

**GRANT SELECTION AND PERFORMANCE TASK FORCE: Recommendations on feedback to CNCS about National Direct AmeriCorps Public Health applicants intending to place members in Maine if funded.**

This input is due on December 17<sup>th</sup> so staff will submit immediately after the Commission meeting.

Below are the Task Force's recommendations for feedback and summaries of proposals sent by the federal agency. Under Commission policy, proposals are supported if the applicant's program addresses a commission funding priority and the organization consulted with the Commission as required by federal law.

**Recommendation:** Support

**Applicant:** Epilepsy Foundation New England (Massachusetts)

**Application ID** 22ND240204

**Maine Partner Site:** Maine Medical Center, 22 Bramhall St, Portland ME 04102-3134

**# of Members in Maine:** not stated

**Proposal Summary:** Epilepsy Foundation New England proposes to have 56 AmeriCorps members who will serve as Epilepsy Resource Room Coordinators (i.e., providing Community Health Worker services) in 16 hospitals and health care institutions in CT, MA, ME, NH, RI, and VT. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for increasing the health knowledge of 4,889 and improving the health of 742 people. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 150 volunteers who will be engaged in supporting health education events, support groups, and community recreation for people living with disabilities. After their year of service, 30 AmeriCorps members will pursue future engagement in the public health sector.

**Service Sites:** Maine Medical Center

**Consultation:** Yes. Submitted consultation forms and information through the ASC site for national directs.

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**Recommendation:** Support

**Applicant:** FoodCorps, Inc. (Oregon)

**Application ID** 22ND241164

**Maine Partner Site:** FoodCorps Maine, 38 Shady Ln, Newport ME 04953-3747

**# of Members in Maine:** 9

**Proposal Summary:** FoodCorps proposes to have 200 AmeriCorps members who will connect children to healthy food and promote healthy behaviors in schools with high rates of students that are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals across Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, and Washington D.C. At the end of the first program year, FoodCorps AmeriCorps members will be responsible for measurably improved children's preference for and behavior toward eating healthy foods, thereby meeting the critical nutritional needs of children and addressing the health problems that hold children back from reaching their full potential. In addition, AmeriCorps members will leverage 2,000 volunteers who will be engaged in promoting healthy foods to children and supporting long-term, healthy changes to the school food environments that affect children's dietary behavior. After their year of service, at least 40 FoodCorps AmeriCorps members will pursue future engagement in the public health sector.

**Service Sites:** Cultivating Community, PO Box 3792, Portland, ME 04104-3792

RSU 89, 800 Station Rd, Stacyville, ME 04777-4121

RSU#71, 6A Lions Way, Belfast, ME 04915-6666

Sheepscot Valley RSU #12, 665 Patricktown Rd, Somerville, ME 04348-3035

St Marys Nutrition Center, PO Box 7291, Lewiston, ME 04243-7291

Stratton School, 65 School St, Stratton, ME 04982-9706

**Consultation:** Yes. Submitted consultation forms and information through the ASC site for national directs.

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**Recommendation:** Support

**Applicant:** National Network of Public Health Institutes (Louisiana + District of Columbia)

**Application ID** 22ND241218

**Maine Partner Site:** University of Southern Maine, 403 Wishcamper Center, 34 Bedford St, Portland ME 04101

**# of Members in Maine:** 2

**Proposal Summary:** The National Network of Public Health Institutes (NNPHI) proposes to have 10 AmeriCorps members who will facilitate climate and health social media campaigns and connect community members and organizations to social services available to them in the event of a climate disaster in New Orleans, Washington DC, Massachusetts, Maine, and Puerto Rico. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for reaching at least 100,000 people with climate and health messages, impacting at least fifteen health and social service organizations that collaborate to improve climate resilience knowledge, skills, and abilities. These activities will increase inter-agency collaboration, create efficiencies in the public health system, and increase climate related prevention behaviors. The AmeriCorps members will leverage at least fifty community volunteers who will be engaged in activities that amplify climate and health messages, bridge connections across social services, and mentor AmeriCorps members. After their year of service, ten AmeriCorps members will pursue future engagement in the public health sector.

**Service Sites:** USM

**Consultation:** Yes. Had a group conference call with Commission staff but did not submit consultation forms and information through the ASC site for national directs.

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**Recommendation:** Support

**Applicant:** Goodwill Industries of Northern New England (Maine + New Hampshire)

**Application ID** 22ND241553

**Maine Partner Site:** See service sites

**# of Members in Maine:** not stated

**Proposal Summary:** Goodwill Northern New England proposes to have 37 AmeriCorps members who will expand the capacity of public health agencies to help medically underserved communities in Maine and New Hampshire. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will be responsible for implementing evidence-based public health interventions to help 12 agencies increase their capacity. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage 50 volunteers in the same activities. After their year of service, 25 AmeriCorps members will pursue future engagement in the public health sector.

**Service Sites:** Health Equity Alliance, 304 Hancock St Ste 3B, Bangor ME 04401-6573

Harrington Family Health Center, 50 E. Main St., Harrington ME 04643-3043

Goodwill NNE, 190 Lancaster St. Suite 200., Portland ME 04101-2057

Maine Primary Care Association, 73 Winthrop St, Augusta ME 04330-5505

**Consultation:** Yes. Had a group conference call with Commission staff. Also, submitted consultation forms and information through the ASC site for national directs.