

# SERVE OHIO

Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism

**900+**

Ohio AmeriCorps Members

**1.3 Million**

Hours of AmeriCorps Service

**497**

AmeriCorps Service Sites

**\$4.6 Million**

AmeriCorps Educational Awards



**24,000**

Youth Served

**11,000+**

Students Improved Academic  
Performance

**8,500**

Community Volunteers Engaged

**57,000**

Hours of Community Volunteer Service



Corps  
wards

## What is AmeriCorps?

AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects over 80,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet community needs. AmeriCorps members serve with nonprofits, public agencies, and community organizations in full or part-time positions. Members receive a modest annual living allowance and may have access to other benefits such as health insurance, child care, training, and student loan forbearance during their service. Upon successful completion of their service, members may receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of up to \$6,095 to pay for college, graduate school, or to pay back student loans.

## The AmeriCorps Experience: Building Resumes, Erasing Student Debt

AmeriCorps programs do more than move communities forward; they serve their members by providing opportunities for individuals entering the workforce. ServeOhio partners with local programs to build skills and increase employment opportunities for the 900+ individuals serving as AmeriCorps members. This year, **Ohio AmeriCorps members will receive over 130,000 hours of professional development and training, and earn more than \$4.6 million in education awards** that can be used to pay for post-secondary education or qualified student loans. Additionally, many AmeriCorps programs help their members obtain professional certifications during their service term, which increases their employability post-service. AmeriCorps equips members with valuable workplace skills that prepare them to be valuable members of any team.



## Community Volunteer Project Grants

Through a public-private partnership with Honda of America Mfg., American Electric Power Foundation, and the Corporation for National and Community Service's Volunteer Generation Fund, ServeOhio provides funding to support grassroots and community volunteer projects organized for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (January), Global Youth Service Day (April), ServeOhio Day (June), and Make A Difference Day (October). These community volunteer projects engage thousands of local residents, enhance livability, and bolster community spirit. **In 2019, ServeOhio will fund 64 community volunteer projects across the state.**

## Professional Development for Volunteer Administrators

ServeOhio strengthens the capacity of Ohio nonprofit organizations to recruit, train, manage, and retain volunteers. By offering high-quality training, professional development, resources, and the latest research, ServeOhio equips Ohio volunteer administrators with the tools for success.

Through our new **skills-based volunteerism** training program, ServeOhio provides advanced-level training and ongoing support for Ohio nonprofits to effectively engage skills-based volunteers in highly-defined projects that increase organizational capacity.



