



NEW YORK STATE 2012-13 AmeriCorps Grant Recipients

Applicant Agency: Harlem Children's Zone
MSY Awarded: 127
Funding Awarded: \$1,651,000

AmeriCorps members serving in the Harlem Children's Zone's (HCZ) Peacemaker Program play a critical role in our pioneering comprehensive, community-building initiative called the HCZ Project. The Project is a neighborhood-based network of programs and services that create positive opportunities and outcomes for more than 9,500 children and 6,000 adults who live in a 97-block area of Central Harlem. The 127 MSY (119 full-time and 16 half-times) AmeriCorps members will support three key programs within the HCZ Project to improve the academic outcomes of Central Harlem children and youth from October 1, 2012 -- December 31, 2013. A total of 96 MSY AmeriCorps Members will support our primary focus area of success in school for 2,000 children in grades K -- 5 at seven NYC public elementary schools. An additional 21 MSY AmeriCorps Members will support the school readiness of 237 three- and four-year-olds at our Harlem Gems pre-kindergarten programs. Finally, 9 MSY AmeriCorps Members will support 200 high school youth, preparing them for college.

Applicant Agency: City Year, Inc.
MSY Awarded: 60
Funding Awarded: \$460,000

60 AmeriCorps members will implement Diplomas Now, providing tutoring and mentoring as part of a comprehensive support program for 9th grade students who are at risk to drop out in 4 public schools in West/Central Bronx, NYC. By the 3-year project period end, 300 students will improve in attendance, behavior, and/or coursework in English and math and 900 students will benefit from targeted services. This project focuses on Education. The CNCS investment of \$460,000 will be matched with \$460,000.

Applicant Agency: Green City Force
MSY Awarded: 40
Funding Awarded: \$499,939

Through this grant, Green City Force (GCF) will engage 80 AmeriCorps (AC) members per year, low income young adults recruited in partnership with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), to serve, learn and train for employment and college enrollment. Through their service in our Clean Energy Corps, they will improve energy efficiency in buildings to benefit low-income communities in two ways. First, they will clean, prep and coat rooftops white to reduce energy usage in summer months in buildings housing not-for-profits or community services. Second, they will perform energy reduction audits, as part of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) EmPower program, to educate tenants on how to reduce their environmental impact and save money on utility bills by lowering their electricity usage, and install low-cost measures, like CFLs, to improve energy efficiency. The service will occur in low-income neighborhoods throughout NYC as defined by 60% State Median Income as part of EmPower. There will be 40 Corps Members (CMs) per 6-month cohort, using 80 part-time slots per year. At the end of each cohort, CMs will have performed 1000 audits and coated 500,000 sq. ft. of rooftops (depending upon the time of year), resulting in reduced electricity usage, reduced CO2 emissions, and saved money for low-income families through reduced utility bills. By graduation, 100% of CMs will have received job readiness, eco-literacy, transferable skills training and intensive service-learning; within 3 months of graduation, 24 CMs (75% of graduates) per cohort will be placed in employment or college. This project is in the CNCS focus areas "Economic Opportunity" and the "Environment". The CNCS investment of \$500,000 will be matched with \$985,000 per year. The project period is between October 2012 and October 2015.

Applicant Agency: Jewish Institute of Queens

MSY Awarded: 10.12

Funding Awarded: \$132,213

Twenty-three AmeriCorps Members (10 MSY) will leverage an additional 3-4 Volunteers per day to serve in an Education and Nutrition program in the Jewish Institute of Queens and the Bukharian Jewish Community Center, both located in Queens, New York. At the end of the 45 week period, 56 one-on-one mentor-mentee matches will be sustained, 70% of students will demonstrate improved academic performance in literacy and in math, 100 individuals will receive support, services, education and/or referrals to alleviate long-term hunger and 60% of individuals will report increased food security for themselves and their children. This project will focus on the CNCS focus areas of Education and Healthy Futures. The CNCS investment of \$132,213 will be matched with \$57,089.

