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CaliforniaVolunteers Announces 2011-12 AmeriCorps Competitive Portfolio

Grant funding to help AmeriCorps programs address critical needs at the community level

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – CaliforniaVolunteers announced today its 2011-12 AmeriCorps competitive portfolio, consisting of 25 AmeriCorps programs and supporting more than 1,700 members addressing critical education, environmental, economic opportunity, health or other human needs.

“AmeriCorps members and the programs they serve are an invaluable asset in tackling the increased challenges our communities face in California,” said Secretary of Service and Volunteering, Karen Baker. “At a time of national economic crisis, I am proud to say California has been successful in remaining competitive by securing funding to support our local communities who need it most.”

The 2011-12 California competitive AmeriCorps portfolio consists of programs funded through a national grant competition from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). Twenty-five California AmeriCorps programs were successful in the national competition, bringing in more than \$15.8 million in federal AmeriCorps funding to the state. CaliforniaVolunteers received an additional \$11.4 million from CNCS based upon the state’s population to fund additional programs through a grant review process. The formula grant awards to programs will be announced in July.

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.

Program Name	Grant Amount	Program Area
BAYAC AmeriCorps	\$1,363,753	Bay Area
Birth and Beyond	\$996,561	Sacramento
Building Healthy Communities AmeriCorps	\$600,000	Central Valley
CA Energy Service Corps	\$1,185,750	Statewide
California Safe Corps	\$337,210	Statewide
CalSERVES VIP	\$1,960,000	Napa
Capitol Region JusticeCorps	\$3,600	Sacramento

Program Name	Grant Amount	Program Area
Elev8 Middle School Youth Program	\$431,440	Bay Area
Forest Aid Corps	\$238,888	Inland Empire
Get Fit Now!	\$650,740	Sacramento
Girls Inc. AmeriCorps Program	\$465,014	Bay Area
HOPE Works Mentoring Program	\$408,319	San Diego
JusticeCorps	\$1,018,884	Bay Area
North State Rural Asset Project	\$603,889	Shasta County
One-on-One Literacy Intervention	\$517,285	Statewide
Operation Welcome Home	\$406,646	Statewide
Our City Forest AmeriCorps	\$497,965	Bay Area
Reach Me, Teach Me	\$313,411	Los Angeles
San Francisco Teacher Residency	\$478,007	San Francisco
Silicon Valley HealthCorps	\$339,016	Silicon Valley
Sports4Kids	\$756,001	Bay Area
THINK Together	\$936,000	Orange County
Watershed Stewards Project: CCC	\$541,435	Sacramento
Wildlands Recovery Team	\$313,500	Los Angeles
Youth Investment Center	\$440,118	Sacramento
GRAND TOTAL: 25 Competitive Programs	\$15,803,432	

About CaliforniaVolunteers

CaliforniaVolunteers is the state office that manages programs and initiatives to increase the number of Californians involved with service and volunteering. Through its innovative web site, individuals and families can find more than 50,000 volunteer opportunities throughout the state involving the arts, education, animals, disaster preparedness, the environment and other areas of interest. Karen Baker, the nation's first state cabinet secretary of service and volunteering leads the organization. For more information, please visit www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org.

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