## 2018-19 Ohio AmeriCorps Programs

Education: Improving Learning, Strengthening Schools		
Program	Grant	Primary Service Activity
<b>City Year</b> <i>Cleveland</i>	\$1,134,832	76 members provide tutoring and mentoring services to increase academic achievement. ( <i>Cuyahoga County</i> )
<b>City Year</b> <i>Columbus</i>	\$881,947	62 members provide tutoring and mentoring service to increase academic achievement. ( <i>Franklin County</i> )
<b>College Now Greater Cleveland</b> <i>Ohio College Guides</i>	\$959,011	75 members advise first-generation students on college admission strategies. ( <i>Statewide</i> )
<b>College Now Greater Cleveland</b> <i>AmeriCorps Career Coaches</i>	\$149,230	10 members provide college and career coaching for high school freshman. ( <i>Cuyahoga County</i> )
<b>Community Properties of Ohio Impact Corporation - CPO Building Blocks</b>	\$149,121	16 members increase early literacy and school readiness skills in low-income housing communities. ( <i>Franklin County</i> )
<b>Educational Service Center of Central Ohio</b> <i>Ohio Reading Corps</i>	\$797,937	120 members support student achievement in K-3 grade-level reading proficiency. ( <i>Statewide</i> )
<b>Educational Service Center of Central Ohio</b> <i>Ohio Math Corps</i>	\$223,980	30 members support student achievement in K-5 grade-level math proficiency. ( <i>Franklin County</i> )
<b>Fairfield County Educational Service Center</b> <i>FAST Forward AmeriCorps</i>	\$198,299	37 members mentor students identified as at-risk and chronically truant from 8 school districts in Fairfield County. ( <i>Fairfield County</i> )
<b>Horizon Education Centers</b> <i>HEC Family Engagement</i>	\$179,003	12 members increase kindergarten readiness and family engagement. ( <i>Cuyahoga County</i> )
<b>Baldwin Wallace University</b> <i>Corps for Rural &amp; Urban Success and Health</i>	\$492,752	40 members support rural & urban youth in career development to increase affinity for careers in the healthcare industry. ( <i>Statewide</i> )
<b>Ohio Association of Community Colleges</b> <i>AmeriCorps College Completion Coaches</i>	\$392,102	32 members support community college students in course completion. ( <i>Statewide</i> )
<b>Springfield Promise Neighborhood</b> <i>Springfield PromiseCorps</i>	\$149,072	20 members prepare Pre-K youth for kindergarten & tutor low income youth in K-3 classrooms in Springfield. ( <i>Clark County</i> )
<b>Teach for America</b> <i>Ohio</i>	\$77,500	155 members support academic success by teaching in low-income schools. ( <i>Northeast &amp; Southwest Ohio</i> )
<b>Zoological Society of Cincinnati</b> <i>Zoo Unto Others AmeriCorps Program</i>	\$163,894	12 members provide STEM education and science literacy. ( <i>Hamilton County</i> )
Economic Opportunity: Building Skills, Increasing Impact		
<b>City of Dayton/University of Dayton</b> <i>Dayton Corps</i>	\$315,625	70 members facilitate community-building around housing insecurity & educational support in Dayton. ( <i>Montgomery County</i> )
<b>Ohio Historical Society</b> <i>Ohio History Service Corps</i>	\$146,069	10 members build capacity for local history centers. ( <i>Statewide</i> )
<b>Santa Maria Community Services</b> <i>Project Advance</i>	\$238,912	16 members assist low-income residents with health education and GED services. ( <i>Hamilton County</i> )
<b>University Settlement</b> <i>NEO Skills Corps</i>	\$164,252	15 members provide financial literacy and job skills education with low-income adults. ( <i>Cuyahoga County</i> )
<b>YMCA of Central Ohio</b> <i>Columbus City Corps</i>	\$179,180	24 members will serve in early learning centers & after school programs in the Linden & Hilltop communities. ( <i>Franklin County</i> )
<b>Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation - AmeriCorps REVITALIZE</b>	\$78,990	20 members reduce urban blight to create safer neighborhoods. ( <i>Mahoning County</i> )
Healthy Futures: Building Healthy Futures		
<b>Mercy Health</b> <i>Mercy Health Corps</i>	\$149,280	10 members provide services to reduce & prevent opioid abuse in urban & rural Mercy Health Emergency Departments. ( <i>Southwest &amp; Northwest Ohio</i> )
<b>Ohio University</b> <i>COMCorps</i>	\$315,383	24 members provide nutrition education and access to healthy foods. ( <i>Athens &amp; Washington Counties</i> )
<b>Ohio Department of Aging</b> <i>AmeriCorps Ombudsman Specialists</i>	\$164,252	11 members provide services to long-term care consumers in Ohio. ( <i>Statewide</i> )
<b>Rural Action</b> <i>Ohio Stream Restore Corps</i>	\$448,424	31 members improve environmental assets, provide education, & promote tourism in Appalachia. ( <i>Southeast &amp; Central Ohio</i> )

***\$8.7 million federal dollars is matched with \$6.1 million dollars at the local level.***

## ServeOhio Leadership

ServeOhio is authorized under Section 121.40 of the Ohio Revised Code as the Ohio Commission on Service and Volunteerism. In accordance with its legal authority, ServeOhio is overseen by 21 Commissioners who retain both fiduciary responsibility and responsibility for the overall policy and management of the Commission. Commissioners play an important role in developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy to encourage and expand community service and volunteer programs throughout the state.

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