



# AmeriCorps Texas Programs 2015-2016

# Amarillo Independent School District

Program Name: Amarillo ISD AmeriCorps

Service Areas: Amarillo

**Description:** The Amarillo Independent School District will have 10 Half-Time and 45 Reduced Half-Time AmeriCorps members who will provide direct tutoring services in reading literacy targeted to at-risk students in fifteen district elementary schools. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 80% of student participants to show progress toward grade-level improvement in literacy skills as measured by Istation and Get Ready to Read Data. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 100 volunteers, who will be engaged in community service events. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of education, and will specifically meet the State focus area of youth educational attainment. The CNCS investment of \$303,953 will be matched with \$303,953 in public funding.

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#### American YouthWorks

Program Name: Texas Conservation Corps Emergency Response Teams

Service Areas: Statewide - Based in Austin

**Description:** Texas Conservation Corps at American YouthWorks will have 40 Full Time AmeriCorps members (as four Emergency Response Teams) to complete conservation and disaster service projects throughout Texas. The AmeriCorps members will make significant improvements to critical ecosystems as well as increase the capacity of communities to respond to and recover from disasters. These AmeriCorps members will annually leverage 750 or more volunteers. This program addresses the CNCS focus areas of Disaster Services and At-Risk Ecosystems. A CNCS investment of \$537,200 will be matched with \$985,000, including \$530,000 in public funding and \$102,000 in private funding.

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#### Austin Independent School District

Program Name: AISD 2014-15 School Turnaround AmeriCorps Initiative

Service Areas: Austin

**Description:** Thirty AmeriCorps members will leverage \$400,107 per year in AISD support to provide HDT, dropout prevention services and family and community supports in Austin, Texas. At the end of the project, we anticipate increased academic achievement on state level assessments, increased graduation rates, increased academic engagement, and increased school attendance. AmeriCorps member activities will advance the services and strategies identified by CNCS in the 2013 School Turnaround AmeriCorps opportunity: to include increasing learning time; providing ongoing mechanisms for youth, family, and community engagement; and supporting the social, emotional, behavioral, health and other non-academic needs of students, their families, and Austin communities. The CNCS investment of

\$398,109 will be matched by \$400,107 from AISD.

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# Boys & Girls Club of Austin

Program Name: Texas Club Corps

**Service Areas:** Abilene, Austin, Bay City, Brownwood, Bryan, Commerce, Corpus Christi, Edinburg, El Campo, El Paso, Ennis, Freeport, Fort Worth, Gainsville, Greenville, Henderson, Kilgore, Killeen, Lubbock, Luling, McAllen, Palacios, Paris, Robstown, Rockwall, San Antonio, San Marcos, Seguin, Zapata

**Description:** The Texas Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs and the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area will have a total of 109 AmeriCorps Members. AmeriCorps members will conduct academic success programs afterschool and during the summer at Boys & Girls Clubs statewide. Afterschool, 55 members will implement Boys & Girls Clubs of America's (BGCA) evidence-based academic support program, Project Learn, in 25 Boys & Girls Clubs afterschool across the state;





and 54 MT AmeriCorps Members will implement Summer Brain Gain, a proven effective program that halts and reverses summer learning loss, at 25 Clubs statewide. Corps Members will serve 1,748 youth, ages 6-17, afterschool and during the summer while achieving an improvement in attitudes resulting in increased academic engagement in at least 979 of the youth. Improvement will be measured by a numerical increase on pre and post surveys. AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 109 volunteers that will be engaged in: focused academic support; high yield learning activity delivery; and special activities around creative writing, science, technology and other academic topics. This program will focus on the Education CNCS focus area. The CNCS investment of \$485,997 will be matched with \$294,749, private and in-kind funding.

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#### Breakthrough

**Program Name**: Expanding Community Impact

Service Areas: Austin

**Description:** Breakthrough Austin will have 132 quarter-time, summer AmeriCorps members who will teach courses in our summer program and 7 full-time, year-round AmeriCorps members who will deliver case management services and lead summer and year-round programming for Breakthrough students in grades 6-12 in Austin, Texas, and Manor, Texas, and Breakthrough high school graduates and college students attending colleges and universities throughout the United States. AmeriCorps members will be responsible for helping Breakthrough increase the number of its students who meet academic milestones, graduate from high school on time, and enroll in college. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will continue to leverage more than 300 volunteers engaged in mentoring, tutoring, coaching, and supporting Breakthrough students year-round. The program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education. The CNCS investment of \$538,495 will be matched with \$249,375 in private funding.

