



**Quarter-time Service Opportunity
with
Riverworks Development Corporation**

Riverworks Development Corporation and Local Initiatives Support Corporation are seeking a quarter-time AmeriCorps member to serve as a Beerline Trail Community Engagement Specialist. We are recruiting a quarter-time AmeriCorps member to be a part of our team for 3 months. The position will remain open until filled. The exact start and end date of the contract position is confirmed by the Member Agreement of Participation that will require signature prior to the start of service. This is an AmeriCorps position and the individual selected to serve is not considered to be an employee of Riverworks Development Corporation or LISC.

WHAT WE DO

Riverworks' mission is to drive social and economic development by aligning residents and businesses with specialized resources that strengthen Harambee, Riverwest and the surrounding communities. Riverworks envisions a vibrant and diverse community of residents, businesses, and stakeholders who jointly create and maintain a prosperous neighborhood and quality of life. Once a thriving industrial corridor, the neighborhoods of Harambee and Riverwest were devastated by the exodus of major national corporations, including Square D, Johnson Controls, Coca-Cola, and American Motors Corporation. Visionary, collaborative leadership was needed to battle this dramatic divestment and its impact on housing, jobs, safety, and social bonds.

Since 1994, Riverworks Development Corporation has spearheaded the revival of the Harambee and Riverwest neighborhoods, attracting millions of dollars of local and national corporate and philanthropic investment, and some of the top technical expertise in the country. The Riverworks Development Corporation is co-located and highly integrated with the Riverworks Business Improvement District (BID), and the Harambee Neighborhood Improvement District (NID). Due to these high-leverage relationships and integrated programming, Riverworks offers one of the most comprehensive community development platforms in the City of Milwaukee.

With residents and partners, LISC forges resilient and inclusive communities of opportunity across America – great places to live, work, visit, do business and raise families. Over the last 38 years, LISC and its affiliates have invested approximately \$22 billion in businesses, affordable housing, health, educational mobility, community and recreational facilities, public safety, employment and other projects that help to revitalize and stabilize underinvested communities. Headquartered in New York City, LISC's reach spans the country from the East Coast to the West Coast in 36 urban markets from Buffalo to San Francisco and 2,200 Rural counties. Visit us at www.lisc.org to learn more.

YOUR ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS AN AMERICORPS MEMBER

This is an AmeriCorps position and as such, the member may not engage in prohibited activities as part of his/her/their service. The member will have an immediate supervisor at Riverworks Development Corporation and a LISC point of contact throughout the term of service for coaching, mentoring, and training support in order to undertake activities to achieve a community goal.

The member is expected to undertake the following activities toward goal achievement:

MEMBER SIGNATURE: _____

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

In performing these activities, Riverworks Development Corporation and LISC AmeriCorps anticipate that the person in this position will achieve the following goal(s):

Increasing and Implementing Trail Programming:

- Assist in organizing partners to host programming on the trail
- Managing volunteers to assist with setup and break down as necessary for trail related events
- Maintaining the event calendar for scheduled programming
- Helping to create meaningful virtual and in person events for Riverworks to run programs on the trail

Support and Engage the Guiding Lense Subcommittee:

- Assist in reaching out to and inviting residents and partners to participate in the committee
- Maintain a schedule of meetings both in person and online, tracking attendees
- Assist in organizing working groups that arise out of meetings
- Take and email minutes of meetings
- Act as the liaison between the Guiding Lens group and Beerline Trail Leadership Committee

Manage Social Media for the Beerline Trail Committees:

- Monitor social media analytics, generate weekly report when necessary
- Increase Riverworks social media audience among Harambee residents
- Create a posting schedule for Riverworks related social media content including text, video and graphics
- Engage partner organizations via their social media pages, sharing relevant content
- Respond to comments, likes, shares from page visitors, actively inviting residents stakeholders to "like" and "follow" Riverworks social media pages

In order to meet the goal(s), the successful candidate will be provided with a work-plan at the onset of service and training needed to achieve the goal(s). Progress toward goal attainment will be measured monthly through an on-line system and raining will be provided.

