



Serve Wisconsin Announces \$8.1 Million in AmeriCorps Funding for Wisconsin

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[Madison, WI] - Serve Wisconsin proudly announces that Wisconsin has received nearly \$8.1 million in grant funding from AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and community volunteerism.

"This funding will put 888 AmeriCorps members on the ground to help our local communities as our state continues to grapple with the effects of COVID-19," said Jeanne Duffy, Executive Director of Serve Wisconsin.

"These AmeriCorps members will continue and expand upon the service of the Wisconsin AmeriCorps members who have served over 750,000 hours since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The service by these new AmeriCorps members will be critical in providing assistance with local recovery efforts and in tackling some of the toughest problems in Wisconsin, many of which have been exacerbated in recent months, including the opioid epidemic, the academic achievement gap, healthcare access, and housing shortages for low-income families," Duffy continued.

The funding will support the following Wisconsin AmeriCorps programs:

Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee AmeriCorps - Academic & Career Planning 23 AmeriCorps members provide college preparation and career readiness programming, including academic tutoring, assistance with college exploration and application, and job readiness and financial literacy education to low-income high school students.



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Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee - ClubCorps 104 AmeriCorps members provide targeted programming for youth (ages 5-18) in one of five core areas: Education, Arts, Social-Emotional Development, Leadership & Service, and Sports, Recreation & Environmental Education. AmeriCorps members will provide in-school or after-school academic enrichment for children in a small group or individualized format, including as early literacy instructors for the SPARK Early Literacy Program. They will develop, manage, and implement a comprehensive art program and serve youth in visual and performing arts through after-school and summer programming. They will also provide social emotional development through after-school based small group social-emotional instruction as part of the INSPIRE HOPE initiative. Additionally, AmeriCorps members will lead youth in programming that promotes responsibility and community service, provide environmental education activities at Camp Whitcomb-Mason, and provide sport-specific after school programming to local youth.

College Possible Milwaukee 42 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) 49 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.

Easterseals Wisconsin 43 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.

Green Bay Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department This program is being developed with a planning grant. Green Bay Parks, Recreation and Forestry plans to engage AmeriCorps members to address areas such as invasive species, habitat restoration and preservation, multi-use trail maintenance and expansion, community garden upkeep and access improvements in the city's parks, greenways, trails and rights-of-way.

Marquette University - 414 Fellows 30 AmeriCorps members will engage low-income children ages 0-3 in one-on-one and group literacy and language building activities to increase school readiness through gains in language and literacy 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 20 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 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.

Milwaukee Public Library This program is being developed with a planning grant. The program will increase K-12 student access to library resources and literacy-based activities. AmeriCorps members will provide support to students at local schools during the day, provide after-school programming and support at the library branch closest to these school, and summer reading outreach programming.

North Central Community Action Program 31 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 to enhance and expand the capacity of nonprofit organizations to deliver critical direct services to Milwaukee residents.

Public Allies Milwaukee Racine/Kenosha 10 AmeriCorps members work to enhance and expand the capacity of nonprofit organizations to deliver critical direct services to Racine and Kenosha residents.

Racine Zoo AmeriCorps Program 15 AmeriCorps members will provide environmental education programming to elementary, middle school, and high school students to reinforce 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 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.

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 medical professional 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.

Teach For America 30 AmeriCorps members lead classrooms across the city of Milwaukee while growing and strengthening the movement for educational equality and excellence.

United Way of Dane County - Achievement Connections 18 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 16

AmeriCorps members serve as literacy tutors and tutor coordinators in high-need elementary schools where they work with staff to increase the literacy skills of students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

United Way Fox Cities – Be Well Fox Valley 15 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.

UW-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. - Chippewa Fresh Start 48 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 Association for Homeless and Runaway Services 33 AmeriCorps members provide street outreach services to homeless youth and respond to referrals from police departments, schools and other youth-serving agencies.

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Farm to School 21 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.

Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association Wisconsin HealthCorps

16 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.

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.

YMCA of Metro Milwaukee 10 AmeriCorps members will work with PreK-6th grade students improve academic success and promote social emotional development through tutoring, coaching, and additional classroom support in before and after school programs and assisting in summer learning activities as wellness coordinators during summer day camps.

AmeriCorps' unique model means the Wisconsin AmeriCorps programs will leverage an additional \$6.5 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 to support 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 28,000 Wisconsin residents have served approximately 43 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$109.7 million. Those interested in serving can learn more at 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 AmeriCorps.gov.



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