

New AmeriCorps Programs in Kentucky



Beginning in September 2010, Kentucky will have 16 AmeriCorps programs, of which five are new programs to KCCVS. Kentuckians will benefit from almost 600 AmeriCorps members serving a large variety of critical community needs across the Commonwealth – almost double the amount of members that served in 2009-10.

Grant funding is awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Ten of the programs received new or continuation funding from the national competitive process. In fact, only five states have more competitively funded programs than Kentucky, a big accomplishment. The remaining programs are funded through formula grant funds that is awarded based on state population. As a comparison, in 2000, Kentucky only had one competitively funded programs and five formula funded programs. This shows the

effectiveness of the community forums, grant training and Request for Proposals process, which the KCCVS has actively improved over the last few years.

AmeriCorps members receive a modest living allowance, student loan forbearance, health coverage and child care for those who qualify. After successfully completing their terms of service, members receive an education award up to the equivalent of a federal Pell Grant to help repay qualified student loans or finance college, graduate school or vocational training.

One new edition to the Kentucky AmeriCorps portfolio is the Kentucky Service Corps, an education award program sponsored by the Northern Kentucky University Research Foundation. This type of program, where members receive only the education award, has never been offered in Kentucky before.

For more information about the 2010-11 Kentucky AmeriCorps programs, please visit the KCCVS website, <http://chfs.ky.gov/dfrcvs/kccvs/ameriCorps/programs>. Individuals interested in serving with AmeriCorps may contact Sister Andi Sieloff, KCCVS program officer at (800) 239-7404 or andrea.sieloff@ky.gov. KCCVS will post on the website when the online application process for 2010-11 AmeriCorps programs opens.

Resources:

Handout of 2010-11 Kentucky AmeriCorps Programs, <http://tinyurl.com/ac-programs>

CNCS press release: National Service Agency Announces 2010 AmeriCorps Grants (June 7, 2010), <http://tinyurl.com/cnCS-press-release>

2010-11 Kentucky AmeriCorps Programs (*new)

1. A-Team
2. Build Corps
3. Community Action Corps*
4. Economic Empowerment Corps*
5. EKV Corps (former SERV Corps program)
6. FRYSC Corps
7. Homeland Security Corps
8. Kentucky College Coaches*
9. Kentucky Service Corps *
10. MSU Corps
11. Prevent. Prepare. Respond.
12. REACH Corps (former Every 1 Reads AmeriCorps Program)
13. Senior Connections
14. SUCCESS Corps
15. UNITE Service Corps
16. YouthBuild of Northern Kentucky*