Applicant Agency: City Year, Inc.

MSY Awarded: 254

Funding Awarded: \$2,921,000

City Year New York is a full-time, team-based AmeriCorps program serving low-income students in public schools in the South Bronx, Long Island City, East New York and East Harlem. Our AmeriCorps members, ages 17-24, provide targeted and school-wide interventions in literacy, math, attendance and behavior to at-risk students. In 2012-13, approximately 1,800 below-grade level students will be enrolled in our Academic Program and 60% of those who complete will show significant academic improvement.

Applicant Agency: Community Health Care Association of NYS (CHCANYS)

MSY Awarded: 24

Funding Awarded: \$359,978

The CHCANYS Community HealthCorps program is a perfect match with the Healthy Futures national service priority area. Our program places trained health educators, patient services associates and case managers into our partnering Community Health Centers where they perform direct service with underserved populations. Our members help clients increase access to health care services, carry-out disease prevention, health education, health literacy and health promotion initiatives in economically depressed areas of New York State.

Applicant Agency: Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation

MSY Awarded: 15.21

Funding Awarded: \$191,221

CHLDC seeks to implement an AmeriCorps program. We request \$191,221, with a match of \$701,340. We are a multi-services agency with extensive experience managing high quality youth programs. The agency budget is over \$7 million, from public and private sources. Program has met or exceeded past performance goals. Members will serve in after-school and summer programs. Program will participate in the national measure pilot in education.

Applicant Agency: Family Service of Westchester, Inc.

MSY Awarded: 24

Funding Awarded: \$318,600

FSW proposes to support an ACFL program that serves in high needs communities in Westchester County: Yonkers, White Plains, Port Chester and New Rochelle. Each district encompasses large clusters of poverty and youth identified as at-risk in such areas as low performances in reading and in other areas of academic achievement, as well as insufficient social skills. The program connects youth with caring adults: mentors who can support their educational and emotional development.

Applicant Agency: Fund for the City of New York

MSY Awarded: 40.16

Funding Awarded: \$529,888

The New York Juvenile Justice Corps seeks to break the cycle of unmet educational needs and criminal justice involvement of New York City's youth. The Juvenile Justice Corps focuses on youth currently involved or at risk of becoming involved in the justice system due to factors like truancy, delinquent behavior, and detention and placement in juvenile justice facilities. Members provide services that promote educational support, community and family engagement, and career exploration.

Applicant Agency: Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.

MSY Awarded: 80.85

Funding Awarded: \$830,511

Jumpstart's mission is to engage caring college students in service to work toward the day every child in America enters school prepared to succeed. Jumpstart AmeriCorps members work with children from low-income backgrounds in the classroom setting to build the language, literacy, social, and initiative skills that are the foundation for future school success. Jumpstart New York will recruit minimum-time AmeriCorps members to work with children across the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens.

Applicant Agency: Monroe Community College

MSY Awarded: 45

Funding Awarded: \$580,214

Rochester AmeriCorps places full time members at a variety of agencies serving the Rochester community. Many of our members' responsibilities focus on providing positive activities and strong adult role models for the city's youth. Others focus on various aspects of the criminal justice system, including specialized family court programs, victim assistance, and services for ex-offenders, or provide employment readiness, financial literacy training or volunteer management. Members also get together throughout the year for activities such as reflective learning, team building and group service projects.

Applicant Agency: New York City Office of the Mayor/ NYC Civic Corps

MSY Awarded: 128

Funding Awarded: \$1,664,000

The NYC Civic Corps is the first and only municipal corps in the nation with a focus on instigating and developing organizational capacity to manage sustainable volunteer programs. Through NYC Service, NYC Civic Corps illustrates the possibilities for volunteers to address critical needs in communities throughout the country, particularly during this economic downturn. Through their service, these corps members fulfill the pledge of AmeriCorps along with the goals of NYC Service in helping to promote service as a core part of what it means to be a citizen of New York City.

