Dear Partners,

As we move into 2020 Massachusetts Service Alliance has some exciting new funding and volunteer opportunities.

We hope you will take advantage of the opportunities included below, and we look forward to collaborating with you in 2020!

Wishing you a safe and happy New Year,

The MSA Team

The 2020-2021 Commonwealth Corps Host Site RFP is now available! We are looking forward to partnering with future host sites to reinvigorate civic involvement and address the Commonwealth’s most urgent needs.

About the Commonwealth Corps

The mission of the Commonwealth Corps service internship program is to engage Massachusetts residents of all ages and backgrounds in direct service to strengthen communities, address critical needs, and increase volunteerism. Specifically, members make a difference by providing direct service, building the capacity of local organizations, and recruiting and mobilizing additional volunteers. The program has a dual-focus on both members’ impact in their organizations and communities, as well as their own personal growth and professional development.

Currently, the Commonwealth Corps is the only service program in the U.S. that focuses solely on state residents. Since its establishment in 2007, over 1,050 Commonwealth Corps members have contributed more than 702,000 hours of service to 105 organizations across Massachusetts.
Become a Host Site Partner

Each year, MSA partners with nonprofit organizations, academic institutions, and public entities that serve as host sites for Commonwealth Corps members throughout the service term. Agencies can apply to host 2-4 full-time members or 3-6 half-time members for a 10.5 month term of service from mid-August 2020 through June 2021 in ONE of our designated focus areas: Economic opportunity, Education (early or K-12), Health/Nutrition, Veterans’ Support, or Youth Development/Youth Violence Prevention.

Submission Deadlines
- Intent to Apply (strongly recommended) due Tuesday, January 7, 2020
- Full application due Wednesday, January 15, 2020 by 5 p.m.

Questions

For questions regarding the Commonwealth Corps, please contact Julianne DeFilippis, Commonwealth Corps Program Assistant, at 617-542-2544, x202 or jdefilippis@mass-service.org.

About National Volunteer Week

MSA seeks to award matching grants of up to $3,500 to support volunteer service projects and capacity-building initiatives taking place during National Volunteer Week (April 19-25, 2020) or the week prior. These grants represent a wonderful chance to expand service opportunities for people of all ages throughout Massachusetts and to celebrate the power of service as a strategy to meet community needs.

Proposals should be submitted through our online application by 5 p.m on Friday, January 10, 2020.

General Scope of Grant

MSA is offering National Volunteer Week funding to organizations that either engage volunteers in a service project OR conduct a capacity-building initiative to enhance volunteer programming.
Funding Priorities
1) Organizations that will engage volunteers in youth development service projects/initiatives or within a program that serves at-risk youth;

2) Organizations that will provide family or inter-generational volunteer opportunities to community members; and

3) Volunteer connector agencies across the state (volunteer connectors include agencies that connect individuals with volunteer opportunities).

Submission Deadline
Proposals must be submitted by Friday, January 10 by 5pm EST

Questions
For questions regarding National Volunteer Week, please contact Chris Woods, Coordinator for Volunteer Initiatives, at 617-542-2544, x214 or cwoods@mass-service.org.

Volunteer for Martin Luther King Day
Join us on Monday, January 20th as hundreds of volunteers from across the state come together to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. through completing volunteer service projects to better their community!

Through MSA's Martin Luther King Day of Service grants, we are partnering with 10 organizations across the state who will be carrying out service projects on this day. Click the link below to learn more about our projects and register as a volunteer!
Questions
For questions regarding the Martin Luther King Day of Service, please contact Chris Woods, Coordinator for Volunteer Initiatives, at 617-542-2544, x214 or cwoods@mass-service.org.

Information on our Martin Luther King Day of Service grants can be found on our website

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