



2024-25 Kentucky AmeriCorps Grants

# **Operational Programs**

# American Connection Corps

AmeriCorps members serve in programs focused on Bridging the Digital Divide in communities throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky. (Economic Opportunity)

Service Locations: Statewide Member Positions: 8 full-time Program Contact: <u>Scott McFarland</u>, (217) 720-4716 or <u>Jennifer Hopper</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>Lead For America</u> Federal Funds: \$0

# Christian Appalachian Project

AmeriCorps members provide housing development and repair, emergency utility and crisis assistance, hunger relief, affordable clothing, infant/toddler care, preschool, in-school, after-school, and summer education, teen leadership development, aging in place services, support for persons with disabilities, disaster relief, mental health counseling, and volunteer generation and support in or for residents in Eastern Kentucky. (Economic Opportunity and Education)

Service Locations: Clay, Floyd, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Owsley, Pike, Rockcastle, and Whitley counties

Member Positions: 53 part-time Program Contact: <u>Amy Schill</u>, (606) 392-4495 or <u>Bridget McCormack-Finley</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>Christian Appalachian Project</u> Federal Funds: \$505,050

## Environmental Education Leadership Corps

AmeriCorps members provide environmental education programs, lessons, and activities to the public in various locations throughout Kentucky. (Environmental Stewardship)

Service Locations: Statewide Member Positions: 20 full- and part-time Program Contact: <u>Ashley Mike</u>, 502-564-0690 or <u>Willa Bayne</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>Kentucky Environmental Education Council</u> Federal Funds: \$357,250

# Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC) Corps

AmeriCorps members tutor students in literacy and provide basic needs support to school-age children in Family Resource and Youth Services Centers (FRYSC) in Kentucky public schools. (Education)

Service Locations: Ballard, Barren, Boyd, Bullitt, Casey, Crittenden, Daviess, Estill, Fayette, Fleming, Gallatin, Harlan, Jackson, Johnson, Knox, Laurel, Lincoln, Logan, Madison, McCracken, McCreary, Mercer, Owen, Pulaski, Russell, Spencer, Taylor, Wayne, Webster, and Whitley counties

Member Positions: 73 full- and part-time

Program Contact: <u>Heather Musinski</u>, <u>April Hess</u>, or <u>Maya Owens</u>

Fiscal Agent: Ohio Valley Education Cooperative

Federal Funds: \$778,765

## Global Game Changers AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps members support students in our School Empowerment Zone Programs in association with Jefferson County Public Schools to improve social-emotional skills, power skills, and academics. (Education)

Service Locations: Jefferson County Member Positions: 12 full- and part-time Program Contact: <u>Alyssa Zediker</u> or <u>Anne Walker</u>, (502) 558-5732 Fiscal Agent: <u>Global Game Changers Children's Education Initiative</u> Federal Funds: \$206,572

#### HCTC PeerForward

AmeriCorps members serve as peer mentors, using the PeerForward mentoring model, to diverse learners who need intrusive support as well as mentoring high school dual credit students with accommodations, encouraging them to matriculate at to college at one or more of HCTC's three locations and off-campus instructional sites. (Education)

Service Locations: Breathitt, Leslie, and Perry counties

Member Positions: 6 part-time Program Contact: <u>Linda Patrick</u> or <u>Lucy Langdon</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>Hazard Community and Technical College</u> Federal Funds: \$97,872

#### Homes for All AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps members provide housing services to individuals experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, or are in search of affordable housing opportunities in Kentucky. (Economic Opportunity)

Service Locations: Statewide Member Positions: 28 full-time Program Contact: <u>Holly Dennis</u>, (502) 223-1834, Ext. 103 or <u>Valerie Roberts</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky</u> Federal Funds: \$699,200

#### I Would Rather Be Reading AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps members provide out-of-school programming in the roles of student and family/community liaisons in West and South Louisville. (Education) Service Locations: Jefferson County Member Positions: 8 part-time Program Contact: <u>Sara Hannah</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>I Would Rather Be Reading (IWRBR)</u> Federal Funds: \$139,965

#### iFoster TAY AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps members serve as Peer Navigators and provide outreach to 14- to 24-year-old transition-age foster and kinship youth (TAY) and connecting to existing resources and support systems designed to help them achieve self-sufficiency success with a focus on daily living, education, employment and health and well-being. (Economic Opportunity)