Applicant Agency: Northeast Parent & Child Society

MSY Awarded: 15

Funding Awarded: \$148,199

Northeast Energy Corps addresses the need to provide energy upgrades to substandard low-income housing in the City of Schenectady. Members will be enrolled in our program on an annual basis. Members will receive Pre-Service Orientation, Green Curriculum, Customer Service, and Building Analyst training through the HVCC CEENS and NYSEDA. This will prepare members with the concepts and certification to perform energy audits, retrofits, and upgrades to low-income homes.

Applicant Agency: Oswego City - County Youth Bureau

MSY Awarded: 20.54

Funding Awarded: \$268,224

Oswego AmeriCorps members will serve youth and families in Oswego County by mentoring disadvantaged youth and providing physical education and nutrition education activities to combat childhood obesity. Members will serve at schools, libraries, recreation programs and not for profit organizations.

Applicant Agency: Phoenix Houses of New York, Inc.

MSY Awarded: 40

Funding Awarded: \$455,040

Phoenix House AmeriCorps lends crucial clinical support to adults with severe substance abuse, criminal justice involvement, physical and mental health problems, and lack of job skills and employment. Serving in treatment agencies and recovery programs across the state, AmeriCorps members will be involved in intake assessments, counseling and psycho-education, and provide a range of other crucial support to programs and clients, leading to a reduction in substance abuse and recidivism, and increased employment for program clients.

Applicant Agency: Research Foundation of SUNY Stony Brook
MSY Awarded: 14.81
Funding Awarded: \$11,848

Stony Brook University is seeking to impact the community through expansion of the opportunities available for students dedicated to service through the AmeriCorps Education Award program starting on 9/15/2012 and ending on 9/14/2013. The program created a significant "buzz" beyond campus about health education and hunger programs that have greatly impacted the community for the better. During the current grant cycle community sites reported 100% satisfaction from work conducted by members, 1,771 volunteers were recruited completing 38,321 hours of service. In addition to these accomplishments, our members served 1,382 disadvantaged children and youth, 3,292 clients who participated in health education programs and 2,626 individuals who received services to alleviate hunger. Next year we fully expect AmeriCorps members will prove to be an even greater invaluable asset to the Corporation and local community.

Applicant Agency: Student Conservation Association, Inc.
MSY Awarded: 40
Funding Awarded: \$518,922

SCA-NY AmeriCorps will recruit AmeriCorps members who will serve throughout the Hudson Valley and the Adirondack State Park for both full- and part time terms of service. In 2011-2012, these members will instill an ethic of stewardship in thousands of students and will improve the quality of and access to NY public lands for the benefit of millions of visitors. The members in the Adirondacks will serve a part-time term in the Adirondacks from May to October and will create or improve access to trails and wilderness lands. In the Hudson Valley members will serve half-time and full-time terms at a variety of state, county and non-profit agencies providing a myriad of environmental education and stewardship roles including trail work, biodiversity research and monitoring, GIS mapping, invasive plant management, promotion of sustainable practices etc.

Applicant Agency: The Service Collaborative of Western New York (Opportunity Corps)
MSY Awarded: 35
Funding Awarded: \$412,685

Opportunity Corps has been created to provide financial literacy training to Buffalo's economically disadvantaged adult citizens. Through this program, AmeriCorps members will create increased knowledge and changed behaviors related to finances in service recipients, transforming our community and creating a legacy of self-sufficiency among Buffalo citizens.

