BUILDING RESILIENT AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES
Public Health AmeriCorps (Minnesota) Service Opportunity

POSITION OVERVIEW:
Position Name: Building Resilient & Inclusive Communities (BRIC) Public Health AmeriCorps Service Member
Position Type/Hours: Three Quarter Time/1200 hours
Service Location: Minnesota Department of Health
Office of Statewide Health Improvement Initiatives
85 E. 7th Place, 4th floor, St. Paul, MN 55164

Living Allowance: $11,840.00
Education Award: $4,546.50
Total Award: $16,386.50

PROGRAM PURPOSE:
The National Association of Chronic Disease Directors (NACDD) is a national public health non-profit agency focused on the health of the public by strengthening state and national leadership and expertise for chronic disease prevention and control. NACDD’s core membership is composed of the 58 State and Territorial Health Department Chronic Disease Directors and their staff who protect the health of the public through primary and secondary prevention efforts and work “upstream” on root causes of chronic conditions. NACDD promotes health and reduces the burden of chronic disease through various programs and initiatives. Among them is the Building Resilient and Inclusive Communities (BRIC) program being implemented across 20 states in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity and the Division of Population Health, and a team of nationally recognized experts.

To enhance public health resources across the country and support state and local public health settings respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the Public Health AmeriCorps (PHA) program supports the recruitment, training, and development of the next generation of public health leaders. In partnership with a State Health Department or similar agency, local health department(s) or other community-based organization(s), and/or a local YMCA or YMCA State Alliance, Service Members will be placed across ten BRIC states to advance existing efforts around food and nutrition security, safe physical activity access, social connectedness, and health equity, all within the context of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

SPECIFIC SERVICE FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
The PHA Service Member will work in the recently added area of Well-being within the Minnesota Department of Health’s Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) initiative. Well-being also incorporates social connectedness which aligns with the BRIC strategy. The Service Member will work with the Well-being Team within SHIP and will report to the Supervisor of the Healthy Communities/Healthy Systems Unit. The primary role of the Service Member is to support the BRIC Statewide activities for Social Connectedness and SHIP Well-being strategies for communities and health care settings through research, review of current SHIP work, and identifying needs through working with local public health partners.

The Service Member will complete training on core public health practices, community-based Well-being strategies, review information about relationship between equity and Well-being, and learn about Well-being work currently being undertaken by various public sector and nonprofit entities within the state. S/he/they will learn about SHIP and grantee structure, and the policy, systems, and environment approach to sustainable work. Once oriented to the structures in which the work is done, the Service Member will engage in the following activities:

- Build and contribute a strong theoretical and scientific foundational knowledge of well-being within the public health field and share knowledge with MDH Team and local public health partners
- Assist local public health partners in orientation, training and skill building within Well-being topics to assist them in reaching their Well-being strategy goals
- Build a practical assessment and evaluation structure for BRIC state social connectedness activities and SHIP and provide tools for stakeholders and local public health partners that are vital for telling the story of Well-being work, assessing effectiveness, and improving programs

**DESCRIPTION OF ANTICIPATED SERVICE SCHEDULE:**
- Remote service hours
- Service hours are to be completed Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm CT
- A maximum of 20% of your service hours may be training, education, or other similar approved activities

**DESIRED SKILLS & COMPETENCIES**
- Self-directed and takes initiative
- Collaborative work style
- Good interpersonal communication skills or at least a willingness to learn/improve

**REQUIRED COMMITMENT**
- Service members are expected to complete 1200 service hours within a one (1) year timeframe.
  - The service year begins

**ORIENTATION AND TRAINING**
Members must participate in
- Pre-service orientation
- PHA-specific training
- Program-specific training
- Any other trainings deemed necessary by the Host Service Site supervisor
**Note:** Trainings will be limited to 20% or less of PHA Service Members service hours

**EVALUATION AND REPORTING**
PHA Service Members will:
- Complete quarterly narrative reports and assessments of the PHA Program to include their host site experience, trainings, sense of belongingness and inclusivity, interest in pursuing a career in public health, etc.
- Participate in mid- and end-of-term performance evaluation and reviews with their Host Service Site supervisor
- Be required to submit service timesheets biweekly

**PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS**
PHA Service Members must:
- Be at least 18 years of age at the commencement of service
- Have a high diploma or its equivalent
- A citizen, national, or lawful permanent resident alien of the United States
- Live in the state where the host service site is located and support a remote work schedule

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OTHER PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY AND REQUIREMENTS
- Must be an upper level (3rd or 4th year) undergraduate student or graduate level student enrolled at a college or university pursuing a public health degree or related degree
- Must be willing to comply with all Host Service Site vaccination requirements, including for COVID-19

PUBLIC HEALTH AMERICORPS PROGRAM BENEFITS
- Living allowance of $11,840 over the course of the term of service
- $4,546.50 Segal Education Award at the end of a successful service term
- Student loan deferment and interest forbearance
- Increased professional awareness and accumulated real-world experience to enhance job competence following completion of service year
- Join a network of like-minded leaders who are passionate about improving communities and the health and wellbeing of community members

HOW TO APPLY
1. **Find Your Fit:** Visit the Public Health AmeriCorps page. Scroll to the bottom of the page to “Find an Opportunity”. Click on the drop-down menu and select a state to find Public Health AmeriCorps opportunities near you. Select the Service Opportunity that you would like to apply to. Scroll down and select “Apply Now”.
2. **Register on the MyAmeriCorps Portal:** Before applying for AmeriCorps opportunities, you’ll need to create a profile in the AmeriCorps Portal. Creating your profile is a four-step process.
3. **Complete Your Application:** Complete the application for the Service Opportunity that you’re interested in by providing the requested information about your skills and experiences.
4. **Submit Your Application:** Once you’ve completed your application, you’ll be able to submit your application.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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