Service Locations: Clay, Leslie, Perry, Letcher, Harlan, Bell, Knox, and Whitley counties

Member Positions: 12 full- and part-time Program Contact: <u>Jordan Collins</u> or <u>Summer Rogers</u>, (213) 429-7015 Fiscal Agent: <u>iFoster</u> Federal Funds: \$187,012

## Kentucky College Coaches

AmeriCorps members serve as peer success coaches to support college and career readiness, student retention, engagement, and completion in junior high schools, high schools, area technology centers, colleges, and universities statewide. (Education)

Service Locations: Statewide Member Positions: 165 full- and part-time Program Contact: <u>Gayle Hilleke</u>, (859) 572-7634 Fiscal Agent: <u>Northern Kentucky University Research Foundation</u> Federal Funds: \$1,933,796

#### Kentucky Public Health AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps members will serve as Community Health Workers (CHW's) in local health departments in communities across Kentucky in core public health programs, including HANDS, WIC, and Harm Reduction. (Capacity Building) Service Locations: Statewide

Member Positions: 75 part-time Program Contact: <u>Whitney Reynolds</u> or <u>Natalee Cleveland</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>Kentucky Health Departments Association</u> Federal Funds: \$1,367,045

#### **KY Health Corps**

AmeriCorps members provide healthcare support to seniors and disabled individuals in healthcare facilities to develop their healthcare knowledge and complete credentialing coursework enabling members to work in memory care, skilled nursing, assisted living, and other healthcare related environments. (Capacity Building)

Service Locations: Statewide Member Positions: 200 part-time Program Contact: <u>Megan Eldridge</u>, (502) 265-6955 or <u>Sarah Brady</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>Family Scholar House</u> Federal Funds: \$2,825,124

#### **MathCorps**

AmeriCorps members provide math tutoring and other intervention services in public school classrooms and communitybased settings for students below grade-level math proficiency in grades K-12 in two Eastern Kentucky counties. (Education) Service Locations: Floyd and Perry counties Member Positions: 20 full-time Program Contact: Josh Mullins, (606) 785-5475 or <u>Kayla Thacker</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>Hindman Settlement School</u> Federal Funds: \$500,000

#### PartnerCorps PRI

AmeriCorps members mentor and tutor high school students to increase math achievement. (Education) Service Locations: Bell, Clay, Harlan, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Perry, and Whitley counties Member Positions: 66 full- and part-time Program Contact: <u>Rob Bowers</u>, (859) 200-3280 or <u>Beverly Strange</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>Partners for Rural Impact</u> Federal Funds: \$1,112,031

## **REACH Corps**

AmeriCorps members mentor students in elementary, middle, and high schools in Jefferson County to improve student attendance and/or behavioral outcomes. (Education) Service Locations: Jefferson County Member Positions: 20 part-time Program Contact: <u>Ben Langley</u>, (502) 485-3926 Fiscal Agent: <u>Jefferson County Public Schools</u> Federal Funds: \$234,889

### ReadingCorps

AmeriCorps members provide tutoring and other intervention services in public school classrooms and community-based settings for students in grades K-12 with one or more dyslexia indicators in four Eastern Kentucky counties. (Education) Service Locations: Bell, Knott, Leslie, and Perry counties Member Positions: 32 full-time

Program Contact: Josh Mullins, (606) 785-5475 or Kayla Thacker

Fiscal Agent: <u>Hindman Settlement School</u>

Federal Funds: \$714,084

#### **Senior Connections**

AmeriCorps members provide various nutritional services and social support to senior citizens throughout the seven-county Green River Area Development District region in an effort to lower food insecurity. (Healthy Futures)

Service Locations: Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster counties Member Positions: 28 full-time Program Contact: <u>Brad Alley</u>, (270) 926-4433 or <u>Mary Ashford</u>, (270) 636-3166 Fiscal Agent: <u>Green River Area Development District</u> Federal Funds: \$593,180

#### Southeast Conservation Corps Kentucky

AmeriCorps members engage in disaster response and public lands maintenance activities across Kentucky. (Environmental Stewardship)

