The Corps Network Awarded AmeriCorps National Direct Grants to Continue Opportunity Youth Service Initiative and Education Awards Program

WASHINGTON, DC – The Corps Network, the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps, is the recipient of two AmeriCorps National Direct Grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). These grants will respectively support the continuation of The Corps Network’s Opportunity Youth Service Initiative (OYSI) and Education Award Program (EAP).

During the first year of a three-year grant cycle, the OYSI funding will support 740 AmeriCorps members at 15 Service and Conservation Corps of The Corps Network. Corp members will engage in environmental stewardship projects designed to promote energy efficiency in low-income housing and improve access to public lands, trails, and waterways. Operating across 16 states, the 15 Corps that will receive OYSI funding through The Corps Network are:

- American YouthWorks (TX)
- Civic Works (MD)
- Conservation Legacy (AZ, CO, NM)
- Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps (WI)
- Greater Miami Service Corps (FL)
- Green City Force (NY)
- Heart of Oregon Corps (OR)
- Limitless Vistas, Inc. (LA)
- Milwaukee Community Service Corps (WI)
- Northwest Youth Corps (OR, ID, WA)
- Operation Fresh Start (WI)
- SEEDS (MI)
- The Sustainability Institute (SC)
- Vermont Youth Conservation Corps (NC, VT)
- Western Colorado Conservation Corps (CO)

During the 2016 – 2017 program year, the EAP grant will support 2,670 AmeriCorps members at 40 member Corps of The Corps Network. The Corps members will work on Environmental Stewardship projects in hundreds of communities across 31 states. Corps members will be responsible for improving 30,000 acres of public land, 1,550 miles of trails and waterways, and collecting 1,700 tons of recycling. In addition, the AmeriCorps members, many of whom are Opportunity Youth, will be provided with educational and economic opportunities and will leverage an additional 5,500 volunteers. The Corps receiving EAP funding through The Corps Network are (showing state where Corps is based):

- American Conservation Experience (AZ)
- American YouthWorks (TX)
- California Conservation Corps (TX)
- Christodora (NY)
- Citizens Conservation Corps (WV)
- Civics (CA)
- Community Training Works (FL)
- Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa (MN)
- Conservation Corps of North Bay (CA)
- Conservation Legacy (CO)
- Fresh Start Advantage (CA)
- Fresno Local Conservation Corps (CA)
- GLISTEN (DC)
- Great Basin Institute/Nevada Conservation Corps (NV)
- Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps (WI)
- Greater Miami Service Corps (FL)
- Green City Force (NY)
- Green Mountain Club (VT)
- Headwaters Youth Conservation Corps (NY)
- Heart of Oregon Corps (OR)
- Kupu - Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (HI)
- Louisiana GreenCorps (LA)
- Los Angeles Conservation Corps (CA)
- Maine Conservation Corps (ME)
- Michigan Civilian Conservation Corps (MI)
- Mile High Youth Corps (CO)
- New York – New Jersey Trail Conference (NJ)
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- Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps (MI)
- Northwest Youth Corps (OR)
- Onondaga Earth Corps (NY)
- Orange County Conservation Corps (CA)
- Rocky Mountain Youth Corps (CO)
- Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps (CA)
- Sequoia Conservation Corps (CA)
- SEEDS (MI)
- Utah Conservation Corps (UT)
- Virginia State Parks Youth Conservation Corps (VA)
- Washington Conservation Corps (WA)
- WicCorps (WY)
- Youth Conservation Corps (IL)