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Beckley Informational Session Explains AmeriCorps Funding Opportunities

Beckley, W.Va – Economic development. Education and literacy. Poverty. Too often we see West Virginia communities in need of programs that alleviate these pressing issues. Too often, these communities and programs have little to no resources to meet community needs.

Volunteer West Virginia, the state's Commission for National and Community Service will soon be accepting grant applications for the 2010-2011 AmeriCorps program year. AmeriCorps programs and members meet critical educational, public safety, environmental and human needs within West Virginia communities.

Volunteer West Virginia will host one last informational sessions in November for agencies and organizations interested in applying for AmeriCorps grants.

The session will be held on Wednesday, November 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Alan Sussman Board Room at Tamarack in Beckley. Participants will have a unique opportunity to get one-on-one advice from Volunteer West Virginia staff, who will explain the AmeriCorps grant process and how communities throughout West Virginia and around the country have used AmeriCorps service to meet diverse community needs. Attendees will learn the process for submitting a concept paper – the first step in applying for an AmeriCorps grant. Those who submit concept papers will receive additional assistance in applying for funding via technical assistance conference calls.

To find out if AmeriCorps is the tool your organization or community needs, please RSVP to Joyce Brown or Todd Goddard at 1-800-WV HELPS or by emailing Joyce at .R.Brown@wv.gov or by emailing Todd at .A.Goddard@wv.gov.

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