

Request for Proposals (RFP)

CAC AmeriCorps 2016-2017

Submission Deadline: October 23rd, 2015



2015-2016 Service Members at Ijams Nature Center during Orientation.

Introduction

AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 Americans in intensive service each year at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country.

Since the program's founding in 1994, more than 900,000 AmeriCorps members have contributed more than 1.2 billion hours in service across America while tackling pressing problems and mobilizing millions of volunteers for the organizations they serve.

The Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC) AmeriCorps mission is to leverage the skills, passions and ideals of the youth of our great country in addressing pressing local environmental and interconnected social needs in Knoxville and surrounding areas. This is accomplished through empowering our members to use their hands, hearts and minds to build capacity in their organizations and uplift the community both through traditional conservation practice as well as professional technical application.

The CAC office is housed in the LT Ross building (2247 Western Avenue) in Knoxville, TN. Our location is central to our service area which encompasses the City of Knoxville and the urban-rural interface inclusive of Knox and all adjoining counties.

For the 2016-2017 service year, CAC AmeriCorps staff have identified the tentative service areas that we will be addressing which include: conservation services, disaster preparedness services, economic services, public health and food access as well as capacity building creating a Corps that has the unique ability to integrate social impacts and community resilience into traditional conservation work. The cost per AmeriCorps Members is anticipated to be set at \$8,000 for the 2016-2017 service year but may be adjusted based on actual funding received by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

CAC AmeriCorps will be limited in the amount of service assistance we can offer organizations in our community. CAC Staff anticipates requesting an increase in the Corps from 40 to 50 members during our upcoming grant application to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). We therefore request that those organizations in need of CAC AmeriCorps assistance respond to this Request for Proposals (RFP) for selection consideration. AmeriCorps staff will review each RFP submitted and determine which organizations will receive services as well as assign a priority order based on the actual number of AmeriCorps members awarded by CNCS. We hope by working together to can create a partnership model that encourages community pride and uplifts the spirit of cooperation. All applications should be submitted by Friday, October 23rd, 2015 to jason.scott@knoxcac.org or mailed to Attn: CAC AmeriCorps, PO Box 51650, Knoxville, TN 37921.

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Application

Site Sponsor / Organization _____				
Contact _____		Phone () -		
<i>First Name</i>		<i>Last Name</i>		
Mailing Address _____				
<i>Street Address</i>		<i>City</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
Email _____				
Is your site a legacy* site?				YES / NO
<i>*Previously hosted at least 1 CAC AmeriCorps member for 1 or more terms.</i>				
Number of Members Requested				_____
Will Your Members Require a College Degree?				YES / NO
With this application, Please submit a narrative of the proposed body of work, how CAC AmeriCorps objectives relate to the body of work, and AmeriCorps Member experience. A narrative must be submitted for this application to be considered.				

Which of the following **priority measures** does your site propose to address with your allocated AmeriCorps Members? Please provide an estimate of related quantities.

Conservation Services

Number of acres of public land that will be improved. (EN4)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Number of miles of trails or waterways that will be improved and/or created. (EN5)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Disaster Preparedness Services

Number of individuals that will receive AmeriCorps supported services in disaster preparedness. (D1)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Number of individuals that will receive AmeriCorps supported services in disaster response. (D2)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Economic Services, Public Health and Food Access

The following priority measures are complimentary pairs and must both be addressed.

Weatherization & Housing Security

Number of homebound OR older adults and individuals with disabilities that will receive food, transportation, or other services that allow them to live independently. (H8)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Number of homebound OR older adults and individuals with disabilities that will report having increased social ties/perceived social support. (H9)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Food Security

Number of individuals that will receive emergency food from food banks, food pantries, or other nonprofits organizations. (H10)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Number of individuals that will receive support, services, education and/or referrals to alleviate long-term hunger. This may include community gardens. (H11)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

These measures (H10 and/or H11) must be paired with H12.

Number of individuals that will report increased food security of themselves and their children (household food security) as a result of AmeriCorps supported services. (H12)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Volunteerism & Capacity Building Services

Number of community volunteers that will be recruited and/or managed by AmeriCorps supported organizations or national service participants. (G3 – 3.1 & 3.2)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Number of organizations that will implement three or more effective volunteer management practices as a result of capacity building services provided by AmeriCorps Members (G3-3.3)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Which of the following complimentary measures will your site's AmeriCorps Member(s) address? Please provide an estimate of related quantities.

Conservation Services

Number of housing units of low-income households and structures that will be weatherized or retrofitted to significantly improve energy efficiency (EN1)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Number of low-income households home and public building energy audits that will be conducted. (EN2)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Number of individuals that will receive education or training in energy-efficient and environmentally-conscious practices including, but not limited to, sustainable energy and other natural resources, and sustainable agriculture. (EN3)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Number of tons of material that will be collected and recycled. (EN6)

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

Economic Services, Public Health and Food Access

Number of housing units that will be developed, repaired, or otherwise made available for low-income individuals, families or people with disabilities. (O4) This may include weatherizing, painting, replacing appliances and removing safety hazards.

Enter an Annual Quantity, Per-Member, Here if Applicable _____