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- Engage 25 current (recurring) volunteers to provide 160 volunteer hours to community based projects
- Significantly contribute to a community needs assessment or implement community solutions making the host organization more effective and or efficient in serving residents

OTHER SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Members are required to track time and submit on-line timesheets twice per month. They are also required to submit a monthly report through the same system (training will be provided). The person selected for this position will perform his/her/their day to day service at the partner site and serve on average 37 hours per week. Normal service hours are Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm with 30 minutes for lunch per day. It is expected that the person will be flexible as oftentimes service requires some evenings and weekends.

Members are expected to attend and participate in all LISC AmeriCorps sponsored activities including but not limited to:

- Attending a local onboarding session coordinated by LISC;
- Attending all locally sponsored monthly meetings;
- Participating in nationally sponsored webinars;
- Actively participating in team coordinated service projects (one for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service and one for National AmeriCorps Week) if enrolled; and,

- Engaging in any other LISC events as determined by the local LISC office.

SKILLS NEEDED

- Desire and ability to work with a diverse group of people, particularly those living in low-income distressed neighborhoods
- Ability to work independently and in a team environment
- Computer skills
- Good written and oral communication skills
- Ability to work a flexible schedule (some night and weekends may be required)

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to participate as a LISC AmeriCorps member the candidate: (1) must not have previously resigned from a LISC AmeriCorps position; (2) be able to earn at least 75% of the education award for this position; and (3) if having previously served, been exited with satisfactory service from a prior term.

The candidate will also need to meet all AmeriCorps eligibility requirements including but not limited to:

- Be at least 17 years of age (there is no upper age limit)
- Possess unexpired proof of status as a US citizen or possess unexpired permanent resident status and be able to provide documentation as determined by AmeriCorps during the pre-enrollment period
- Meet the National Service Criminal History Check Requirement noted below

NATIONAL SERVICE CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK REQUIREMENT

If a candidate has a criminal record, it does not necessarily make him/her/them ineligible for service. LISC does not disclose any results with the host site and will discuss any eligibility concerns that may arise directly with the candidate as per LISC's policy.

Candidates being offered and accepting this AmeriCorps position must consent to a search of the National Sex Offender Public Website, State Level Criminal History Search, and an FBI search. LISC should receive the results from all checks *at least one week prior* to the first day of proposed service. The person must be cleared for service by LISC prior to the first day of service.

A candidate may not be considered eligible for service in instances where he/she/they: (1) are subject to registry on the National Sex Offender Public Website (NSOPW); and/or (2) has been convicted of murder; and/or (3) has a non-resolved/non-adjudicated criminal offense.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Upon successful completion of the full term of service, the member will be eligible for a \$1,638.89 education award to pay off existing, eligible student loans or return to school. Members are eligible to place qualifying, existing student loans (not in default) into AmeriCorps forbearance. The position pays a total stipend of \$4,500, and is payable by Riverworks Development Corporation to the AmeriCorps member in equal installments, and is considered taxable.

Additional benefits for alums can be found here: <https://www.nationalservice.gov/special-initiatives/employers-national-service/alumni> and information on Public Service Loan Forgiveness can be found here: <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/public-service>.

HOW TO APPLY:

Submit a resume and cover letter via email to Rosalynn Wolf at: rosalynnw@riverworksmke.org

The candidate selected for this position will complete an account set up and on-line application via the My AmeriCorps Portal located here: <https://my.americorps.gov/mp/login.do> as well as intake forms via a secure system.

LISC AmeriCorps and Riverworks Development Corporation are committed to diversity and inclusion in the selection process.

LISC AmeriCorps is available to everyone eligible to serve.

We treat all persons without regard to race, color, religion, creed, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ancestry, citizenship status, age, marital status, veteran status, disability, genetic information, or any other characteristic or status protected by applicable federal, state or local law.