

Grant Proposal Report to Commission from Task Force

PROGRAM: Good Health Works AmeriCorps program

SPONSOR: Goodwill Industries of Northern New England

GRANT FUNDING: Formula

GRANT TYPE: Fixed Amount

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Goodwill Northern New England (Goodwill) proposes to have 36 AmeriCorps members in communities experiencing public health inequities in Maine. AmeriCorps members will expand the capacity of state, county, or local public entities and community-based organizations (CBOs) that are delivering a variety of public health services. At the end of the first program year, the AmeriCorps members will have gained hands-on experience and training in public health leading to post service employment while implementing evidence-based public health interventions to help 18 organizations increase their capacity. In addition, the AmeriCorps members will leverage an additional 100 community volunteers who will be engaged in implementing evidence-based public health interventions. The AmeriCorps investment of \$546,200 will leverage \$160,000 comprised of \$60,000 in public funding and \$100,000 in private funding to support the project. *(NOTE: This is the original Executive Summary from their year one grant proposal. For approved grant funding levels see below).*

GRANT FUNDING HISTORY FOR CURRENT AWARD:

- \$ 484,960 Year 1 CNCS Award
- \$ 25,200 Year 1 Cost per MSY (19.24 MSY)
- \$ 683,172 Year 1 CNCS Award **Amended**
- \$ 25,200 Year 1 Cost per MSY **Amended** (27.11 MSY)

CONTINUATION REQUEST:

- \$ 683,172 Year 2 CNCS Award
- \$ 25,200 Year 2 Cost per MSY (27.11 MSY)

Final Assessment of Application:

- Forward or fund with no corrections/modifications
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- Do Not Forward or fund

Referenced Conditions/Corrections

Up to \$523,400, staff follow up on allocation of MSY.

Task Force Review Notes and Appraisal Summary:

Reviewers noted that full funding of the proposal would exceed available resources and therefore considered scaled funding options that better align with budget constraints. The program was recognized for its strong track record, solid statewide partnerships, and ability to manage additional funding, with particular value placed on its efforts to expand service beyond the Portland area. Reviewers highlighted that while the program has demonstrated capacity and flexibility in adjusting service models, any reduction in funding would require corresponding adjustments to member slots, performance targets, and site allocations. The recommended funding approach reflects an effort to maintain core program capacity while acknowledging fiscal limitations that make full expansion infeasible in the current year. Overall, reviewers viewed the proposal as well-planned and responsive, with clear readiness to adapt operations while continuing to deliver critical services across Maine.