

### Project Sponsor Provides:

- Project supplies and materials
- Technical support and direction
- Schedule of work
- Meals\*
- Lodging (if further than an hour from Vinton, IA)\*\*

### NCCC Provides:

- Meals\*
- Lodging (if less than an hour from Vinton, IA)\*\*
- Transportation
- Basic Personal Protective Equipment



\*For cities more than an hour from NCCC's Vinton, IA campus, access to a kitchen is required if meals are not provided. The team will purchase and cook their own food.

\*\*Lodging may be basic, e.g. local camps, churches, park cabins, vacant school facilities, youth hostels, YMCA/YWCA facilities, vacant apartments in public housing facilities, college campuses, military facilities, state and local park facilities, etc.

— — — *There is no direct fee for service.* — — —



We are requesting proposals for team-based community service projects, typically lasting 6-8 weeks, that focus on at least one of our five main service areas:

**disaster services, energy conservation, environmental, infrastructure improvement, and urban and rural development.**

### DATES FOR 2018

<u>Available Project Dates</u>	<u>Concept Form Due</u>	<u>Application Due</u>
Rd 1: Mar 12- Apr 27	Nov 27, 2017	Jan 2, 2018
Rd 2: May 7- June 28	Jan 16, 2018	Feb 26, 2018
Rd 3: July 13- Aug 30	Mar 23, 2018	May 4, 2018
Rd 4: Sept 12- Nov 1	May 22, 2018	July 3, 2018

Step 1 is to complete a Concept Form. Upon review, potential sponsors will be invited to submit a full application or contacted for more information.

For more information or to request a Concept Form or Application, please contact your state's representative listed below:

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# AmeriCorps NCCC North Central Region



*Strengthening communities and developing leaders through direct, team-based national and community service.*

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## What is AmeriCorps NCCC and How Can We Help?

AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) is a federal team-based national service program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. Corps Members serve a full-time, ten-month term, working on projects to meet community needs in five main service areas: disaster services, energy conservation, environment, infrastructure improvement, and urban and rural development.

### The North Central Region is requesting proposals for community service projects.

Those eligible to apply are nonprofit organizations, government entities (federal, state, or local), educational institutions, community-based organizations, neighborhood associations, Native American Tribal Councils, and faith-based organizations.

### Corps Members are men and women who are:

- Recruited nationally and are from different social, cultural, socioeconomic, and educational backgrounds. They are 18 – 24 with varying education levels ranging from working on their High School Equivalency to College graduates.
- Assigned to a team of approximately 8-12 members who are supervised by a Team Leader and overseen by a Unit Leader responsible for a total of seven teams.
- Provided one 15 passenger van per team with fuel covered by AmeriCorps NCCC.
- Trained in leadership, team building, diversity, service-learning, disaster response, and much more!
- Insured by the Federal Tort Claims Act & Federal Employees' Compensation Act.

## Criteria for Good Projects:

Projects Must...

- Address compelling community needs.
- Have clearly stated and well-planned tasks which ensure timely availability of materials, tools, technical expertise, and sponsor support.
- Provide opportunities for members' growth and development that includes orientation and training.
- Involve the community throughout the project including local volunteer support.
- Have a plan for sustainability after AmeriCorps NCCC members complete their work.

## Examples of What Teams Can Do:

- Help build and refurbish homes for low-income citizens
- Support after-school or STEAM programs and other activities for youth
- Provide immediate assistance with national disaster relief/recovery
- Construct wheelchair ramps and assemble playgrounds
- Develop recycling programs
- Create nature trails and make park improvements
- AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!



## NCCC and Natural & Other Disasters

Part of our program's focus is assisting in the area of disaster. This includes disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation.

**Greater consideration will be given to projects with a large disaster emphasis.**

**Preparedness** includes actions such as planning, organizing resources, training, and improving operational capabilities. Sample projects include:

- Disaster and safety education programs
- Disaster simulations to test community preparedness and identify gaps in support
- Identifying resources and support networks for organizations that respond to disasters

**Response** includes activities during or after the disaster to get people immediate help to meet their basic needs. Sample projects include:

- Staffing shelters, emergency phone banks, and donation distribution centers
- Conducting needs assessments
- Wildland firefighting

**Recovery** focuses on restoring the disaster-damaged area to its previous state. Sample projects include:

- Home repair post-disaster
- Clean-up of public lands
- Re-establishing infrastructure (e.g. boardwalks, park shelters, etc.)

**Mitigation** attempts to reduce the loss of life and property by avoiding or lessening the impact of future disasters. Sample projects include:

- Installing storm shelters
- Removing fuel from wildfire-prone areas
- Restoration of natural habitat that protects people from hazards (e.g. green spaces along rivers)