Applicant Agency: Harlem RBI, Inc.
MSY Awarded: 35.47
Funding Awarded: \$454,898

101 AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 118 new community volunteers to address the community's low academic achievement, low academic engagement and high rates of obesity by working with youth in afterschool and summer activities in the low-income urban community of East Harlem, New York City. At the end of the three year grant period, Harlem RBI anticipates that it will serve an additional 1,148 youth and: 1) raise reading scores by at least one grade for 80% of 288 participants in an afterschool program and add 105 hours of fitness activities for 95% of these participants; 2) Close the summer learning gap by maintaining or increasing reading scores for 80% of 435 youth and adding 30 hours of fitness activities for 90% of these youth; 3) increase academic engagement for 75% of 90 middle school youth; 4) Decrease chronic absenteeism in 25 elementary school students and raise reading scores by 1.25 years for 40 elementary school students; and 5) add 12 hours of fitness for 120 elementary school youth in the summer and 160 hours of fitness for 240 teens. This project will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education and Healthy Futures. The CNCS investment of \$454,898 will be matched with \$1,218,373 from Harlem RBI.

Application Agency: Children's Aid Society

MSY Awarded: 29.49

Funding Awarded: \$375,863

Eighty-one [81] AmeriCorps members [29.49 MSY] a year will leverage an additional 80-105 volunteers to support the healthy development of children with innovations starting in pre-school and extending through high school and into college. Specifically, AmeriCorps Members will promote early literacy, after-school enrichment and attendance improvement, college readiness, nutrition education, adolescent pregnancy prevention, Health Care Access and summer employment. This work will extend to children and youth residing in some of New York City's most impoverished neighborhoods: Washington Heights, Harlem and the South Bronx. Working in community centers and community schools, AmeriCorps Members will become an integral part of The Children's Aid Society team. AmeriCorps Members will directly impact the lives of, at minimum, 2,795 youth annually, or 8,385 over the course of the three year grant period. This project will focus on the CNCS focus areas of Education, Healthy Futures and Opportunity. The CNCS investment of \$375,863 will be matched with \$328,818.

Applicant Agency: Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau

MSY Awarded: 19.23

Funding Awarded: \$198,405

Thirty-eight AmeriCorps Members will serve with the Southern Tier AmeriCorps Resource Team (S.T.A.R.T.) in school districts and community agencies located in Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties. At the end of the three year grant cycle, which begins October 1, 2012 and ends on December 31, 2015, Members will have provided 750 disadvantaged youth with education services, with 555 demonstrating improved academic engagement, 9,000 volunteers with community service and service learning opportunities, with 6,000 managed through a volunteer management system. In addition, 60 Members will receive CERT disaster response and preparedness training. This project will focus on the CNCS focus areas of education disaster services, and capacity building. The CNCS investment of \$198,405 will be matched with \$105,164.

Applicant Agency: Utica Municipal Housing Authority

MSY Awarded: 12

Funding Requested: \$155,115

The Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica, New York (UMHA) is requesting a total of 12 fulltime AmeriCorps members. Of the 12, ten will be placed at its housing developments while two will be stationed at the Central New York Veteran's Outreach Center. Our AmeriCorps program primary service area will be the City of Utica. However, services to veterans will be provided in Oneida, Herkimer, and Madison Counties. The project will focus on the CNCS focus areas of economic opportunity and veterans. The program will serve both community as well as public housing and Housing Choice Voucher residents. The program will target Utica's large immigrant population, homeless persons, and veterans. The goal of the project will be to help low-income families achieve self-sufficiency and reduce their reliance on government programs. It will serve a total of 450 individuals in its first year of operation. Thirty five volunteers will be recruited to assist with various programs. At the end of the three year grant cycle, a housing counseling, information, and referral center will be established, job skills and financial literacy program will be incorporated into the UMHA resident service delivery system, and an on-going community-based veteran services supported by volunteers will be maintained. The CNCS investment of \$155,115 will be matched with \$209,143.

Applicant Agency: The Service Collaborative of WNY (ABLE)

MSY Awarded: 127.51

Funding Awarded: \$1,603,579

AmeriCorps Builds Lives through Education mobilizes men and women in national service to revive and strengthen educational environments, expanding opportunities for today's youth and transforming America's future--one student, one classroom, and one community at a time. 245 AmeriCorps members serve the Buffalo and Western New York community, providing national service support to community partners such as public, charter and Catholic schools, after-school programs and non-profits.