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### CIS of Central Texas

Program Name: Communities In Schools of Central Texas AmeriCorps

Service Areas: Austin, Buda, Kyle, Manor, Niederwald

**Description:** Communities In Schools of Central Texas will have 96 AmeriCorps members (42 full-time, 14 half-time and 40 quarter-time) who will serve as mentors, and academic supporters in public schools in three Central Texas counties including: Travis, Hays and Caldwell. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 525 students having increased academic engagement. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of education. The CNCS investment of \$818,008 will be matched with \$823,248, \$265,472 in public funding, \$412,287 in private funding and \$145,489 in administrative costs.

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#### City Year, Inc.

Program Name: City Year Dallas

Service Areas: Dallas

**Description:** City Year Dallas will have 50 full-time AmeriCorps members who will provide academic services that support students in staying in school and on track to graduation in 5 Dallas public schools. At the end of the program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing in-class and school climate support to benefit 1,500 students and targeted tutoring and mentoring to at least 400 unique students that will improve 200 drop out risk indicators in attendance, English and/or math. In addition the AmeriCorps members will leverage 80 volunteers engaged in periodic physical service projects to benefit partner schools. The program will focus on the CNCS Education focus area. The CNCS investment of \$560,284 will leverage an additional \$1,550,000 in school district and private funding.

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Program Name: City Year San Antonio

Service Areas: San Antonio

**Description:** City Year San Antonio will have 116 full-time AmeriCorps members who will provide academic services that support students in staying in school and on track to graduation in 10 San Antonio public schools. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for providing in-class and school climate support to benefit 2,500 students and targeted tutoring and mentoring to 1,020 students that improves 497 drop out risk indicators in attendance, English and/or math. In addition the AmeriCorps members will leverage 900 volunteers that will be engaged in periodic physical service projects to benefit partner schools. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education. The CNCS investment of \$1,299,859 will be matched with \$1,299,859, \$1,160,000 in public funding and \$139,589 in private funding.

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# CitySquare

**Program Name**: CitySquare AmeriCorps **Service Areas**: Dallas, Houston, San Antonio

**Description:** CitySquare AmeriCorps will have 278 AmeriCorps members who will serve to increase academic engagement, increase food security, and increase capacity with 11 community partners in Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increased academic engagement of 1,280 low-income students in grades K-8 and increase food security for 7,200 children and families living in poverty. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 900 volunteers engaged in 1-on-1 literacy tutoring and enrichment. This program will focus on the CNCS focus areas of Education, Healthy Futures and Capacity Building. The CNCS investment of \$1,136,503 will be matched with \$1,249,968, \$655,156 in public funding and \$594,812 in private funding.

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# College Forward

Program Name: College Forward Partnership for Higher Education

**Service Areas:** Austin, Baytown, Buda, Channelview, Del Valle, Georgetown, Houston, Kyle, Manor, Round Rock **Description:** College Forward will place, train and deploy 95 AmeriCorps Texas members to provide intensive mentoring to economically-disadvantaged high school and college students from the Austin and Houston, Texas metropolitan service areas. By the end of Year 1 of the grant period, AmeriCorps members will have coached 1,470 economically disadvantaged students through college exploration, application, and financial aid; another 730 students will enroll in postsecondary education, 3,621 students will persist in college beyond the freshman year, and 150 students will earn a postsecondary credential. In addition, AmeriCorps members will recruit and train 50 economically disadvantaged volunteers to become near-peer mentors. This program will address the CNCS focus area of Education. College Forward will match CNCS' investment of \$1,109,522 with \$1,109,527 in private funding.

