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The Match Foundation Awarded 186 AmeriCorps Positions

The Match Foundation, Inc. was recently awarded 186 AmeriCorps Member positions through the 2015 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition.

The AmeriCorps Members will provide high-dosage, small group tutoring to low-income students attending public schools. They will also foster family engagement through weekly communication with parents and guardians.

170 Members will serve the students attending the Match Charter Public School in Boston. In 2015-2016, Match Charter Public School will educate 1,000 students in grades preK-12. 10 Members will serve students at ARISE Academy in New Orleans, and six Members will serve students at Summit Public Schools in San Jose, California.

The Match Foundation received this three-year award as part of the Partnership Challenge, a new initiative of the Corporation of National and Community Service through which nonprofit organizations or public agencies develop proposals to address community needs by engaging AmeriCorps members. Partnership Challenge recipients are responsible for all program costs, including payment of living allowances to Members; CNCS will provide Education Awards for Members upon successful completion of a year of service.

The current year's AmeriCorps grant cycle was highly competitive, due to the strong demand by organizations seeking AmeriCorps resources. The 2015 competition prioritized investments in economic opportunity, education, veterans and military families, and disaster services.

Nationally, AmeriCorps engages 75,000 members in intensive service annually to serve through 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. After completing a full term of service, AmeriCorps members receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that they can use to pay for college or to pay off student loans.

Since 1994, more than 900,000 Americans have provided more than 1 billion hours of service addressing critical challenges from poverty and hunger to disasters and the dropout crisis. In Massachusetts, more than 29,000 AmeriCorps members have served 40 million hours and earned more than \$93,100,000 in education scholarships.

“AmeriCorps members make a powerful impact on the toughest challenges facing our nation,” said CNCS CEO Wendy Spencer. “Building on Massachusetts’ strong tradition of neighbor helping neighbor, AmeriCorps members will improve lives and strengthen communities across the state. As they serve others, AmeriCorps members will also expand opportunity for themselves - gaining skills and experience to jumpstart their careers.”