



AmeriCorps members  
 leveraged more than  
**4,100**  
 volunteers in Kansas  
 2014 - 2015

# Kansas AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps members get things done. From building and maintaining nature trails, to honing literacy skills in youth, to helping homeless find permanent solutions to housing needs, AmeriCorps members are on the ground making a difference in the lives of Kansans.

Each year the Kansas Volunteer Commission (KVC) administers approximately \$1.4 million of AmeriCorps State funding through a competitive grant process. Funding is available to nonprofits, schools, public agencies, Indian tribes, and community and faith-based groups across the state to engage AmeriCorps members in service.

AmeriCorps programs offer full and part-time opportunities for members to serve in their communities. Members gain valuable professional and educational benefits and receive a modest living allowance. Members are eligible for an education award upon successful completion of their term of service. Most importantly, their service has a lasting impact on the members and the communities they serve.

## AmeriCorps Members:

- Must be at least 17 years old
- Members, currently serving, are 17 to 80 years old
- Represent a wide variety of socioeconomic, cultural, geographic, and educational backgrounds
- Receive a modest living allowance, education award, networking and professional development opportunities

## AmeriCorps Programs:

- Demonstrate community need
- Design a program to address the identified need
- Recruit, train, and supervise AmeriCorps members
- Provide a cash or in-kind match of 24% for first three years
- Must request five Member Service Years (the equivalent of five full-time members)

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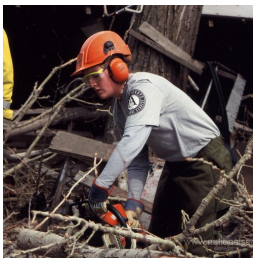
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# How to Apply for Kansas AmeriCorps Funding

1. Contact the KVC to participate in a monthly AmeriCorps Outreach Webinar (March to July 2016)
2. Submit a Concept Paper for feedback from KVC staff (August 15, 2016)
3. Read Request for Proposals (Expected release September 2016)
4. Participate in technical assistance and training calls while preparing AmeriCorps application (October through November 2016)
5. Submit AmeriCorps application (December 2016)
6. Start AmeriCorps program (Fall 2017)

## AmeriCorps Focus Areas



**Disaster Services**



**Education**



**Economic Opportunity**



**Environmental Stewardship**



**Healthy Futures**



**Veterans and Military Families**

Organizations that intend to operate in only one state must apply through the Kansas Volunteer Commission. Organizations that propose to operate AmeriCorps programs in more than one state or territory should apply directly to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Federally-recognized Indian Tribes may apply to either the KVC or CNCS.

## Next Steps:

**1**

**View AmeriCorps Basics Presentation**

Available online at [www.kanserve.org](http://www.kanserve.org)

**2**

**Review Request for Proposals**

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Applicants are encouraged to reference the 2016 - 2017 RFP until the 2017 - 2018 becomes available in September 2016.

**3**

**Submit AmeriCorps Concept Paper**

Submit to Kansas Volunteer Commission at [volunteer@ksde.org](mailto:volunteer@ksde.org) by August 15, 2016 (optional).



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