Applicant Agency: ReServe Elder Services

MSY Awarded: 13.76

Funding Awarded: \$199,834

READY/ReServe recruits, trains and deploys retired professionals to help low-income students in high need high schools learn about their options for college and offer one-on-one assistance in applying to college. They help students brainstorm their college essays; assist them in filling out college and financial aid applications; provide workshops for students and their parents about college and the college application process; and help organize day-long trips to colleges in the New York City area.

Applicant Agency: Yeshiva Kehilath Yaakov

MSY Awarded: 20.23

Funding Awarded: \$246,415

Yeshiva Kehilath Yaakov will recruit 40 AmeriCorps members including 8 full times, 16 half-time, and 16 quarter time (20.23 FTE's). Members will provide quality mentoring at K-12 schools, serving as role models and promoting positive behaviors and success in school; will expand the capacity of health education activities to include assisting families with children who are not up to date on their immunizations; and will mobilize a pool of adult volunteers to expand the capacity of community health and education activities.

Applicant Agency: Genesee County Youth Bureau

MSY Awarded: 14.85

Funding Awarded: \$181,625

Genesee County AmeriCorps, sponsored by the County Youth Bureau, uses a scattered site model to meet community needs in the areas of youth development, volunteer recruitment, public safety and community outreach. Many of its sites will be incorporating environmental stewardship into their youth development practices. Forty-six part time members are placed at host sites including after school and summer programs, libraries, public and community based agencies.

Applicant Agency: Institute for Human Service

MSY Awarded: 23.74

Funding Awarded: \$303,698

The AmeriCorps Kids First Initiative will serve at-risk youth and individuals/families in need in the Southern Tier region of New York State. Our primary program focus is Youth Development, providing guidance, mentoring and homework help to students, primarily during after-school hours. Our service work also directly addresses the CNCS Strategic Plan Focus Area of Opportunity. Our program is centered in Steuben county, and also makes placements in Chemung county, with additional sites in Yates, Schuyler and Allegany counties. We provide the guidance, mentoring, and educational support services that youth in this region need. We also strengthen distressed families that have limited economic opportunity.

Applicant Agency: SCO Family of Services.

MSY Awarded: 12.63

Funding Awarded: \$188,876

Center for Family Life, a program of SCO Family of Services, will engage 40 AmeriCorps members in service activities that address the Education priority area. Members will participate in school-based teams that contribute to the afterschool, summer camp and school day partnership activities provided by Center for Family Life at four program sites in the low-income, immigrant community of Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Members will engage children and youth in consistent group and community-building activities that promote social, physical, academic, artistic, and leadership development and recruit volunteers who will contribute to program, school and community-wide events.

Applicant Agency: Legal Assistance of Western New York
MSY Awarded: 24
Funding Awarded: \$308,288

The Access to Justice Project will expand the provision of civil legal services to the poor by placing 24 members in 7 legal aid offices to combat the effects of poverty across 14 upstate New York counties. The members will assist staff and pro bono attorneys in helping clients to access income benefits, decent housing and health care. They will foster volunteer efforts and agency collaborations to address the vast unmet legal needs of the indigent.

Applicant Agency: Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty
MSY Awarded: 14
Funding Awarded: \$185,513

Metropolitan Council on Jewish Poverty will recruit and manage 14 AmeriCorps members to assist in a New York City wide initiative that will mobilize volunteers to address poverty in New York's local communities. The program is focused on career services and job-readiness, and on hunger relief and nutrition education. All AmeriCorps members will be responsible for creating, implementing, and managing projects that address needs related to these two areas.

Applicant Agency: SEEDCO
MSY Awarded: 13
Funding Awarded: \$184,588

Structured Employment Economic Development Corporation (Seedco) is submitting a continuation proposal for its AmeriCorps NYC Benefits program. Seedco places members within its network of community-based organizations, where members serve clients through free tax preparation, financial education and benefits assistance. Last year alone, our members returned more than \$8 million in tax refunds to clients. Having achieved great success over the last four years, we hope to extend our impact through a fifth year with AmeriCorps.

