

BUILDING RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

Public Health AmeriCorps (Pennsylvania) Position Description

POSITION OVERVIEW:

Position Name: Building Resilient & Inclusive Communities (BRIC) Public Health AmeriCorps Service Member
Position Type/Hours: Three Quarter Time/1200 hours
Service Location: Philadelphia Department of Public Health
Division of Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention
1101 Market St, 9th floor, Philadelphia PA

Living Allowance: \$11,840.00
Education Award: \$4,546.50
Total Award: \$16,386.50

PROGRAM PURPOSE:

The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) is a national public health non-profit agency focused on the health of the public by strengthening state and national leadership and expertise for chronic disease prevention and control. NACDD's core membership is composed of the 58 State and Territorial Health Department Chronic Disease Directors and their staff who protect the health of the public through primary and secondary prevention efforts and work "upstream" on root causes of chronic conditions. NACDD promotes health and reduces the burden of chronic disease through various programs and initiatives. Among them is the Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities (BRIC) program being implemented across 20 states in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity and the Division of Population Health, and a team of nationally recognized experts.

To enhance public health resources across the country and support state and local public health settings respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Public Health AmeriCorps (PHA) program supports the recruitment, training, and development of the next generation of public health leaders. In partnership with a State Health Department or similar agency, local health department(s) or other community-based organization(s), and/or a local YMCA or YMCA State Alliance, Service Members will be placed across ten BRIC states to advance existing efforts around food and nutrition security, safe physical activity access, social connectedness, and health equity, all within the context of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SPECIFIC SERVICE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The PHA Service Member will work with PPR, Fairmount Park Conservancy and Free Library of Philadelphia Foundation to support BRIC activities related to enhancing the local food system and urban agriculture network in Philadelphia, particularly in parks and green spaces. The Service Member will help support and promote the Agriculture Resource Center, the community garden network especially those with newly installed raised beds and signage, the tool library and agriculture book collection. They will also help develop a plan and make connections to enhance produce distribution from the gardens to food pantries, older adult centers, and other sites in the community to address nutrition security. PHA Service Members will:

- Connect community gardens with food pantries and other sites nearby and develop a food distribution plan for next growing season
- Create a map of locations and share publicly
- Develop a tracking system for produce distributed
- Promote Agriculture Book Collection and tool library with PPR and Free Library in early 2023
- Promote awareness of the Agriculture Resource Center, community garden network and raised bed locations.
- Engage youth and older adults to utilize the gardens.
- Provide trainings to community members.

- Provide other support as needed to the PPR Farm Philly Manager and Fairmount Park Conservancy's Farm Philly Coordinator (i.e., assisting with food production/distribution at Carousel House Farm or Parkside Farmers' Market)

DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED SERVICE SCHEDULE:

- Hybrid service hours
- Service hours are to be completed Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm ET
- A maximum of 20% of your service hours may be training, education, or other similar approved activities

DESIRED SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- Urban agriculture/farming/food systems/nutrition experience, knowledge, or interest
- Excellent communication skills- both written and verbal
- Strong administrative and organizational skills with the ability to multi-task
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office (Word/Excel/Powerpoint/Outlook)
- Ability to analyze information and write reports
- Self-starter, someone with initiative who can take a project and run with it

REQUIRED COMMITMENT

- Service members are expected to complete 1200 service hours within a one (1) year timeframe.
 - The service year begins 03/20/2023 and ends 03/19/2024

ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

Members must participate in

- Pre-service orientation
- PHA-specific training
- Program-specific training
- Any other trainings deemed necessary by the Host Service Site supervisor

Note: Trainings will be limited to 20% or less of PHA Service Members service hours

EVALUATION AND REPORTING

PHA Service Members will:

- Complete quarterly narrative reports and assessments of the PHA Program to include their host site experience, trainings, sense of belongingness and inclusivity, interest in pursuing a career in public health, etc.
- Participate in mid- and end-of-term performance evaluation and reviews with their Host Service Site supervisor
- Be required to submit service timesheets biweekly

PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

PHA Service Members must:

- Be at least 18 years of age at the commencement of service
- Have a high diploma or its equivalent
- A citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States
- Live in the state where the host service site is located and support a hybrid work schedule
- Satisfy the National Service Criminal History Check eligibility criteria pursuant to [45 CFR 2540.202](#)

OTHER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS

- Must be an upper level (3rd or 4th year) undergraduate student or graduate level student enrolled at a college or university pursuing a public health degree or related degree
- Must be willing to comply with all Host Service Site vaccination requirements, including for COVID-19

PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Living allowance of \$11,840 over the course of the term of service
- \$4,546.50 Segal Education Award at the end of a successful service term
- Student loan deferment and interest forbearance
- Increased professional awareness and accumulated real-world experience to enhance job competence following completion of service year
- Join a network of like-minded leaders who are passionate about improving communities and the health and wellbeing of community members

HOW TO APPLY

1. **Find Your Fit:** Visit the [Public Health AmeriCorps](#) page. Scroll to the bottom of the page to “Find an Opportunity”. Click on the drop-down menu and select a state to find Public Health AmeriCorps opportunities near you. Select the Service Opportunity that you would like to apply to. Scroll down and select “Apply Now!”.
2. **Register on the MyAmeriCorps Portal:** Before applying for AmeriCorps opportunities, you’ll need to create a profile in the AmeriCorps Portal. Creating your profile is a four-step process.
3. **Complete Your Application:** Complete the application for the Service Opportunity that you’re interested in by providing the requested information about your skills and experiences.
4. **Submit Your Application:** Once you’ve completed your application, you’ll be able to submit your application.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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