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## CaliforniaVolunteers Announces 2009-2010 AmeriCorps Portfolio

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

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.**, - CaliforniaVolunteers announced today its 2009-2010 AmeriCorps portfolio, totaling \$23.5 million in grants to 48 AmeriCorps programs supporting more than 4,000 members addressing critical environmental, educational, public safety, or other human needs. The grants were awarded by the Corporation for National and Community Service.

"AmeriCorps members and programs are an invaluable asset in tackling the increased challenges our communities face during these tough economic times," said Secretary of Service and Volunteering, Karen Baker. "Their service is critical, now more than ever, to the health of our communities and our state."

The 2009-2010 AmeriCorps portfolio consists of programs funded through a national grant competition and those funded through an allotment each state receives based upon population. Seven California AmeriCorps programs were successful in the national competition and brought \$4 million in AmeriCorps funds to the state. CaliforniaVolunteers received an additional \$6.2 million from the Corporation for National and Community Service based upon the state's population, helping support 16 new AmeriCorps programs. In addition to the new programs, CaliforniaVolunteers allocated \$13.3 million to continue funding 26 existing programs.

Earlier this year, CaliforniaVolunteers was also awarded \$9.3 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds for continued support of existing grantees. The Recovery Act funding was dispersed between the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 AmeriCorps portfolio.

"We applaud all of California's AmeriCorps programs for their dedicated service," concluded Baker. "For many of these organizations, this is the extra boost they need to continue making a valuable impact on the communities they serve and we cannot express our gratitude enough for their tireless dedication to making their communities a better place."

AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet critical needs in education, the environment, public safety, 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. Since 1994, more than 81,000 Californians have served in AmeriCorps, contributing more than 90 million hours to various communities across the state.

To find an AmeriCorps or other national service program in your area, visit the [national service directory](#).

For a detailed list of California's entire 2009-2010 AmeriCorps portfolio, please see below:

**New AmeriCorps Programs:**

*\*Denotes Program Also Received Recovery Act Funds for 2008-2009 or 2009-2010*

- BAYAC AmeriCorps (Bay Area - \$1,364,334)\*
- Sports4Kids (Bay Area / Los Angeles - \$756,000)
- California Safe Corps (Statewide - \$341,808)
- Get Fit Now! (Sacramento - \$650,740)
- Silicon Valley Health Corps (Bay Area - \$342,116)
- Wildlands Recovery Team (Los Angeles - \$313,500)
- Forest Aid Corps (Inland Empire - \$238,888)
- OCASA (Bay Area - \$249,302)
- Sierra Nevada Alliance (Statewide-\$423,232)
- Project Serves (Bay Area - \$850,000)
- Destination College (Bay Area - 256,639)
- Project Reach / Project Apple (Bellflower - \$224,195)
- UCLA Bruin Corps (Los Angeles - \$198,121)
- Youth Serve (North Coast - \$347,760)
- UECC / AmeriCorps (Inland Empire - \$281,164)
- Learning Highways Tutoring (Los Angeles - \$211,151)
- Backcountry Trails Program (Statewide - \$400,267)
- Heart of Eden (Bay Area - \$352,147)
- AmeriCorps Promote (Palm Desert - \$531,053)
- Monterey County United for Literacy (Monterey - \$409,350)
- First 5 Service Corps (Statewide - \$850,000)
- Bridging Borders AmeriCorps (Bay Area - \$353,934)
- Volunteers in Service to the Environment (Bay Area - \$347,130)\*
- San Diego Justice Corps (San Diego - \$3,600)

**Existing or Continuing AmeriCorps Programs:**

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- Hope Works AmeriCorps (San Diego - \$454,042)
- Child Welfare System Improvement (Statewide - \$478,078)\*
- City Year San Jose (Bay Area - \$529,338)\*
- Watershed Stewards Program (North Coast - \$505,323)
- AmeriCorps Restoring Youth & Communities (Statewide - \$532,950)
- Birth and Beyond (Sacramento - \$973,419)\*
- Jumpstart California (Statewide - \$842,326)\*
- Teach for America California (Bay Area / Los Angeles - \$956,514)
- Fresno Safe and Proud Neighborhoods (Fresno - \$571,800)
- North State AmeriCorps (Shasta County - \$602,130)\*
- California Community Health Corps (Statewide - \$1,149,303)
- Borderlands (El Centro - \$680,427)
- California PROMISE (Statewide - \$849,998)\*
- WE Care (Los Angeles - \$370,692)\*
- Kern Corps (Kern County - \$207,629)\*
- Girls, Inc. (Bay Area - \$397,812)
- Great Beginnings (Sacramento - \$400,632)
- Youth Action Project (Inland Empire - \$311,905)
- California Justice Program (Los Angeles - \$751,959)
- Apple Corps (Santa Barbara - \$531,888)\*
- Built to Last (Bay Area - \$109,725)\*
- Central Coast Volunteer Corps (Santa Barbara / San Luis Obispo - \$388,827)
- Green & Healthy Neighborhoods (San Jose - \$337,024)

### **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, California Citizen Corps and the Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning. Through the innovative Web site, CaliforniaVolunteers.org, individuals and families can find more than 45,000 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 and First Lady Maria Shriver serves as the honorary chairperson. For more information, please visit [www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org](http://www.CaliforniaVolunteers.org).*

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