Service Locations: Statewide Member Positions: 8 part-time Program Contact: <u>Darcy Welch</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>Conservation Legacy</u> Federal Funds: \$100,000

#### Teach For America - Appalachia Kentucky

Professional Corps AmeriCorps members who will teach for two years in low-income and under-resourced schools in several counties across Kentucky. (Education) Service Locations: Floyd, Harlan, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Martin, Menifee, and Perry counties Member Positions: 28 full-time Program Contact: Rosie Ballinger, (859) 358-5560 or Rachel Weber Jones Fiscal Agent: Teach For America Federal Funds: \$28,000

### Teach Kentucky AmeriCorps

Professional Corps AmeriCorps members will teach in high-needs content areas such as STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), Special Education, English as a Second Language (ESL), and other content areas needed to address school staffing shortages in local public schools. (Education)

Service Locations: Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Meade, Nelson, and Oldham counties

Member Positions: 53 full-time

Program Contacts: Max Morley or Rowan Claypool

Fiscal Agent: Teach Kentucky

Federal Funds: \$53,000

#### **UNITE Service Corps**

AmeriCorps members tutor students in math, implement the "Too Good for Drugs" drug-prevention curriculum, and sponsor UNITE drug prevention clubs in Southeastern Kentucky schools. (Education)

Service Locations: Bell, Boyd, Carter, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, Magoffin, Martin, Owsley, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Whitley, and Wolfe counties

Member Positions: 56 part-time

Program Contact: Crystal Smallwood, (606) 369-4408 or Benji Hammons, (606) 330-1400

Fiscal Agent: Operation UNITE

Federal Funds: \$975,000

#### YouthBuild Urban Conservation Corps

AmeriCorps members participate in hands-on environmental education and career readiness service activities that engage opportunity youth in meaningful, urban projects and service while building workforce skills for the green job sector in Louisville. (Environmental Stewardship)

Service Locations: Jefferson County Member Positions: 24 full- and part-time Program Contact: <u>Linda Witt</u> or <u>Joesph Magruder</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>YouthBuild Louisville</u> Federal Funds: \$324,000

# **Planning Grants**

## **BHDID-SUDS Planning Grant**

Planning Grant to engage opportunities for the future utilization of AmeriCorps members to address the need for recovery supports for individuals with substance use disorder, expand and diversify the 988 crisis response workforce, and increase capacity to deliver community-based direct support services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, within Kentucky communities with the greatest need based as determined by behavioral health outcome data and service availability.

Program Contact: Brittney Allen

Fiscal Agent: <u>CHFS Dept. for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities</u> Federal Funds: \$60,000

#### **CivicLex Planning Grant**

Planning Grant to explore opportunities for the future utilization of AmeriCorps members to address strengthening civic health outcomes in the target communities of Fayette County.

Program Contact: <u>Kit Anderson</u> or <u>Richard Young</u>

Fiscal Agent: <u>CivicLex</u> Federal Funds: \$57,938

#### **DAIL Planning Grant**

Planning Grant to explore opportunities for the future utilization of AmeriCorps members to address barriers faced by our aging military veterans who attend senior centers.

Program Contact: John Miles or Amy Metzger

Fiscal Agent: CHFS Dept. for Aging and Independent Living

Federal Funds: \$58,000

#### Feed Louisville Planning Grant

Planning Grant to explore opportunities for the future utilization of AmeriCorps members to address food insecurity and second chance employment needs in the target communities of Jefferson County.

Program Contact: Madeline Karcher or Rhona Kamar

Fiscal Agent: Feed Louisville

Federal Funds: \$41,967

#### Pine Mountain Settlement School Planning Grant

Planning Grant to explore opportunities for the future utilization of AmeriCorps members to address the promotion of environmental education, conservation, and stewardship activities in the target communities of Harlan, Letcher, and Perry Counties.

Program Contact: <u>Jason Brashear</u> Fiscal Agent: <u>Pine Mountain Settlement School</u> Federal Funds: \$44.313

#### The Book Works Planning Grant

Planning Grant to explore opportunities for the future utilization of AmeriCorps members to address widening education gaps and education disruption in the target communities of Jefferson County.

Program Contact: Elizabeth Senn-Alvey

Fiscal Agent: The Book Works

Federal Funds: \$56,384