

## AmeriCorps Grant Institute

### Curriculum

#### Month 1

- Identify the problem you want to program to address.
- Is it truly a need of the community?
- Who says it is a need?
- Is there local data to support your idea?
- Develop data to support your idea. Maintain documentation of data.
- How long has this been an issue in the community? What has been done in the past to address it? How successful was the endeavor?

#### Month 2

- Identify potential partners.
- Bring them to the table to get "buy in".
- What do they see as the problem? What do they see as the solution?
- What can each partner bring to the program?

#### Month 3

- Identify a potential fiscal agent.
- Are they capable of managing a federal grant?
- Identify potential service sites.
- Is there cash and in-kind resources to support an AmeriCorps member.

#### Month 4

- How do you see the AmeriCorps program addressing the need?
- What are the overall goals of the program?
- What is the expected outcome of the service of the members?
- Begin developing performance measures that will measure the service provided by the members.
- How many members will you need to accomplish the performance measures?
- Bring stakeholders back to the table for buy-in and approval.

#### Month 5

- Identify what training the members will need in order to provide the service needed?
- Develop a training plan for a 9-12 month program.
- Develop a role description for the member's service.

#### Month 6

- Develop a recruitment plan for members assuring of diversity and inclusion of members with disabilities.
- How will members recruit volunteers to support the program?
- How will the members be supported in service both locally at the service site and by the fiscal agent?