



AmeriCorps

CEDAM's AmeriCorps State Program Member Position Description



Position Title: Garden Resource Coordinator	Host Site: Crim Fitness Foundation
Position Type: Full-time; 1,700 hours = 36-40 hrs/week	Site Supervisor: Jared Badour
Dates of Service: September 12, 2022 – August 26, 2023	Stipend: \$20,000

CEDAM's AmeriCorps Information: CEDAM's AmeriCorps program connects local and statewide agencies to meet neighbors' critical needs. Members create community, build capacity and serve neighbors across Michigan. Our AmeriCorps program advances equity for Michiganders in two key ways 1. Cultivating the next generation of leaders in the community economic development field and 2. Supporting economic inclusion for Michiganders.

Organizational Information:

The Crim Fitness Foundation is a nonprofit organization that cultivates accessible and vibrant communities in Flint and Genesee County. The Crim encourages people to lead healthy lifestyles by integrating physical activity, healthy eating, and mindfulness into their daily lives. The Crim also supports policy, systems, and built environment changes to help ensure that residents have equitable access to opportunities to make healthier choices. To learn more visit:

<https://crim.org/>

Role and Responsibilities:

- Participate in CEDAM AmeriCorps monthly meetings, training, events, data collection, reporting and additional items as needed.
- Participate in AmeriCorps & Michigan's AmeriCorps events and trainings, including the Flint National Accelerator program
- Support the School Gardens Coordinator in hosting monthly school garden committee meetings
- Planning, planting, and supporting the maintenance of 9 school gardens in coordination with school stakeholders
- Work with the Garden Coordinator and school staff to implement evidence based garden and food education lessons to elementary school students and their families.
- Ensure that food grown in school gardens are utilized by students, families, and community residents. Strategize more ways to distribute produce such as use/promotion of farm stand, outreach to students and families, bringing produce to school to distribute to families at pick-up/drop-off, etc..
- Develop school garden and food safety policies to promote use, safety and productivity of spaces.
- In coordination with the garden team, educate the community about gardens and the services provided. This will include recruiting volunteers to assist in garden maintenance, using the gardens as an educational space to teach healthy lifestyles,
- Create flyers and manage social media posts to increase program awareness of distributions, volunteer opportunities, and educational events.
- Promote school gardens and bring in community members as school garden volunteers, sponsors, or users.
- Create processes and implement aforementioned programming in alignment with school district policies (COVID-19 safety measures, volunteer policies, etc..)

Preferred Qualifications:

- Willingness and interest in working with a diverse population while modeling patience, kindness, flexibility, respect and maintaining privacy to those we're assisting in the community;
- Experience in gardening/farming
- Experience in working in schools or with elementary aged children

Minimum Qualifications:

- Be at least 17 years of age. Minors must have guardian permission. Applicants must have HS diploma, GED or working toward the completion of one.

- U.S. citizen, U.S. national or lawful permanent resident of the U.S.
- Pass the following National Service Criminal History Checks (: State of Michigan background check, State of residency (if not Michigan), FBI Fingerprinting, and State & National Sex Offender Registry
- Basic computer skills and the ability to learn new software quickly.
- Ability to complete laborious challenges of garden tasks and work outside in all Michigan weather conditions.

Compensation:

Members will receive a living allowance of \$20,000 distributed in even increments, bi-weekly between September 12, 2022 – August 26, 2023. Members will receive student loan forbearance for qualified loans, health care package, childcare assistance upon eligibility, and continual professional development. Upon successful completion of service an education award in the amount of \$6,495 will be issued. Members will serve 1,700 hours for the term = 36-40 hours/week. CEDAM's AmeriCorps Program is an equal opportunity employer. Reasonable accommodations will be made for interview/service as needed. All interested candidates must be available to spend 40 hours in training the week of September 12. All interested candidates should apply on CEDAM's website by 5pm June 27:

bit.ly/serveamericorps