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Serve Wisconsin Announces Over \$18.5 Million in AmeriCorps Funding to Wisconsin *Funding will support 1,279 AmeriCorps members*

Wisconsin, Madison – Serve Wisconsin, the Governor-appointed state service commission, announced today that Wisconsin has received \$18,595,357 in AmeriCorps funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), the federal agency for volunteering and service programs.

“This funding will continue to support Wisconsin’s strong tradition of helping those in need and civic engagement. AmeriCorps members will tackle some of our toughest community problems—tutoring at-risk youth, building homes for low-income families, helping people access healthcare, serving in summer camps for disabled children, helping homeless teens find safe housing and meeting many more community needs,” states Jeanne Duffy, Executive Director, Serve Wisconsin.

The federal investment includes 25 AmeriCorps grants to Wisconsin nonprofits and state agencies totaling over \$13 million which will support 1,279 AmeriCorps members. Between all grants announced today, CNCS will also provide over \$5 million in education scholarships for the AmeriCorps members funded by these grants to help pay for college, vocational training, or pay back student loans.

Below is a listing of 2017 competitive AmeriCorps grants in Wisconsin.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee 72 AmeriCorps members serve in the following three programs: SPARK— AmeriCorps members provide tutoring sessions and small group reading activities to students in grades K-3 in order to improve literacy; Camp Whitcomb/Mason Environmental Initiative— AmeriCorps members create, implement and lead youth through environmental education lessons and activities and Arts Initiative— AmeriCorps members develop, manage and implement a comprehensive art program and serve youth ages 6-18 in visual and performing arts in after school club facilities.

College Possible 33 AmeriCorps members provide intensive coaching and support to low-income high school and college students in order to make college admission and success possible.



Dane County Department of Human Services-Partners for After School Success (PASS) 52 AmeriCorps Members are placed in predominately low-income or resource scarce communities in order to enhance the academic achievement and school engagement of middle and high school youth through positive relationships, literacy tutoring, extended learning programs and volunteer service.

Easter Seals Wisconsin 51 AmeriCorps members 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.

Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps Volunteer Wisconsin 45 AmeriCorps members are placed in non-profits across the state to increase their capacity to effectively engage and utilize volunteers.

Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps –Recovery Corps 20 AmeriCorps members will be trained as recovery coaches to help people recover from opioid addiction.

North Central Community Action Program 30 AmeriCorps members 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, Milwaukee 45 AmeriCorps members work on service projects that enhance and expand the capacity of nonprofit organizations to deliver critical direct services to Milwaukee residents.

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

United Way of Dane County Achievement Connection 22 AmeriCorps members tutor high school students in math and leverage additional volunteers to provide tutoring with the goal of increasing the number of students who pass Algebra by 10th grade.

United Way of Dane County Schools of Hope AmeriCorps Project 20 AmeriCorps members work with school staff to increase the academic performance of students of color and those from low-income families through literacy tutoring. Members also work as coordinators for community volunteer tutors.

Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services 37 AmeriCorps members provide street outreach services to homeless youth and respond to referrals from police departments, schools and other youth-serving agencies.

Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association-Wisconsin HealthCorps 22 AmeriCorps members are placed in community health centers, public health departments and health focused non-profits in order to serve as patient navigators, health educators and community outreach specialists.



Public Allies, Inc. (National Direct) 535 AmeriCorps members will work nationwide on service projects that enhance and expand the capacity of nonprofit organizations to deliver critical direct services.

In addition, to the competitive grants Serve Wisconsin will be making the following 11 grants through formula funding:

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee 24 AmeriCorps members serve in the following three programs: Summer Slide Prevention– AmeriCorps members lead lessons with literacy and math concepts embedded to intellectually engage kids, ages 7-9, over the summer; Kinder Academy– AmeriCorps members lead group activities for kids entering kindergarten teaching basic skills and concepts needed to begin school, ready to learn and Graduation Plus– AmeriCorps members lead tutoring, academic advising and college preparation activities for high school students who display indicators of high academic risk for failure.

Marshfield Clinic AmeriCorps Afterschool 30 AmeriCorps members provide support to afterschool programs through promoting academic success, personal/social development and healthy active living for youth ages 8-18.

Milwaukee Christian Center, Inc. – Youthbuild 23 AmeriCorps members 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 community through service.

Teach For America 110 AmeriCorps members lead classrooms across the city of Milwaukee while growing and strengthening the movement for educational equality and excellence.

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

Western Dairyland EOC, Inc. Fresh Start 16 AmeriCorps members 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 Department of Public Instruction-Farm to School 22 AmeriCorps members leverage community volunteers to implement farm to school strategies in a variety of high-need Wisconsin communities to provide students healthy local foods.

ERAs Senior Network-planning grant to develop an AmeriCorps program to engage senior citizens in schools.

United Way of Fox Cities-planning grant to develop an AmeriCorps program to address the obesity epidemic in Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties.



United Way of Wisconsin-planning grant to develop an AmeriCorps program that will target the economic and health disparities in rural Wisconsin.

University of Wisconsin Whitewater-College of Education and Professional Studies-planning grant to develop a teacher training program targeted to people living in and wanting to teach in rural Wisconsin.

Organizations are currently recruiting for AmeriCorps members to begin service this fall. AmeriCorps members typically receive a modest living stipend and a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, or scholarship, upon completion of their service. The award can be used to pay for future education costs or to pay back student loans. Those interested in serving can learn more by visiting www.wiamericorps.com.

Beginning this fall, AmeriCorps members serving through Serve Wisconsin will join the more than 80,000 AmeriCorps members serving across the country in 21,600 locations. These members help communities tackle pressing problems while mobilizing millions of volunteers for the organizations they serve.

Since the program's inception in 1994, more than 1 million men and women have served in AmeriCorps, providing more than 1.4 billion hours of service and have earned more than \$3.3 billion in education scholarships to pay for college or pay back student loans, more than \$1 billion of which has been used to pay back student loans debt.

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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 Walker

AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages millions of Americans in service through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and the Volunteer Generation Fund, and leads volunteer initiatives for the nation. For more information, visit www.NationalService.gov.

