



Serve Wisconsin Announces \$13.1 Million in AmeriCorps Funding for Wisconsin

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[Madison, WI] - Serve Wisconsin proudly announces that Wisconsin received \$13.1 million in grant funding from AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and community volunteerism, to support 31 programs and planning grants across the state.

"This funding will put 880 AmeriCorps members on the ground at over 200 service sites throughout the state to help make a difference and improve the lives of people across Wisconsin," said Jeanne Duffy, Executive Director of Serve Wisconsin.

"The AmeriCorps members will continue and expand on the over 1.2 million hours of service by Wisconsin AmeriCorps members over the last two years, as they helped to tackle some of the toughest problems in Wisconsin, many of which were exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic," Duffy continued. "During their service this year, these new AmeriCorps members will positively impact the lives of people throughout Wisconsin by addressing issues including the achievement gap and educational challenges, public health and healthcare access, opioid and substance abuse, economic opportunity and housing availability, conservation and environmental sustainability, and other concerns impacting communities across the state."

2022-2023 Wisconsin AmeriCorps programs

The funding will support the following AmeriCorps programs:

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee - ClubCorps 104 AmeriCorps members will provide youth with in-school or afterschool academic enrichment, early literacy instruction, college preparation and career readiness programming, arts programming, social-emotional instruction, community service programming, and afterschool sports programming at local Boys and Girls Clubs and environmental education activities at Camp Whitcomb-Mason.



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College Possible Milwaukee 42 AmeriCorps members will provide intensive coaching and support to low-income high school and college students in order to make college admission and success possible. AmeriCorps members serve Milwaukee area high school and continue providing support to them as college students at whichever school they attend.

Dane County Department of Human Services - Partners for After School Success 49 AmeriCorps members will be placed in predominately low-income or resource-scarce communities to enhance the academic achievement and school engagement of middle and high school youth through positive relationships, academic coaching and tutoring, extended learning programs, and volunteer service.

Easterseals Wisconsin 36 AmeriCorps members will provide intensive personal care and lead or facilitate therapeutic recreation activities for individuals with disabilities and their families at Camp Wawbeek and Respite Camp. AmeriCorps members also provide therapeutic recreation activities for veterans and their family members at Veteran Family Camps.

Green Bay Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department 21 AmeriCorps members will complete conservation projects and engage the public in educational programming and volunteer service. Members will address areas such as habitat restoration and preservation, trail maintenance and expansion, invasive species removal and native plant establishment, community garden upkeep, and access improvements in the City's parks and other outdoor spaces.

Marquette University - 414 Fellows 30 AmeriCorps members will engage children ages 0-3 in one-on-one language-building activities to increase school readiness through gains in language skills.

Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps – Community Corps 80 AmeriCorps members are placed in nonprofits and public health organizations across the state to increase their capacity to address local health needs, focusing in rural areas.

Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps - Recovery Corps 30 AmeriCorps members will be trained as recovery coaches to help people recover from opioid and other substance addiction and provide community education about substance use disorders and recovery resources.

Milwaukee Christian Center, Inc. - YouthBuild 23 AmeriCorps members will make a tangible impact on their community through the construction of affordable, energy-efficient housing and accessible home modifications while gaining job and leadership skills, improving their education, and developing their community through service.

Milwaukee Public Library 20 AmeriCorps members will increase K-12 student access to library resources and literacy-based activities by providing support to students at local schools during the day, providing after-school programming and support at their local library branch, and summer reading outreach programming.

North Central Community Action Program 48 AmeriCorps members will provide direct services to youth and their families as mentors and tutors during and after school. Members serve elementary, middle school, high school and adult learners.



Public Allies Wisconsin 60 AmeriCorps members will work to enhance and expand the capacity of nonprofit organizations to deliver critical direct services to Wisconsin residents, primarily in Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha.

Racine Zoo AmeriCorps Program 15 AmeriCorps members will provide environmental education programming to elementary, middle school, and high school students to reinforce the grade-level science curriculum through inquiry and research activities, environmental presentations, and programming for participating classes at the zoo.

Renewal Unlimited, Inc. Fresh Start Program 25 AmeriCorps members will construct two single-family homes to be sold to low-income and moderate-income families. While working on the houses, they develop educational, pre-employment, job, independent living and leadership skills.

Sixteenth Street Community Health Centers 13 AmeriCorps members will expand the delivery of medical, behavioral, environmental health, and social services programming to individuals from low-income families and areas with shortages of professional medical care. AmeriCorps members serve as health resource navigators and enhance educational programming for women's health, obesity, chronic illness, inclusive care for the elderly, and other medical needs.

United Way Fox Cities – Be Well Fox Valley 12 AmeriCorps members will deliver Health Education sessions and programming, with a focus on physical activity and/or healthy eating, as part of a multi-dimensional approach towards obesity prevention in Calumet, Outagamie, and Winnebago counties.

United Way of Dane County - Achievement Connections 18 AmeriCorps members tutor high school students in math and leverage additional volunteers to provide tutoring to increase the number of students who pass Algebra by 10th grade.

