



Request for Proposal/Letter of Interest Region 10 Healthy Futures Program – AmeriCorps Host Sites

Mountain Roots Food Project is now accepting letters of interest from organizations and agencies interested in applying for intelligent, passionate, and solution-focused AmeriCorps members to serve with your agency through the new *Region 10 Healthy Futures Program*. The program brings organizations doing similar work together as a region to support Healthy Futures, Economic Development, and Environmental initiatives with human resources that can maximize the impacts of current work or infuse a shovel-ready project with the energy it needs to get off the ground. Our program design will establish the following:

- **Vision** *An aligned network fulfilling community needs with the AmeriCorps Member experience.*
- **Objectives** *To build a network to provide additional skills and resources to meet community need.*
- **Goals** *Improve measurable outcomes within the Focus Areas during the AmeriCorps service year.*

Mountain Roots wants to honor the individual needs and autonomy of each community while uniting like-minded programs to address issues related to health education, obesity prevention, food security, economic and environmental impacts overall healthy communities. To build a collaborative program, we are seeking potential partners in Gunnison, Montrose, and Delta Counties whose current work aligns with the focus areas of our program and for whom the infusion of human resources over the next three years can have a measurable impact.

Letters of Interest can be submitted to Lyndie Bradshaw, Healthy Futures Program Coordinator:
lyndie@mountainrootsfoodproject.org

Your letter (maximum 2 pages) should include:

1. About your organization
2. Your local community need and who you serve,
3. Your shovel-ready project and the outcomes you expect to achieve
4. A basic scope of work for the AmeriCorps member serving on your project.

Letters of Interest will be reviewed in December and we will send invitations to select organizations to submit a full application by January 5. For those invited to apply, full applications will be due January 30.

In the spirit of community and collaboration,

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Region 10 Healthy Futures Program FAQs

What are the benefits to having an AmeriCorps Member?

National service is a great way to infuse your organization with additional human resources at a fraction of the cost. AmeriCorps Members can increase program outcomes, improve program quality, and bring innovative problem solving through collaboration and shared resources.

How much will an AmeriCorps Member cost?

AmeriCorps Programs supporting rural areas are flexible in structure, host fees depend on the number of hours your member will serve. Living allowance, health care, and child care costs are considered in the host fee. \$8,000 to \$13,000 MSY (Member Service Year).

Will I get to choose my members?

Yes. Mountain Roots will work with you to recruit members both locally and nationally based on your position description provided. We will pre-screen applicants and you'll have the opportunity to interview candidates and make the final selection.

How much time will I need to support an AmeriCorps Member?

Members are much like a new employee. Host organizations will need to orient the member to their organization, supervise work to be done, and ensure the member stays on task.

What can my service member do?

Members of all ages and backgrounds improve the lives of Coloradans across the state address by addressing critical needs in their communities through service in a variety of capacities, including tutoring and mentoring, improving literacy rates and healthy living habits, navigating complex health care resources, serving as environmental stewards, coordinating community volunteers, providing emergency food services, housing the homeless, and more.

When will the members start and end service ?

This hasn't been fully determined. Our program year will begin Sept 1, 2017 and end August 31, 2018, so members will not start before Sept 1, 2017. We anticipate having at least two options for full and part-time member service and may also have two or more options for term length (full year and partial year) As we are still designing the program and assessing community need, please include your ideas in your letter.

Additional Resources -

Serve Colorado - <https://www.colorado.gov/servecolorado>

Corporation for National Community Service - <https://www.nationalservice.gov/>