Applicant Agency: The After School Corporation (Community Works)
MSY Awarded: 103.34
Funding Awarded: \$1,056,259

The Community Works AmeriCorps program engages 267 AmeriCorps members at 46 after-school programs in the delivery of programming to 2,670 children. The program is designed to bring preventive programming to NYC children by connecting AmeriCorps members with after-school programs where they will provide under-served students with academic support, community service opportunities and enrichment activities.

Applicant Agency: Rural Health Network
MSY Awarded: 21.22
Funding Awarded: \$275,000

The Rural Health Service Corps (RHSC) - AmeriCorps Program is administered by the Rural Health Network of SCNY. The primary service area is four rural NYS counties in the Southern Tier of NYS (Northern Appalachia). This project will place 46 AmeriCorps members in service to address critical rural health needs, including chronic disease and obesity reduction, emergency medical services, and rural transportation -- mobility management. The project is a youth service corps that places members at 27 service sites.

Applicant Agency: North Country Workforce Partnership, Inc.
MSY Awarded: 10
Funding Awarded: \$155,215

To assist already overburdened organizations to meet critical unmet community needs, The North Country Workforce Partnership (NCWP) created a service and capacity-building program known as AmeriCorps for the Adirondacks. AmeriCorps for the Adirondacks members will create, support, or enhance programs designed to increase literacy and occupational skills, increase awareness of available healthcare services, and increase access to viable economic opportunities for residents in the region.

Applicant Agency: The After-School Corporation (Summer Works)
MSY Awarded: 21.93
Funding Awarded: \$275,000

Summer Works is an opportunity to expand the learning time and opportunity for low-income Black and Latino students living in New York City whose academic achievement continues to lag. Summer Works places AmeriCorps members in after-school and summer programs where they will provide instruction in core academic subjects, in addition to enrichment activities that resonate with kids. AmeriCorps members will develop positive, supportive relationships with students. As after-school and summer learning programs offer more focused academic content for students, AmeriCorps can meaningfully contribute by ensuring that the instruction reaches as many students as possible and is relevant to their lives. Summer Works will add an extra 3 hours of learning time for students each school day and 6 weeks of instruction in the summer. Summer Works members will serve as group leaders and activity specialists who offer academic enrichment activities in a range of subjects (e.g., English/Language arts, math, social studies, science, art). These enrichments will contribute to students' cognitive growth and social development, promoting long-term academic success.

Applicant Agency: Habitat for Humanity of New York State, Inc.
MSY Awarded: 12
Funding Awarded: \$159,452

Habitat for Humanity's mission is to provide very low income families with safe, decent, affordable homes. Although local Habitat for Humanity affiliates in New York State build 110 homes per year, there is a large unmet housing need across the state. Habitat for Humanity New York State is the state support organization serving 53 local Habitat for Humanity affiliates in New York. The core of its mission is to develop resources and provide technical assistance to support local affiliates in their efforts to build more homes and meet more families' needs. In the past year Habitat for Humanity New York State has provided 1.2 million dollars in resources to affiliates via state and federal grants.

Applicant Agency: New York Restoration Project
MSY Awarded: 24
Funding Awarded: \$275,000

New York City comprises 5 boroughs and 59 districts, spread over nearly 195,000 acres. Within this city of neighborhoods are crammed 8.2 million people; that number is projected to swell to over nine million by 2030. Already the population strains our existing infrastructure and local ecology. Though the city has, over the past three decades, undergone major revitalization, focusing on maintenance and restoration, community reinvestment, cleaning and replanting parks, and removing litter from streets and subways), much remains to be done. There are still hundreds of vacant lots in neighborhoods that have no public green space, still parks that languish as dumping grounds rather than the centers of activity and community life they should be, still children who have no safe space to play outside or any sense of the natural world around them. The environmental needs in this city are great, but so is the city's potential for greatness.