



Dayton awarded AmeriCorps program for 2017-18

- 60 workers to focus on neighborhoods -
- Collaborative effort by City, State and local organizations -

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Mayor Nan Whaley has announced the formation of Dayton Corps, a special community-building team that will employ AmeriCorps members focused on sustainably improving quality of life in city neighborhoods.

The City of Dayton is partnering with the University of Dayton and Dayton Metro Libraries to create Dayton Corps, an AmeriCorps Governor/Mayor Initiative with support from Governor John Kasich. Local organizations St. Vincent de Paul, Daybreak, Homefull and Montgomery County Homeless Solutions will also participate.

"The Dayton Corps will provide an opportunity for the Dayton community to engage in a new way," said Mayor Nan Whaley. "We are grateful for the leadership of the University of Dayton on this endeavor. We look forward to working together to empower all who dedicate a year of service to making our community a better place."

Dayton Corps will include 60 AmeriCorps members who will facilitate community building through services in three focus areas: Neighborhoods, Education, and Opportunity.

"By connecting state and national resources to our community, Dayton Corps empowers service and action to address three core needs," said Hunter Phillips Goodman, executive director of the UD Fitz Center for Leadership in Community. "We applaud the City for their leadership that connects people, passion, and areas of need through the resources of national service."

Specific services include aiding families experiencing joblessness and housing insecurity, increasing active membership of neighborhood associations, increasing numbers of engaged landlords, transitioning individuals to suitable housing, assisting individuals in obtaining job interviews and employment, increasing reading and/or math outcomes of students, and working to increase parent engagement.

Deployment of AmeriCorp members will begin in September of 2017 and end in August of 2018. Full-time and part-time deployments will be utilized, and residents will be recruited to participate in neighborhoods. AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 60 volunteers who will be engaged in citywide national days of service and other community events.

ServeOhio, Ohio's commission on service and volunteerism, will invest \$292,691 in the Dayton Corps initiative, to be matched with \$55,000 in public funding and \$37,572 in private funding.

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