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#### Communities In Schools - HOT

Program Name: CIS Community Servers

Service Areas: Chilton, Marlin, Mexia, Waco, West

**Description:** Communities In Schools of the Heart of Texas will have 51 AmeriCorps members who will provide tutoring, case management, mentoring, and supportive guidance services, one-on-one and in small groups, to students at-risk of dropping out of school in eligible schools from Waco, Marlin, West, Mexia, and Chilton. Members will also participate in multiple service projects in the surrounding communities. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for enrolling 766 students into the CIS program, case managing 589 of those students with the CIS Model and showing increases in educational achievement through improved homework completion and classroom participation among 432 program participants. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 50 volunteers, who will be engaged in assisting the CIS program with mentoring and tutoring. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education. The CNCS investment of \$367,442 will be matched with \$371,385 (\$295,475 in public funding and \$75,910 in private funding).





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#### Front Steps

Program Name: Keep Austin Housed

Service Areas: Austin

Description: The Front Steps Keep Austin Housed Program (KAH) will have 35 full time AmeriCorps members who will provide intensive case management aide services for the homeless through the Keep Austin Housed collaborative in Austin, Texas. The nine-agency partnership will serve the full range of homeless individuals adults, families with children and youth, including teen parents in Travis County, as well as individuals and families that are at imminent risk of becoming homeless. AmeriCorps members will provide intensive case management aide services, mentorship and other supportive services to help clients develop skills for independent living including obtaining income, job development skills, employment and obtaining and maintaining long-term affordable housing. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for assisting 350 clients with housing placement services, assisting 219 clients with obtain and maintain affordable housing, providing 322 individuals with housing placement services, and assisting 111 clients obtain employment. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 350 community volunteers, to be recruited and trained to provide a total of 1860 hours of service addressing client, host agency and AmeriCorps project needs. The program will concentrate on the CNCS focus area of Economic Opportunity. As a fixed-amount grantee, a CNCS investment of \$455,000 will be leveraged by funds from our partner sites in the amount of \$225,155.

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# **Literacy Coalition of Central Texas**

Program Name: Texas Family Literacy Initiative

Service Areas: Austin, Houston, San Marcos, Sugar Land

**Description:** 50 AmeriCorps members will provide direct literacy instruction and also leverage an additional 236 community volunteers annually to provide vital, high quality, evidencebased literacy instruction services to low-income adults and pre-school age children in the Austin and Houston regions of Texas. At the end of the service year, 2085 economically disadvantaged individuals will receive remedial adult education and English language instruction and 285 pre-school age children will receive literacy instruction. In addition to our work in ESL, ABE/GED, Early Childhood and Volunteer Management roles, this year we will be adding new services in workforce literacy and expanding our dualgeneration family literacy programming. Our growing project will focus on the CNCS focus areas of Economic Opportunity, Education, and Capacity Building. Our proposed total program budget is \$1,098,502 with a CNCS investment of \$645,523 will be matched with \$452,979.

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# LoneStar College - Kingwood

Program Name: Lone Star College- Kingwood

**Service Areas:** Planning Grant - No AmeriCorps Members

**Description:** This planning grant will be utilized to develop a solid and competitive foundation for an AmeriCorps program. Key personnel will participate in online training in order to understand the design of a competitive program. They will attend conferences to learn best practices and network with other grantees while learning the culture of AmeriCorps. Additionally, key personnel will visit two successful programs in order to witness grants in action. During the planning year LSC-KW will complete a needs analysis with partner Independent School Districts in order to develop an effective program that will ultimately engage AmeriCorps members in increasing high school to college matriculation, increasing success in developmental education courses, and increasing student engagement, leading to college success and completion in Lone Star College-Kingwood's service area of the greater Houston metroplex.

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# National College Advising Corps

Program Name: National College Advising Corps II

Service Areas: Alamo, Austin, Brownsville, El Paso, Harlingen, Houston, Hutto, Kyle, La Joya, Los Fresnos, Manor,





McAllen, Mission, Pharr, San Antonio, San Juan

**Description:** College Advising Corps will have 50 AmeriCorps members who will provide college advising to low-income, first-generation, underrepresented students in 50 underserved high schools across the state. At the end of the 1st program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing the college enrollment rates among economically disadvantaged youth at the schools served. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 250 volunteers that will be engaged in supporting college access initiatives in the schools and communities served. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education. The CNCS investment of \$400,000 will be matched with \$1,815,000 in leveraged resources, all of which is projected to be private funding, to cover the entire cost of running the program.

