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Lt. Governor Landrieu Announces AmeriCorps Grants for Louisiana

Louisiana Serve Commission grants \$1.8 million in AmeriCorps funding to Louisiana nonprofits

Baton Rouge, La. – Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu and the Louisiana Serve Commission announced today that three organizations in Louisiana will receive \$1.82 million in AmeriCorps grants from the Corporation for National and Community Service. The grants will support a total of 144 AmeriCorps members who will meet vital needs across the state.

“Each of these organizations is working every day to make Louisiana a better place to live,” said Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu, who oversees the Louisiana Serve Commission, which administers AmeriCorps funding in the state. “These grants are an important investment in our citizens—their service, their innovations, and their will to make a difference.”

The selected organizations include City Year Louisiana, Louisiana Delta Service Corps and the St. Bernard Project. These organizations were selected in a highly competitive national process. The \$1.82 million in AmeriCorps funding is in addition to the recently-awarded \$1.35 million in AmeriCorps stimulus funding awarded in mid-May by the Louisiana Serve Commission.

Next month, the Louisiana Serve Commission plans to announce additional AmeriCorps grants from its state formula funds to other organizations in Louisiana.

AmeriCorps is a national service program that engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to meet critical needs in education, the environment, public safety, and other areas. Its members serve in thousands of nonprofit and faith-based organizations in rural and urban communities throughout the nation. Among other activities, AmeriCorps members tutor and mentor youth, build affordable housing, teach computer skills, clean parks and streams, run after-school programs, help communities respond to disasters, and recruit and train volunteers.

AmeriCorps programs are recruiting now. Applicants can choose from a wide variety of positions across the state. Benefits include a living allowance, health care, training and career skills, and a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award worth up to \$4,725 to pay for college or to pay off student loans. Interested individuals can learn about available opportunities on www.volunteerlouisiana.gov and apply online by visiting www.AmeriCorps.gov.