United Way of Dane County - Schools of Hope AmeriCorps Project 16 AmeriCorps members will serve as literacy tutors and tutor coordinators in high-need elementary schools where they work with staff to increase students' literacy skills in kindergarten through fifth grade.

UW-Eau Claire - ECLIPSE 45 AmeriCorps members will provide one-on-one interventions to 3-5-year-old children at risk and/or from low-income families to help them grow in the areas of language, literacy, social interaction, and initiative skills.

Western Dairyland EOC, Inc. - Chippewa Fresh Start 30 AmeriCorps members will construct new homes for income-eligible families in the local community while working on achieving high school diplomas/HSEDs, developing career goals, improving self-esteem, and alleviating barriers to economic self-sufficiency.

Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services 25 AmeriCorps members will meet the immediate needs of youth experiencing homelessness in their community by connecting them with supportive services, shelter, and basic needs. Activities include outreach, shelter support, crisis management, and response to community referrals.



Wisconsin Association of Free and Charitable Clinics 34 AmeriCorps members will help build capacity and support Community Health Departments and Free and Charitable Clinics throughout Wisconsin. Through this program, members increase access to healthcare services for low-income and uninsured patients by creating new resources, programs, and opportunities in their communities.

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Farm to School 21 AmeriCorps members will build healthy communities by improving child nutrition through educational farm to school activities for students and families, connecting schools with local farmers and food businesses, and increasing the capacity of communities to support sustainable programs to encourage healthy behaviors and improve the school food environment.

WisCorps 83 AmeriCorps members will complete high-priority conservation projects across the state of Wisconsin. Members will be responsible for improving public land, planting trees, establishing firebreaks at homes, establishing or maintaining trails, installing or restoring rain gardens, and engaging individuals in environmental education programs.

Future Programs

The following organizations received a grant to develop a new program or expand an existing program, which are expected to begin in the Fall of 2023.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Dane County AmeriCorps members will support youth by providing college preparation and career readiness programming, academic tutoring, and other virtual programming, as well as supporting efforts focusing on youth advocacy, food security, sustainability, and program development.

College Possible – Greater Wisconsin AmeriCorps members will provide intensive coaching and support to low-income high school and college students in Racine and Kenosha Counties to make college admission and success possible.

Milwaukee Justice Center AmeriCorps members will provide information and assistance to members of the public accessing the Milwaukee County Courthouse by providing information and helping individuals navigate the processes of filing documents at the courthouse.

Ozaukee Washington Land Trust Inc. AmeriCorps members will assist in the stewardship of natural areas through habitat restoration activities, trail building, and improvement, wildlife and vegetation monitoring, completing projects to enhance the use of nature by the public, and volunteer outreach and engagement.

University of Wisconsin System - Athletic Training Service Corps AmeriCorps members will be placed in underserved high schools to improve health outcomes for students by providing school-based health care, making referrals to community health care resources, and serving as an educational resource hub for students.



University of Wisconsin System - Wisconsin 4-H Expanding Access AmeriCorps members will be placed throughout the state in partnership with county-based youth development professionals to design and implement community-based, highly effective, and evidenced-based youth development programming to assist youth in underrepresented and underserved communities.

WisCorps – La Crosse Urban Ecology AmeriCorps members will develop and deliver environmental education programming to La Crosse area students to reinforce school science curriculum through interactive activities and lessons in the outdoor classroom environment.

The unique model for AmeriCorps means the Wisconsin AmeriCorps programs will leverage an additional \$8.2 million from the private sector, foundations, and other sources - further increasing the return on the federal investment for Wisconsin communities.

AmeriCorps members make a critical difference through their service by educating students for the 21st century workforce, supporting veterans and military families, completing conservation projects, tackling the opioid epidemic, promoting economic opportunity in our communities, helping people to live healthier lives, and through several other projects to make their local communities stronger. Additionally, they have played a critical role helping communities throughout the United States recover from flooding, hurricanes, wildfires, and other national disasters.

For the past year, thousands of AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors members across all 50 states and U.S. territories have continued their service, quickly adapting to meet the changing needs caused by the pandemic. Dedicated members have persisted in supporting communities as they respond and recover from the impact of COVID-19, developing new ways to deliver the same services to keep both themselves and those they serve safe.

Every year, 75,000 AmeriCorps members serve through thousands of nonprofit, community and faith-based organizations across the country. Since 1994, AmeriCorps members have provided more than 1.6 billion hours of service and earned nearly \$4 billion in education awards to pay for college or pay back student loans. Included within those numbers are the more than 29,000 Wisconsin residents have served approximately 44 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$113.9 million. Those interested in serving can learn more at [AmeriCorps.gov/join](https://americorps.gov/join).

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Serve Wisconsin works with AmeriCorps programs throughout the state of Wisconsin to address human, educational, environmental, public safety and homeland security needs. AmeriCorps members are given the opportunity to enrich the lives of the people and communities they serve and their own lives through professional and personal development. Serve Wisconsin is governed by 21-member citizen body appointed by Governor Evers. For more information visit <https://servewisconsin.wi.gov>.

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 <https://americorps.gov/>.



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