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# Project GRAD Houston

Program Name: GRADuation Pathways

Service Areas: Austin, Beaumont, College Station, Houston, Huntsville, Prairie View

**Description:** In GRADuation Pathways with Project GRAD Houston, 20.59 AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 160 volunteers to provide face-to-face college access and college success guidance and support to students attending 6 high schools and 10 postsecondary institutions in Houston and four other cities in Texas. These communities of origin in Houston, TX are 97% minority and more than 90% low-income. The project will focus on Education--increase enrollment in postsecondary education and improve attainment of postsecondary degrees. At the end of the three year project, 8,100 high school students will have received college access guidance; 1,770 students will enroll in college (an increase of 450); 2,155 college students will have received college success guidance; and 600 new two and four year college graduates and workforce certificate earners (an increase of 150) will be prepared to contribute to the Texas economy and benefit their families and communities. The CNCS investment of \$244,353 will be matched dollar for dollar.

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# **Project Transformation**

**Program Name**: Project Transformation AmeriCorps **Service Areas**: Dallas, Denison, Farmers Branch

**Description:** Project Transformation will have 133 AmeriCorps members who will lead afterschool and summer day camp programs for children and youth in ten low-income communities in north Texas. At the end of the 1st program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for improving academic achievement in literacy of low-income children. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 1,100 volunteers that will provide one-on-one summer reading and homework assistance to children. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education. The CNCS investment of \$550,388 will be matched with \$1,079,341 in private funding.

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#### Reading Partners

Program Name: Reading Partners Texas

Service Areas: Dallas

**Description:** 30 AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 1,300 community volunteers to provide one-onone literacy tutoring to at least 640 K-5 struggling readers twice a week during the 2015-16 program year in 25 Title I elementary schools throughout the greater Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas area. At the end of the 1 year long program year, 60% of students who complete the program will achieve gradeappropriate literacy growth: K-2nd graders will achieve appropriate skill set mastery and 3rd-4th graders will gain at least 1 month of skills for every month enrolled in the program, narrowing their grade equivalency gap. This project will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education. The CNCS investment of 370,500 will be for a fixed-amount grant.

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Relay Graduate School of Education





**Program Name**: Relay Houston Teaching Residency (RHTR)

Service Areas: Houston

**Description:** Relay Graduate School of Education will have 50 full-time AmeriCorps Professional Corps members who will participate in the innovative teacher residency program, the Relay Houston Teaching Residency (RHTR), across Houston, Texas. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be prepared and certified to serve as full-time teachers of record, poised for a career improving educational and life outcomes for students in low-income communities. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 50 volunteers, who will be engaged in mentoring Residents, helping build capacity for new teacher preparation across service sites and supporting Residents' community- and school-based service. The program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education. The CNCS investment of \$45,000 will be matched with \$496,150 total other leveraged resources including tuition revenues and private funding from Raise Your Hand Texas and the Houston Endowment.

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#### Student Conservation Association

**Program Name**: SCA Houston Water Education Initiative **Service Areas**: *Planning Grant - No AmeriCorps Members* 

**Description:** This planning grant will be utilized to develop an AmeriCorps program which will engage AmeriCorps members to provide critically needed environmental education to underserved youth, and addressing the ever-increasing need for awareness of water conservation and protection in the Greater Houston area. Dedicated to the CNCS focus area of Environmental Stewardship, AmeriCorps members will engage with youth of all ages on water-focused conservation and environmental-themed activities connecting Houston area youth to important water resources and provide them with water-based conservation education and hands-on experiences with the anticipated outcome of enhancing water conservation knowledge and awareness.

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# Teach for America

Program Name: Teach For America - Texas

Service Areas: Cedar Hill, Dallas, Edcouch, Falfurrias, Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, Harlingen, La Joya, McAllen,

Mercedes, Pharr, Raymondville, Rio Grande City, Roma, Weslaco

**Description:** Teach For America-Texas provides a critical source of well-trained teachers who are helping break the local cycle of educational inequity. Corps members teach for two years in low-income schools in the Rio Grande Valley and Dallas Fort-Worth, going above and beyond traditional expectations to help their students achieve at high levels. By the end of the 2015-2016 school year, the CNCS investment of \$950,000 will assist 475 corps member significantly improve the educational outcomes for 32,000 students.

