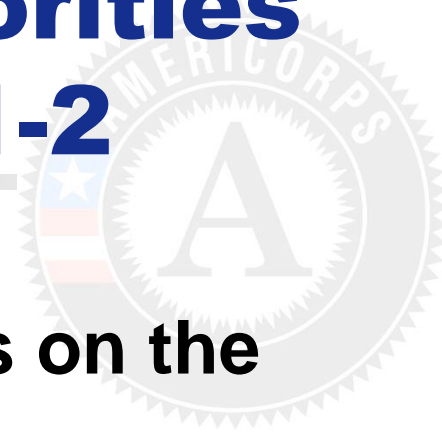
# Application Documents

- Found on our [Grants/Funding page](#)
- Notice of Funding Opportunity
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- Financial Management Survey – required!



# FY20 Funding Priorities

## NOFO Pages 1-2



### Economic Opportunity

- Evidence-based interventions on the [CNCS Evidence Exchange](#).
- Increasing economic opportunities for communities by preparing people for the workforce
- Increasing access, information and/or resources to safe, healthy, affordable, and/or more efficient housing



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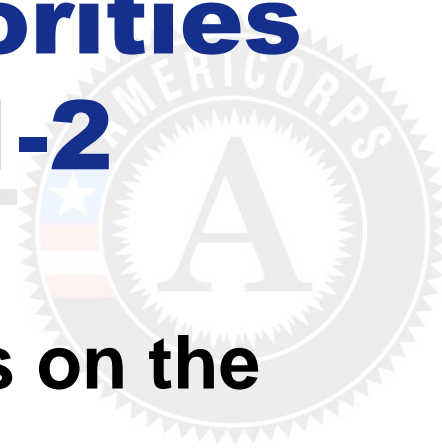
### Education

- Evidence-based interventions on the [CNCS Evidence Exchange](#) supporting early education, K-12 success and post-secondary supports.



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### Healthy Futures

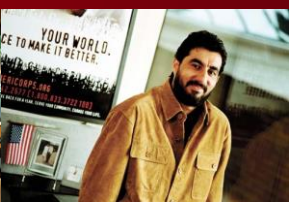
- Evidence-based interventions on the [CNCS Evidence Exchange](#).
- Reducing and/or preventing prescription drug and opioid abuse.
- Increasing access to health information/knowledge, resources and/or services.



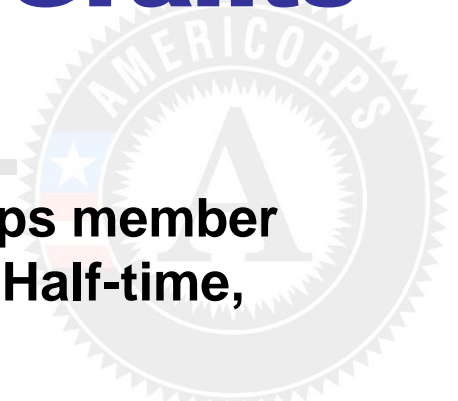
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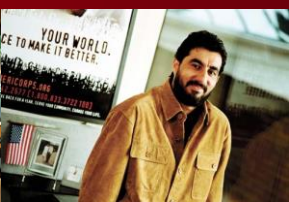
- **Veterans and Military Families - positively impacting the quality of life of veterans and improving military family strength.**
- **Rural intermediaries - organizations that demonstrate measurable impact and primarily serve rural communities**
- **Faith-based organizations providing any of the above interventions.**



# Ohio AmeriCorps Grants



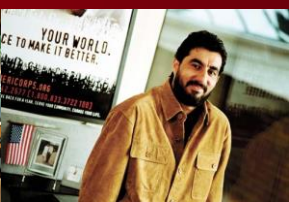
- ★ Grants include an allotment of AmeriCorps member positions. Full-time, Three-Quarter-time, Half-time, Minimum-Time, Quarter-time.
- ★ Ohio AmeriCorps programs must request at least 5 MSY's.
  - ★ Member Service Year (MSY) = 1 Full-time Member
  - ★ See NOFO
- ★ Organizations that receive grants are responsible for recruiting, selecting, and supervising AmeriCorps members to serve in their programs.
- ★ AmeriCorps grants have required financial and programmatic reporting.





# AmeriCorps State Grants

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



# Benefits of an Ohio AmeriCorps Grant

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



# ServeOhio Provides

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



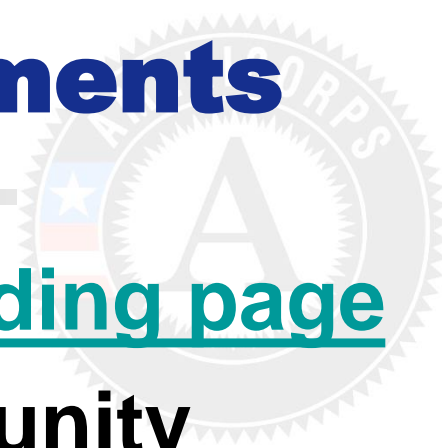
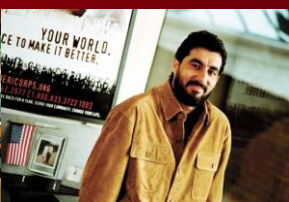
# Application Timeline

- Introduction to AmeriCorps webinar
  - 1.29.20 @ 12-12:45 pm
- Application Overview Webinar
  - 2.12.20 @ 12-1:30pm
- Grant Workshop in Columbus
  - 3.4.20 @ 12:30-4:30pm
- Application Deadline
  - **April 8, 2020**



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# For More Information

## 2019-2020 ServeOhio Program Directory AmeriCorps Funding

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