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Michigan receives \$8.3 million in AmeriCorps Funding

LANSING, MICH. – The state of Michigan has received \$8.3 million in federal funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) through the Michigan Community Service Commission, the state's lead agency on volunteerism and service.

The funding will support more than 1,000 AmeriCorps members to address some of Michigan's most pressing issues in communities across the state. The Michigan Community Service Commission will administer 30 grants totaling \$8.3 million, supporting 28 Michigan organizations.

"AmeriCorps members make a tremendous impact on the lives of Michiganders," said Michigan Community Service Commission executive director Ginna Holmes. "We are proud to utilize service as a strategy to tackle some of the state's biggest challenges."

The organizations hosting AmeriCorps programs include:

- American Red Cross
- BHK Child Development Board
- Cherry Health
- Child and Family Services
- City Year, Inc.
- Community Economic Development Association of Michigan
- Crim Fitness Foundation
- Detroit Public Schools Community District
- EcoWorks
- FoodCorps
- Good Samaritan Ministries
- Heart of West Michigan United Way
- Hope Network of West Michigan
- Huron Pines
- Ingham County Health Department
- Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
- Michigan College Access Network
- Michigan Fitness Foundation
- Michigan State University Extension
- Muskegon County Land Bank Authority
- Peckham, Inc.
- Playworks
- Public Allies, Inc.
- Superior Watershed Partnership
- Teach for America

- United Way of Genesee and Lapeer Counties
- United Way of Saginaw County
- Wayne State University

AmeriCorps' unique model means that the grants will leverage an additional \$10.4 million from the private sector, foundations, and other sources – further increasing the return on the federal investment.

CNCS will provide an additional \$4.2 million in Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards for the AmeriCorps members funded by these grants. After completing a full term of service, AmeriCorps members receive an award of approximately \$6,000 that they can use to pay for college or to pay off student loans.

Every year, 75,000 AmeriCorps members serve to tutor and mentor young people, connect veterans to jobs, care for seniors, reduce crime and revive cities, fight the opioid epidemic, and meet other critical needs.

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BACKGROUND: The **Michigan Community Service Commission** utilizes service as a strategy to address the state's most pressing issues and empowers volunteers to strengthen communities. In 2017-2018, the Community Service Commission is granting more than \$11 million in federal funds to local communities for volunteer programs and activities. The Governor's Service Awards, Michigan's AmeriCorps, Mentor Michigan and Volunteer Michigan are premier programs of the agency. For more information, visit [Michigan.gov/volunteer](https://michigan.gov/volunteer)

The Corporation for National and Community Service is the federal agency for volunteering, service, and civic engagement. The agency engages millions of Americans in citizen service through its AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs and leads the nation's volunteering and service efforts. For more information, visit NationalService.gov.