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**CALIFORNIAVOLUNTEERS ANNOUNCES 2007-08 CALIFORNIA
AMERICORPS PORTFOLIO**
Nearly \$30 Million in Grants to Support AmeriCorps Programs Across the State

Sacramento – CaliforniaVolunteers announced the 2007-08 California AmeriCorps portfolio today, totaling nearly \$30 million in grants to 56 organizations to support AmeriCorps programs in communities across California.

“AmeriCorps programs strengthen our state by providing members with opportunities to learn new skills while serving their communities,” noted Karen Baker, executive director of CaliforniaVolunteers.

The California AmeriCorps portfolio is comprised of two types of grants – those awarded directly from the Corporation for National and Community Service and those awarded by CaliforniaVolunteers. This year, California AmeriCorps programs received \$9.8 million in competitive grants from the Corporation, or 17.5 percent of the national funding available for new programs. Today, CaliforniaVolunteers awarded \$7.9 million to new programs that complement the Corporation’s grantees. In addition, \$11.8 million was awarded to existing AmeriCorps programs to continue their operations.

Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor

Maria Shriver
Honorary Chair

Karen Baker
Executive Director

The 2007-08 California AmeriCorps Portfolio:

First 5 Service Corps	<i>Statewide</i>	\$1,352,137
BAYAC AmeriCorps	<i>Bay Area</i>	\$1,352,117
California Community HealthCorps	<i>Statewide</i>	\$1,165,500
Birth and Beyond	<i>Sacramento</i>	\$1,099,376
Teach for AmeriCorps – California	<i>Los Angeles/Oakland</i>	\$957,210
Sonoma Serves	<i>Sonoma</i>	\$922,468
City Year San Jose/Silicon Valley	<i>San Jose</i>	\$871,850
California’s PROMISE	<i>Statewide</i>	\$849,998
Jumpstart AmeriCorps	<i>Statewide</i>	\$842,940
Teacher Reading & Math Development Partnership	<i>Statewide</i>	\$822,832
California Justice Corps	<i>Los Angeles/Bay Area</i>	\$754,080
North State AmeriCorps	<i>Shasta County</i>	\$749,883
California Library Literacy Services	<i>Statewide</i>	\$715,105
Borderlands	<i>El Centro</i>	\$680,515
Foster Youth Mentoring	<i>Statewide</i>	\$678,645
San Diego CHOICE	<i>San Diego</i>	\$617,958
Fresno Safe and Proud Neighborhoods	<i>Fresno</i>	\$608,600
Child Welfare System Redesign	<i>Statewide</i>	\$597,201
AmeriCorps Restoring Youth and Communities	<i>Statewide</i>	\$532,965
AppleCorps	<i>Santa Barbara</i>	\$531,180
Straight Up AmeriCorps	<i>Humboldt County</i>	\$515,723
Watershed Stewards Program	<i>Statewide</i>	\$506,894
Sports4Kids	<i>Bay Area</i>	\$504,000
Central Valley Communities for Children	<i>Kern County</i>	\$479,800
Hope for the Homeless	<i>Los Angeles</i>	\$459,104
AmeriCorps, Monterey United for Literacy	<i>Monterey</i>	\$432,225
YPI AmeriCorps	<i>Los Angeles</i>	\$425,014

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Los Angeles Community Preparedness Corps	<i>Los Angeles</i>	\$423,001
Early Learning and School Readiness Program	<i>Statewide</i>	\$421,492
Families and Communities Together (FACT)	<i>Yreka and surrounds</i>	\$413,105
Great Beginnings	<i>Sacramento</i>	\$400,635
Boomers Care!	<i>Orange County</i>	\$390,275
Central Coast Volunteer Corps	<i>Santa Barbara/SLO</i>	\$389,350
YouthServe AmeriCorps	<i>Humboldt County</i>	\$365,855
California Legal Service Corps	<i>Statewide</i>	\$360,272
Green and Health Neighborhoods	<i>San Jose</i>	\$337,018
AmeriCorps Promote Program	<i>Palm Desert</i>	\$329,139
Project Advance	<i>Los Angeles</i>	\$321,869
Built to Last	<i>East Palo Alto</i>	\$313,500
Youth Action Project	<i>San Bernardino</i>	\$309,533
Girls, Inc.	<i>Los Angeles/Bay Area</i>	\$306,000
Volunteers in Service to the Environment	<i>Marin County</i>	\$304,370
Bridging Borders	<i>San Jose</i>	\$299,842
Anaheim Achieves AmeriCorps	<i>Anaheim</i>	\$292,000
Get Fit Now	<i>Sacramento</i>	\$290,000
California Safe Corps	<i>Statewide</i>	\$288,380
Youth Investment Center (YIC)	<i>Sacramento</i>	\$284,325
COMPACT Community Collaborative	<i>Escondido</i>	\$275,342
Rural AmeriCorps Partnership	<i>Stockton</i>	\$260,620
Lake County AmeriCorps Tutoring Program	<i>Lake County</i>	\$227,168
Project REACH/Project APPLE	<i>Bellflower</i>	\$224,352
AmeriCorps Backcountry Trails	<i>Statewide</i>	\$220,894
TOOTH	<i>Humboldt County</i>	\$188,431
Oakland Community Afterschool Alliance	<i>Bay Area</i>	\$160,346

The AmeriCorps program provides thousands of Americans of all ages, abilities and backgrounds with year-long intensive full- and part-time opportunities to serve their communities and meet local environmental, educational, public safety, or other human needs. Upon completion of their service, full-time AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of \$4,725 to pay for college, graduate school or to pay back qualified student loans.

Since 1994, more than 500,000 individuals have taken the AmeriCorps pledge to “Get Things Done” for America. Nearly 69,000 Californians have served more than 72 million hours in communities across the state, earning nearly \$158 million in AmeriCorps education awards.

CaliforniaVolunteers

CaliforniaVolunteers is the state agency that manages programs and initiatives to increase the number of Californians involved with service and volunteering. CaliforniaVolunteers administers AmeriCorps, Citizen Corps and the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning programs. Through the innovative Web site, CaliforniaVolunteers.org, individuals and families can search for volunteer opportunities throughout the state that match their interests. For more information visit: www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org.

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