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## **Inslee announces major AmeriCorps grant to Washington organizations** *1,180 AmeriCorps members to meet state and local needs*

**OLYMPIA** – Gov. Jay Inslee today announced that Washington has received \$15.5 million in AmeriCorps funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Of the total amount, \$14.6 million will be directed to the Washington Commission for National and Community Service, the governor-appointed state service commission, which in turn will award grants to five nonprofit organizations and public agencies across the state to engage 1,099 AmeriCorps members in service. In addition, \$980,750 is being awarded to two multi-state programs headquartered in Washington, which will add up to 81 AmeriCorps positions.

“National service is an integral part of the solution to many of the challenges facing our state,” Inslee said. “These AmeriCorps members will meet pressing local needs and strengthen communities as they develop civic and leadership skills to last a lifetime. I congratulate these outstanding organizations and thank all those who serve their communities through AmeriCorps.”

AmeriCorps members tackle such important challenges as helping in education settings, preserving the environment, assisting with disaster response and recovery, and supporting veterans and military families.

In addition to the grant funding, CNCS will make available more than \$6 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 \$5,645 that can be used for college or to pay off student loans.

This grant cycle was highly competitive due to the strong demand by organizations seeking AmeriCorps resources. Priorities were investments in economic opportunity, education, veterans and military families, and disaster services, and continuation of an initiative for governors and mayors.

“As we mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AmeriCorps, we salute AmeriCorps members for their dedication, and thank our outstanding partners who make their service possible,” said Debbie Schuffenhauer, executive director of the state commission.

AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 members in intensive service annually in nonprofit, faith-based and community organizations at 25,000 locations across the country. These members help communities tackle pressing problems while mobilizing millions of volunteers for the organizations they serve. Since 1994, more than 830,000 Americans have provided more than 1 billion hours of service addressing pressing challenges from poverty and hunger to disasters and the high-school dropout crisis.

AmeriCorps grants and number of positions will be distributed in Washington as follows:

EarthCorps – EarthCorps Corps Program	\$360,000	30
Mt. Adams Institute – VetsWork: Environment	\$308,750	25
Washington Campus Compact – College Access Corps	\$672,000	56
Washington Department of Ecology – Washington Conservation Corps	\$1,823,920	300
Washington Employment Security Department – Washington Reading Corps	\$1,860,000	150
Washington Employment Security Department – Washington Service Corps	\$7,371,000	569
Washington Department of Veterans Affairs – Vet Corps	\$650,000	50

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The Washington Commission for National and Community Service seeks to expand the ethic of service throughout Washington by promoting service and volunteerism as strategies for building healthy communities. For more information, visit [www.ofm.wa.gov/servewa](http://www.ofm.wa.gov/servewa).

AmeriCorps is administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that engages more than 5 million Americans in service through AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, the Social Innovation Fund and the Volunteer Generation Fund, and leads the president’s national call-to-service initiative, United We Serve. For more information, visit [www.NationalService.gov](http://www.NationalService.gov).