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CaliforniaVolunteers Announces 2012-13 AmeriCorps Competitive Portfolio

California receives over \$16 million in grant funding to help AmeriCorps programs address critical needs at the community level

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – CaliforniaVolunteers announced today its 2012-13 AmeriCorps competitive portfolio, consisting of 21 AmeriCorps programs addressing critical education, environmental, economic opportunity, health or other human needs.

“AmeriCorps members represent the power of human capital in tackling the increased challenges our local communities face in California,” said Secretary of Service and Volunteering, Karen Baker. “Once again, California has been successful in securing competitive funding when resources are scarce and the needs are great. I am excited to congratulate our grantees and look forward to the great work the members will do for our communities as they embark upon their service.”

The 2012-13 California competitive AmeriCorps portfolio consists of programs funded through a national grant competition from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Twenty-one California AmeriCorps programs were successful in the national competition, bringing in more than \$16 million in federal AmeriCorps funding to the state. CaliforniaVolunteers received an additional \$11.3 million from CNCS based upon the state’s population to fund additional programs through a grant review process. These formula grant awards will be announced in July of 2012.

The current year’s AmeriCorps grant cycle was highly competitive, due to the strong and growing demand by organizations seeking AmeriCorps resources. For the 2012-13 new and re-competing competitive grants, the following 6 were awarded to California:

- *BAYAC AmeriCorps* serves high-risk youth in six counties in the San Francisco Bay Area. This year, BAYAC will place 117 AmeriCorps members with 27 community-based organizations. AmeriCorps members will serve in K-12 schools to increase student academic engagement through youth development services to 3,200 students.
- *California Safe Corps* serves the community in the area of disaster services by providing underserved and vulnerable populations access to disaster preparedness and response services. Twenty-four AmeriCorps members will serve in this program and leverage an additional 1,200 volunteers to teach 23,760 people in American Red Cross health, safety, disaster preparedness, and disaster response trainings.

- *City Year Los Angeles* provides targeted interventions in attendance, behavior and tutoring in English and math to underperforming students in the communities of Boyle Heights, Pico-Union & Watts and South Central of the Los Angeles Unified School District. There will be 200 AmeriCorps members serving for the 2012-13 program year.
- *First 5 AmeriCorps* serves economically disadvantaged young children (age 2-5) in 11 counties by ensuring that these children are ready for school. At least 1,300 children who did not initially meet milestones for school readiness in areas of social development, literacy and numeracy will demonstrate gains in one or more of those areas.
- *Reading Partners California* serves throughout the Bay Area, Los Angeles and Sacramento to provide one-to-one literacy tutoring and recruits, trains, manages and coaches volunteers to provide tutoring of students reading below grade level. This design allows Reading Partners to reach three times the number of students they would serve if only members were tutors.
- *Super Stars Literacy* is a program that delivers an intensive, school-based tutoring intervention to economically disadvantaged K-2nd grade students in the Oakland and Hayward Unified School Districts. It aims to form a bridge between the school day and the after school program for students who are reading below grade level. Reading instruction is woven into structured activities to help build the students' social/behavioral skills while they are improving their literacy skills.

Please see below for a complete list of AmeriCorps programs that received new/recompete & continuation funding:

Program Name	Grant Amount
BAYAC AmeriCorps	\$1,170,000
Birth and Beyond	\$996,561
Building Healthy Communities AmeriCorps	\$600,000
CA Energy Service Corps	\$699,998
California Safe Corps	\$311,570
CalSERVES VIP	\$1,959,999
CalVet Corps	\$406,646
City Year Los Angeles	\$2,500,000
Elev8 Middle School Youth Program	\$428,216
First 5 Service Corps	\$1,077,522
Girls Inc. AmeriCorps Program	\$465,001
HOPE Works Mentoring Program	\$408,319
JusticeCorps	\$1,016,372
North State Rural Asset Project	\$603,889
Our City Forest AmeriCorps	\$497,949
Reach Me, Teach Me	\$313,411
Reading Partners	\$837,900

San Francisco Urban Teachers Residency	\$382,320
Super Stars Literacy	\$372,384
Watershed Stewards Project: CCC	\$541,435
Youth Investment Center	\$440,118
GRAND TOTAL: 21 Competitive Programs	\$16,029,610

About CaliforniaVolunteers

CaliforniaVolunteers is the state office that manages programs and initiatives to increase the number of Californians involved with service and volunteering, including the state AmeriCorps program and the California Disaster Corps. Through the innovative website, CaliforniaVolunteers.org, individuals and families can find more than 50,000 volunteer opportunities throughout the state, involving education, the environment, youth, and disaster preparedness. For more information, please visit www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org.

About AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages Americans of all ages and background in service to meet critical needs in education, the environment, economic opportunity, health, and other areas. Its members serve in thousands of nonprofit and faith-based organizations in rural and urban communities throughout the nation. Among other activities, AmeriCorps members tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after school programs, help communities respond to disasters, and recruit and train volunteers. Interested individuals can learn about available opportunities and apply online by visiting AmeriCorps.gov.

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