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#### The University of Texas at Brownsville

Program Name: UTB AmeriCorps Program

Service Areas: Brownsville, Los Fresnos, Port Isabel

**Description:** The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB) will have one hundred AmeriCorps members who will leverage resources to provide services to high school students by assisting them with enrollment into a post-secondary education/institutions. The host sites will be Brownsville Independent School District and Point Isabel Independent School District and AmeriCorps members will also serve at Los Fresnos CISD, local community organizations and the university's Brownsville Campus with a planned expansion into Hidalgo County in the following years. The proposed length of the program is one year beginning August 1, 2015 and ending July 31, 2016. At the end of the program, 65% of the students served and who have completed the program will enroll in a four year university or two year college. This program will concentrate on the CNCS focus area of education. The CNCS investment of \$360,127.00 will be matched with university's funds in the amount of \$222,260.00.

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### Travis Co. through Travis Co. Health and Human Services and Veterans Service

Program Name: Travis County CAPITAL AmeriCorps Project

Service Areas: Austin, Del Valle

**Description:** The Travis County 4-H CAPITAL AmeriCorps Project will have 32 AmeriCorps members who will lead youth ages 5 to 15 at Title I elementary and middle schools in science-based 4-H Clubs after school, in Travis County. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing academic engagement, particularly engagement in science, among participants. We will enroll 1900 youth, maintain a 65% completion rate, and improve school engagement for 70% of students who complete our program. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 64 volunteers, who will engage in assisting with after school programs as guest speakers, field trip chaperones or by participating in community engagement events. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education. The CNCS investment of \$ 310,917 will be matched with \$516,763.

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# United Way of El Paso County

Program Name: United Way El Paso-Parents as Teachers

Service Areas: El Paso, San Elizario

**Description:** United Way of El Paso County (UWEPC) will have 20 full-time AmeriCorps members serving as certified Parent Educators delivering Parents as Teachers (PAT), an evidenced based home-visiting model, to 400 El Paso County families served by four (4) community partners in ten (10) sites. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing parents' knowledge of their child's emerging development and age-appropriate child development; improving parenting capacity, parenting practices, and parent-child relationships; increasing early detection of developmental delays and health issues; and improving family health and functioning. The AmeriCorps PAT program will leverage an additional 50 volunteers who will be engaged in community service by organizing community resource network events, training for parent Group Connections, and arranging play activities for children and families. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Early Education. The CNCS investment of \$265,587 will be matched with \$243,866 in private funding.

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#### University of North Texas

Program Name: Texas HIPPYCorps Initiative

Service Areas: Corpus Christi, Dallas, Houston, Irving, Jacksonville, Longview, McAllen, Odessa

**Description:** 78 AmeriCorps members will leverage up to 1,250 parent volunteers in the communities of Dallas, Irving, Richardson, Houston, Jacksonville, Longview, Odessa, Amarillo, Rio Grande Valley and Corpus Christi. This project will address the CNCS focus area of Education and will result in parents being more involved in their children's education and children being prepared for school. The CNCS investment of \$465,430 will be matched with \$1,025,172 from UNT and the communities being served.

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# UT Austin Charles A. Dana Center

Program Name: ACE: A Community for Education

Service Areas: Austin

**Description:** ACE: A Community for Education will have 106 AmeriCorps members who will provide daily, intensive, individualized reading interventions to 2000 kindergarten, first, and second grade students (using a Reading Corps, Response-to-Intervention model) in 32 high-poverty schools in Central Texas (Travis County). At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for 75% of the students we serve reaching at least one grade level benchmark in reading. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 25 total volunteers who will be engaged in supporting projects at ACE schools, building support for ACE in the community, and providing books for students in ACE schools. This program will focus on the CNCS focus area of Education. The CNCS investment of \$1,315,902 will be matched with \$1,787,036 (\$920,000 in local, state, and federal funds and \$867,036 in private funding).

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